



City of San Marcos Regular Meeting Agenda Parks and Recreation Board August 20, 2020 5:30 pm

Please follow the link below to join the meeting:

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. **Citizen Comment Period:** Persons wishing to participate (speak) during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting must email jcase@sanmarcostx.gov prior to 12:00PM the day of the meeting. A call-in number/link will be provided for participation. Written comments can also be submitted to jcase@sanmarcostx.gov for distribution to the board prior to the meeting.

MINUTES

1. Consider approval, by motion, of the following meeting minutes:
 - a. July 16, 2020 – Regular Meeting

PRESENTATIONS

2. Receive a presentation from staff and hold discussion on Chapter 3, Article 10 of the San Marcos Development Code relating to Parks and Open Space.
3. Receive a Staff update and hold discussion regarding the Parks & Recreation Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Receive a presentation from staff and consider approval of a request by Jake Brown for the payment of a parkland fee in lieu of \$93,832 for the Redwood Multifamily Development located at 1900 Redwood Road.
5. Receive a presentation from staff and consider approval of a Recommendation Resolution recommending that the San Marcos City Council consider a policy change in regard to awarding scholarships for Parks and Recreation programs primarily to households within the low to moderate income levels.
6. Consider approval of a Recommendation Resolution recommending that the San Marcos City Council consider supporting the implementation of Healthy Streets, also known as Slow Streets, to promote active recreation and transportation in the public right of way on low traffic neighborhood streets and to promote a multimodal network connecting greenspaces and parks.

DISCUSSION

7. Receive a staff update and hold discussion regarding recent Council direction provided to Staff during the Work Session update on the proposed scope of work to be included in the Cape's Dam Study Request for Proposals.
8. Receive an update from the Paid Parking Program Development Subcommittee and hold discussion.

REPORTS

9. Receive Athletic Division Monthly Report, Youth Services Division Monthly Report, Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Monthly Report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. Board Members may provide requests for discussion items for a future agenda in accordance with the board's approved bylaws. *No further discussion will be held related to topics proposed until they are posted on a future agenda in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.*

IV. Adjournment

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For more information on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, please contact Jamie Lee Case at jcase@sanmarcostx.gov



City of San Marcos Regular Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Board July 16, 2020 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by Board Chair, Diane Phalen.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Eric Gilbertson

Diane Phalen

Ryan McGillicuddy

Keith Ubben

Peter Vogt

Board Members Absent

Jordan Buckley

Frank Contreras

Cherif Gacis

Staff Present

Drew Wells

Jamie Lee Case

Christie Murillo

Tory Carpenter

Others Present

Brad Brohn

Taylor Hughes

- III. **Citizen Comment Period:** Persons wishing to speak during the citizen comment period please submit your written comments to parksinfo@sanmarcostx.gov no later than **12:00pm on the day of the meeting**. The first 10 comments will be read aloud during the citizen comment portion of the meeting. Comments shall have a time limit of three minutes each. Any threatening, defamatory or other similar comments prohibited by Chapter 2 of the San Marcos City Code will not be read.

10 comments were read into record:

1. Annie Simpson
2. Zack Crissman
3. Christine Terrell
4. Laura Wilde
5. Betsy Robertson
6. Diann McCabe
7. John David Carson
8. Paul Murray
9. Sarah Simpson
10. Eric Shaw

MINUTES

1. A motion was made by Ryan McGillicuddy, seconded by Keith Ubben, to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2020 regular meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

For:	5 -	Eric Gilbertson, Diane Phalen, Ryan McGillicuddy, Keith Ubben, Peter Vogt
Against:	0	

