



**Meeting Minutes
City Council**

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

5:30 PM

San Marcos Activity Center, Room 3

501 E Hopkins - Joint Parks and Recreation Advisory Board/City Council Workshop

I. Call To Order

With a quorum present, the joint workshop meeting of the San Marcos City Council and the San Marcos Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Mayor Thomaides at 5:37 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, 2018 in Room 3 of the San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

II. Roll Call

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present: Richard Shaver, Margaret Crittenden, Frank Contreras, Eric Gilbertson, Diane Phalen, Maggie Hutchins-Wagner, Ryan MCGillicuddy, Bridgett Phillips.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Absent: David Case

Council Member Hughson was absent.

1. Receive a presentation and update regarding the Parks Master Plan from Halff and Associates and hold discussion to include, but not limited to prioritization of priorities, and provide direction to the City Manager.

Mayor Thomaides thanked the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for meeting with the Council and for their service. Drew Wells, Assistant Director of Community Services - Parks and Recreation Division, provided the Council and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board an overview of what has taken place regarding the Parks Master Plan up to this point and where the process will be going following this meeting. Mr. Wells then turned the meeting over to Mr. Adam Wood with Halff and Associates.

Mr. Wood provided that the agenda for the day would be regarding Chapter 3 and the top priorities within that chapter. He reviewed the prioritization results for Element 1: Parks and Facilities, Element 2: Athletics, Element 3: Recreation Programming and Events, Element 4: Greenspaces and Resource Protection, Element 5: Trails, Element 6: Maintenance and Operations, and

Element 7: Funding and Financing. Mr. Wood provided the overview of how recommendations were created. This included an online community survey, visioning workshops, stakeholder meetings, public open houses and a mid-point City Council briefing.

Ms. Bridgett Phillips, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, let the Council know that the rankings will be moving around because the Board did not have a sufficient amount of time to complete the survey to rank and provide feedback for all of the elements.

Discussion was held regarding the public meeting and feedback process and planning for maintenance and upkeep of the activity center and playscape. Concerns were voiced regarding citizen input and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board being provided those comments. Mr. Wood stated that he learned that there was an expectation to hold meetings around town, but it was not included in their contract. He also claimed responsibility for the error of including that Economic Development San Marcos had input into the plan. Discussion was held among the Council to include them in the process.

Discussion was held regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with the Greenbelt Alliance.

Mayor Pro Tem Prewitt mentioned that the map needed to be updated to reflect that the San Marcos River Foundation owns land across from Cape's Dam.

Staff will adjust their timelines to provide more time for feedback and prioritization before moving forward with bringing it to Council for consideration.

III. Adjournment.

Mayor Thomaidēs adjourned the Joint Parks and Recreation Advisory Board/ City Council Workshop on Wednesday, June 27 2018 at 6:55 p.m.

Jamie Lee Case, TRMC, City Clerk

John Thomaidēs, Mayor