PRESENTATION

2. Receive a Staff update and hold discussion related to COVID-19 response and planning related to City of San Marcos Parks and Open Spaces.
 - Riverfront parks reclosed since last Board meeting; no reopening date as of yet
 - Tubing operations were shut down as well, per Governor's order
 - Staff reviews a possible reopen plan:
 - Open 7 days/week; 8am-8pm
 - Entry and exit point at City Park for swimmers
 - Exit point at Rio Vista for kayakers, stand up paddle boarders, canoers
 - Fences to be moved to discourage passive recreation and also allow for trail walking
 - Pavilions, basketball courts, playgrounds to remain closed; outdoor pool closed all season
 - Re-evaluate plan after 14 days
 - If logistically possible, Rangers and Parks staff could assist in monitoring; this plan as presented does not recommend that
 - Department software could be utilized for a resident reservation process if needed; would need to first define who a "resident" is
 - Board asks staff what City's thresholds are that need to be met to open/reclose parks; staff will report back with answer
3. Receive a Staff update and hold discussion regarding the recent City Council discussion held on July 7, 2020 related to the Parks & Recreation Board's Recommendation Resolution 2020-01RR: Supporting the creation of a River Benefit Parking District with the implementation of paid parking with this district.
 - City Council would like the Parks and Recreation Board and the Parking Advisory Board to work together on items related to a River Benefit Parking District and paid parking implementation within.
 - Parking Advisory Board meets on July 20, 2020 at 5:00pm

ACTION ITEMS

4. Receive a Staff presentation and consider approval of a request by Taylor Hughes, on behalf of Brohn Homes, for a Fee in Lieu of Parkland Dedication for \$57,514 for a single-family development known as Hymeadow located along State Highway 21.
 - Tory Carpenter, Planner with the City's Planning and Development Department, presents:

- 27 acres, single family (149 units), off of HWY 121; outside city limits but city has subdivision authority
- \$57k in fee in lieu of funds
- This is phase 1; phase 2-next adjacent phase-will have amenities such as a pool and playscape (~2-acre amenity area); this phase will happen sometime in the next 2 years
- If Board denies, there's no appeals process. A 1.7-acre park area would have to be built on-site
- Fee in lieu of money goes into a parks fund to purchase future parkland or for park improvements (ex: new restroom structures in natural areas, lights at El Camino Park); most recent land purchases have been done through bonds
- Fee in lieu items come to this Board when they are over 50k
- Staff recommends accepting fee in lieu of funds because a park is planned for phase 2
- Ground has already been broken; preliminary plat approved back in 2018 had assumption builder could pay by fee in lieu
- Board would like to understand the fee in lieu of process better; Parks staff to work with Planning and Development department to put together a presentation that explains the process.
- In future, Board would like to vote before preliminary plat is approved and ground is broken; staff will inform Planning and Development Department that this is the Board's desire moving forward.

A motion was made by Keith Ubben, seconded by Peter Vogt, to approve a request by Taylor Hughes, on behalf of Brohn Homes, for a Fee in Lieu of Parkland Dedication for \$57,514 for a single-family development known as Hymeadow located along State Highway 21. The motion carried by the following vote:

For:	3-	Dianne Phalen, Peter Vogt, Keith Ubben
Against:	2-	Ryan McGillicuddy, Eric Gilbertson

5. Consider the creation and appointment of a subcommittee of no more than 4 Parks and Recreation Board Members to collaborate with the San Marcos Parking Advisory Board, and other community stakeholders, to evaluate and develop a paid parking program to benefit San Marcos River Parks to be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board for future recommendation to the San Marcos City Council.
 - If Parking Advisory Board creates a subcommittee as well, it might be easier, legislatively, for the two subcommittees to meet

A motion was made by Ryan McGillicuddy, seconded by Diane Phalen, to create a subcommittee of no more than four Parks and Recreation Board members to collaborate with the San Marcos Parking Advisory Board, and other community stakeholders, to evaluate and develop a paid parking program to benefit San Marcos River Parks to be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board for future recommendation to the San Marcos City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Eric Gilbertson, Diane Phalen, Ryan
McGillicuddy, Keith Ubben, Peter Vogt
Against: 0

Volunteers for the subcommittee include: Keith Ubben, Alex Vogt, Diane Phalen and Ryan McGillicuddy

6. Consider approval of a Recommendation Resolution recommending that the San Marcos City Council consider a policy change in regard to awarding scholarships for Parks and Recreation programs primarily to household within the low to moderate income levels.

A motion was made by Diane Phalen, seconded by Alex Vogt, to postpone this agenda item until the next regular meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Eric Gilbertson, Diane Phalen, Ryan
McGillicuddy, Keith Ubben, Peter Vogt
Against: 0

DISCUSSION

7. Review and hold discussion regarding a Slow Street proposal submitted by Board Member Alex Vogt – *requested by Alex Vogt and Diane Phalen*
 - A video explaining the Slow Street program is presented to the Board
 - Uses soft closures of streets without enforcement to open streets up to active recreation
 - Neighborhoods could have input as to whether or not they would like their street designated as a Slow Street
 - Would need to be cognizant of any nearby construction
 - A Recommendation Resolution could be sent to Council for consideration
 - Staff will send Board Member Vogt the Recommendation Resolution template; up to volunteers can assist in drafting the document
 - Board Member McGillicuddy and Board Member Ubben will assist in reviewing document and providing feedback
8. Hold discussion regarding the Parks and Recreation Department's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 20-21 – *requested by Keith Ubben and Diane Phalen*
 - Requested by Chair Phalen to better help Board make recommendations with knowledge of budget in mind
 - Director of Parks and Recreation, Drew Wells, informs Board that the FY21 budget was zero based, cost savings due to COVID-19 were figured in, and it was trimmed down by about 300k
 - Chair Phalen would like the budget to be a presentation at the next regular meeting

REPORTS

9. Receive San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance Volunteer Report.
 - Board reviews SMGA submitted report

- Board would like to see Park projects/construction reports as well as Park Ranger reports at all regular meetings moving forward
 - Board also notes that they'd like an update to the status of the written policy for ATV use in Natural Areas by the Park Rangers

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. For next regular meeting to take place on August 20, 2020

- Slow Streets Recommendation Resolution
- Postponed scholarship agenda item
- Budget presentation
- Fee in lieu of explanation
- Paid parking in parks subcommittee update

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm by Diane Phalen.

Parks and Recreation Board Chair

Staff Liaison

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Parks & Recreation Board

Thursday, August 20, 2020

San Marcos Development Code Parks and Open Space Training Presentation

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Thank you for taking the time to read through this training presentation prior to the meeting. There will be a very brief presentation at the August meeting and staff will be available to answer questions.

The parks section of the San Marcos Development Code has been provided for your review – please pay special attention to pages 3:60 and 3:61.

Development Code
Article 10: Parks and Open Space

Purpose:

...to require the dedication and construction of parkland, that is directly related to maintaining the existing quality of life through access to high quality parkland and open space based on...

Findings found in [Section 3.10.1.1](#)

Chapter 3 of the Code deals with the subdivision of land. When an applicant is subdividing land for the purposes of residential development, Article 10 regarding Parks and Open Space applies.

The findings are found in the San Marcos Development Code – Section 3.10.1.1(A).

Development Code Article 10: Parks and Open Space

Responsibility of the board:

- Accept parkland based on the findings and criteria

- Accept Fee in Lieu of Dedication based on findings and:
 - When the fee is more than \$50,000
 - Upon request of the applicant
 - No land is determined suitable for dedication

The Parks Board has one of two responsibilities in relation to the dedication of Parkland with new development:

- 1) Accept parkland dedication based on the findings (slide above) and criteria (summarized later in the presentation)
- 2) Accept a fee in lieu of dedication based on the findings and criteria

Development Code
Article 10: Parks and Open Space

Land Dedication Calculation:

- Acreage required is based on the number of units in a proposed subdivision:

DEVELOPMENT TYPE	POPULATION
Single Family Detached, Attached, Duplex, or Manufactured Home	2.7 persons per unit
Multi-Family	2.1 persons per unit
Purpose Built Student Housing	1 person per bedroom or 2.1 persons per unit whichever is greater
CALCULATION OF ACREAGE	
5.7 ACRES * (POPULATION / 1,000)	

The amount of parkland (acres) required is based on a calculation that estimates population. This calculation is found in Section 3.10.1.2(A) of the San Marcos Development Code.

Example: A plat with 1,000 single family units has an estimated population of 2,700 residents (1,000*2.7 persons per unit)

$$5.7 \text{ Acres} * (2,700/1,000) = 15.39 \text{ acres of dedication required}$$

Development Code
Article 10: Parks and Open Space

Land Dedication Approval Criteria:

- 50% is acceptable for active recreation
 - Not used for drainage, detention, power line easements, slopes greater than 15%, floodway, etc.
- 50% is dedicated to the City as a neighborhood or regional park
- Dedication is consistent with the City's Parks Plan
- Dedication conforms with park types found in the Code

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Once the acreage is calculated, the request for dedication is analyzed by staff and presented to the Parks Board for consideration.

The following is a summary of the Dedication approval criteria. The full criteria are on page 3:61 of the San Marcos Development Code – Section 3.10.1.1(D).

Development Code
Article 10: Parks and Open Space

Land Fee-In-Lieu Calculation:

- Parkland Cost Factor multiplied by Parkland Acres Required
- Parkland Cost Factor established by City Council as a per unit amount that takes into consideration the Acres Required is:
 - \$396 for single family
 - \$317 for multifamily

Instead of providing publicly dedicated parkland, an applicant may chose to request a fee-in-lieu of dedication.

The parkland cost factor is +/- \$29,000 per acre. This amount has not been analyzed in many years, and in accordance with the new Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Action PF-1.6 will be examined in the near future.

Example: The same plat with 1,000 single family units * \$396 = \$396,000 for fee in lieu.

Development Code
Article 10: Parks and Open Space

Land Fee-in-Lieu may be accepted if:

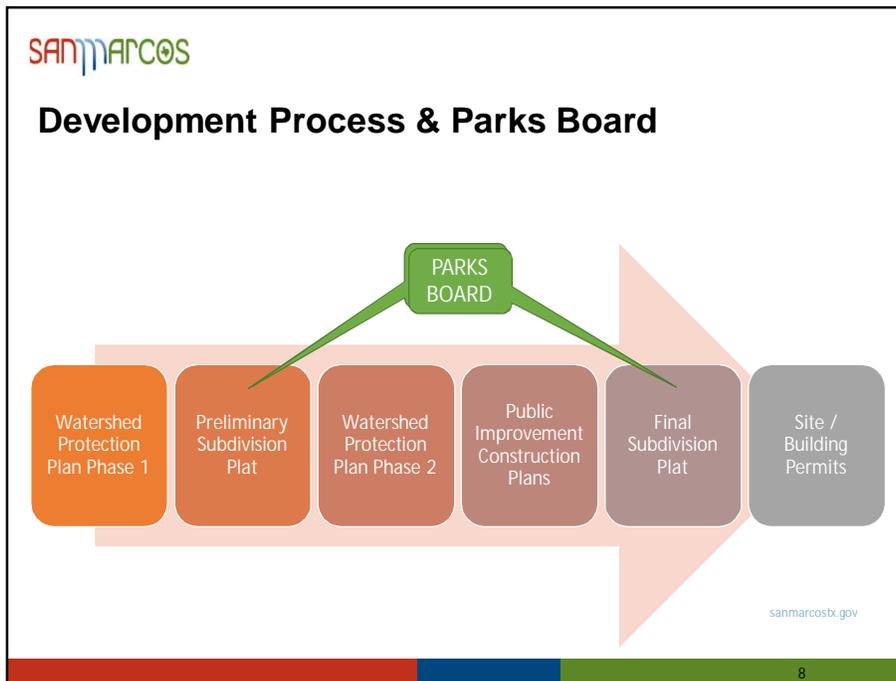
- Requested by the subdivider...
- Upon review and recommendation, the Parks Board determines there is no land suitable...
- The fee is less than \$50,000 and the Responsible Official makes a determination...that dedication is not desired...

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There are three conditions when fee-in-lieu may be accepted and only one of the conditions needs to apply for approval.

These conditions can be found in Section 3.10.1.3(E)

Many single family developers wish to provide parks for their residents, but do not wish to dedicate and turn maintenance over to the City. These parks are maintained by the subdivision's Home Owner's Association (HOA).



The development process can vary significantly based on many factors including: size of development, future use of property, and location in City Limits vs Extraterritorial Jurisdiction where the City has limited authority.

For a large, multi lot single family subdivision a preliminary plat is generally required and the Parks Board would be involved at that phase of development.

For a single lot multifamily development, a preliminary plat may not be required and the Parks Board would be involved at the Final Plat phase of development.

Commercial and Industrial developments do not require parkland dedication or fee-in-lieu

In any case, Parks Board consideration is required before the Plat can be recorded and is typically scheduled before consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Development Code
Article 10: Parks and Open Space

Parkland Development Fee:

- Developer should bear a proportional cost of parkland improvements
- Approved Administratively
- Offset of fee available if developer provides amenities such as: park roads, green infrastructure, play structures, trails, water features, etc.

The Parkland Development Fee was implemented in 2018 to help provide amenities in parks.

The fee is approved administratively and is not considered by the Parks Board



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San Marcos Development Code Parks and Open Space Training Presentation

QUESTIONS?

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Parks Board Fact Sheet for Acceptance of Dedication or Fee in Lieu

Chapter 3 of the San Marcos Development Code governs the subdivision of land. When an applicant is subdividing land for the purposes of residential (single family and multifamily) development, [Article 10](#) regarding Parks and Open Space applies.

Purpose:...to require the dedication and construction of parkland, that is directly related to maintaining the existing quality of life through access to high quality parkland and open space based on...

Findings found in [Section 3.10.1.1](#)

Responsibilities: The Parks Board has two responsibilities related Parkland with new development:

- 1) Accept parkland based on the findings and criteria
 - Dedication amount (in acres) based on estimated future population
- 2) Accept Fee in Lieu of Dedication
 - Fee in Lieu amount based on Parkland Cost Factor and required acreage
 - Parkland Cost Factor established by City Council

DEVELOPMENT TYPE	POPULATION
Single Family Detached, Attached, Duplex, or Manufactured Home	2.7 persons per unit
Multi-Family	2.1 persons per unit
Purpose Built Student Housing	1 person per bedroom or 2.1 persons per unit whichever is greater

CALCULATION OF ACREAGE
5.7 ACRES * (POPULATION / 1,000)

Criteria Summary – Land Dedication:

- 50% is acceptable for active recreation
- Not used for drainage, detention, power line easements, slopes greater than 15%, floodway, etc.
- 50% is dedicated to the City as a neighborhood or regional park
- Consistent with the City's Parks Plan
- Conforms with parkland types found in the [Section 3.10.2.1](#)

Criteria Summary – Fee in Lieu:

- Request is made by the Applicant
- No land is suitable for dedication
- Parks Master Plan indicates dedication is not desired at the location

Parkland Development Fee and Offsets: Administratively approved fee, set by City Council, used for parkland improvements. Developer may choose to improve parks in order to offset the fee.

Parks Board does not act on the Development Fee or Offset.

ARTICLE 10: PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

DIVISION 1: IN GENERAL

Section 3.10.1.1 Purpose, Applicability and Exceptions

- A. Purpose.** It is the intent of this Article 10, to require the dedication and construction of parkland, that is directly related to maintaining the existing quality of life through access to high quality parkland and open space based on the following findings:
1. Recreational areas in the form of public parklands and other open spaces are necessary for the well-being of the residents of the City.
 2. A reasonable connection exists between the development of residential property and the need for additional parkland to serve new residents of the community.
 3. It is necessary and desirable to provide for dedication of land for the purposes of parks and open space to support new development at the earliest stage of the development process.
 4. The City of San Marcos Parks Master Plan utilizes the National Recreation and Parks Association’s guidelines for park system planning.
 5. The National Recreation and Parks Association’s guidelines are that neighborhood parks have a service area between one-quarter (1/4) to one-half (1/2) mile.
 6. The National Recreation and Parks Association’s guidelines for park system planning are that community parks have a service area between one-half (1/2) to three (3) miles.
 7. The existing level of service for city parkland is thirty three (33) acres of parkland or open space per every one thousand (1,000) residents.
 8. The construction or development of parkland and open space is more closely related to the number of users than the size of the parkland facility.
- B. Applicability.** This Article 10 shall apply under the platting procedures of Section 3.1.1.1 or the issuance of site

development permits under Section 2.7.1.1 for areas inside the city limits and the City’s ETJ.

- C.** The Responsible Official for parkland dedication and development is the Director of Parks and Recreation.
- D. Exceptions.** Parkland dedication requirements shall not apply:
1. To the subdivision of commercial, industrial or other non-residential lots;
 2. Where such lots were previously subject to parkland dedication requirements; or
 3. To the Downtown or Midtown Intensity Zones on the Preferred Scenario Map where fewer than 30 residential units are constructed or added.

Section 3.10.1.2 Parkland Dedication

- A. General Calculation of Required Land.** The calculation of required parkland in accordance with the findings in Section 3.10.1.1A is calculated based on the number of units added through approval of a subdivision or site plan under Sec. Section 3.1.1.1 or Section 2.7.1.1 and is calculated according to the table and formula below:

TABLE 3.3 CALCULATION OF POPULATION

DEVELOPMENT TYPE	POPULATION
Single Family Detached, Attached, Duplex, or Manufactured Home	2.7 persons per unit
Multi-Family	2.1 persons per unit
Purpose Built Student Housing	1 person per bedroom or 2.1 persons per unit whichever is greater

CALCULATION OF ACREAGE

5.7 ACRES * (POPULATION / 1,000)

- B. Land Required in the Downtown and Midtown Intensity Zones.** Residential or mixed use developments with 30 or more dwelling units shall provide a minimum of five percent (5%) of the site or lot in civic spaces that are either privately held and open to the public or dedicated as parkland.

C. Parkland and Open Space Dedication. Land proposed for dedication as public parkland or open space shall be reviewed by the Responsible Official and may be accepted by the parks board based on the findings in Sec. Section 3.10.1.1A and the criteria identified in Section 3.10.1.2D.

D. Criteria for Parkland and Open Space. The Parks Board should consider the following criteria when accepting land for parks or open space.

1. A minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the proposed land is determined by the parks board as acceptable for use as an area of active recreation. Active recreation sites do not typically include the following:
 - a. Drainage ditches;
 - b. Detention ponds;
 - c. Power lines easements;
 - d. Slopes greater than fifteen percent (15%);
 - e. Floodway; and
 - f. All other areas that are determined by the Parks Board as insufficient for active recreation based on the nature or size of the land proposed for dedication.
2. A minimum of 50% of the parkland required under this ordinance shall be dedicated to the City of San Marcos as a neighborhood or regional park under Section 3.10.2.1. The remaining 50% may be owned and managed by one of the entities under Section 3.10.1.6.
3. All parkland and open space dedication shall be consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the City's adopted parks plan (as amended).
4. The dedicated parkland conforms with the intent, specifications, typical features and parking requirements of one of the identified park types in Section 3.10.2.1.

E. Park Access. Parkland shall be easily accessible for the public and open to public view so as to benefit area residents, enhance the visual character of the City, protect public safety, and minimize conflicts with adjacent land uses. Public park access shall meet the following requirements:

1. Access shall be required based on the access requirements of each park type identified in Section 3.10.2.1.
2. Access requirements shall be calculated based on the boundary of a parkland lot located adjacent to a parkway, boulevard, avenue, street or park road.

Section 3.10.1.3 Fee in Lieu of Dedication.

- A. A cash fee for the purchase of off-site parkland may be paid in lieu of all or part of the dedication of on-site parkland in accordance with the criteria below.
- B. The cash fee in lieu of parkland dedication shall be based on the following formula:

PARKLAND COST FACTOR X NUMBER OF PARKLAND ACRES

- C. "Parkland Cost Factor" is based on the average purchase price to the City for acquiring an acre of parkland.
- D. All fees in lieu of dedication shall be paid prior to the recordation of the final plat or prior to the issuance of a site permit where a plat is not required.
- E. Fees in lieu of dedication may be accepted if one of the following conditions apply:
 1. If requested by the subdivider and reviewed by the Responsible Official, the Parks Board may allow the option of the payment of a fee over the dedication of land within the subdivision; or
 2. Upon review and recommendation of the Responsible Official, the Parks Board determines that there is no land suitable for dedication based on the criteria in Section 3.10.1.2D.
 3. The total amount of the fee-in-lieu is less than \$50,000 and the Responsible Official makes a determination based on the Parks Master Plan and the findings in Section 3.10.1.1A that dedication is not desired in this location.

Section 3.10.1.4 Parkland Development Fee

- A. Except as provided in Section 3.10.1.1D, the developer shall bear a proportional cost of parkland improvements required for a neighborhood park.

- B.** The parkland development fee is set by City Council and is based on the current construction costs of a neighborhood park as demonstrated in the calculation methodology below and the findings in Section 3.10.1.1.
- C. Development Offsets.** The developer’s cost to provide park facilities shall offset the requirement for a parkland development fee.
 - 1. The following improvements in a park may be credited towards parkland development:
 - a. Typical facilities listed in Section 3.10.2.1.
 - b. Site grading and preparation.
 - c. Landscaping.
 - d. One half the cost of adjacent perimeter roads in excess of 50% of the parkland lot boundary.
 - e. LID or green infrastructure facilities located within the development that qualify as an amenity under Section 7.2.4.1.
 - 2. Parkland development shall be approved as part of a public improvement construction plan in accordance with Section 3.4.1.1 prior to the approval of the final plat and shall meet city park construction requirements.
 - 3. Prior to the City’s acceptance of the parkland improvements, the subdivider shall deliver a warranty deed to the City conveying fee simple title of all parkland or open space shown on the final plat.

D. Parkland development fee:

- 1. For purposes of determining the development fee under Section 3.10.1.4:

$$\text{PARK DEVELOPMENT COST PER UNIT} = \frac{\text{PARK DEVELOPMENT COST FACTOR}}{\text{PARK FACILITIES LEVEL OF SERVICE}}$$

- 2. Where:
 - a. “Park development cost factor” is determined by the City Council based on the average cost of developing an acre of parkland

- b. “Park facilities level-of-service” is:

$$\frac{\text{CITY POPULATION}}{\text{NUMBER OF DEVELOPED PARKS}}$$

- c. Where “City Population” is determined by the city on an annual basis and “Number of Developed Parks” is the total number of parks developed with a recreational amenity or trail, as determined by the parks director prior to adoption of the annual fee ordinance by the City Council.

- E. Permit Required for Park Site Manipulation.** No individual, partnership, firm, or corporation shall deepen, widen, fill, reroute or change the course or location of any existing ditch, channel, stream or drainage way proposed for a parkland or open space without first obtaining a permit approved by the Responsible Official and any other agency having jurisdiction.
- F. Parkland and Open Space Improvements.** Parkland and open space improvements shall be consistent with the intended use of the parkland or open space and the overall goals, policies and objectives of the City, as stated in the Comprehensive Master Plan and the Parks Master Plan

Section 3.10.1.5 Fee Payment and Expenditure

- A. Parkland Benefit Areas.** The City shall establish a separate parkland and open space account. The funds in the account shall be earmarked solely for the acquisition or development of parkland in accordance with Section 3.10.2.1 either in the same parkland benefit area in which the subdivision is located, or for regional parks and open space that will benefit all of the citizens of the City. The City shall expend cash contributions within ten years of the date any such contribution is made.

Section 3.10.1.6 Ownership and Management

- A. Ownership.** Required parkland and any other common open space or area must be owned and maintained by one of the following entities:
 - 1. **City of San Marcos.** Publicly dedicated parkland shall be owned and maintained by the City of San Marcos.
 - 2. **Land Conservancy or Land Trust.** A bona fide land conservancy or land trust with legal authority as determined by the City Attorney may own the open space. The responsibility for maintaining the open space and any facilities may be borne by a land conservancy or land trust.

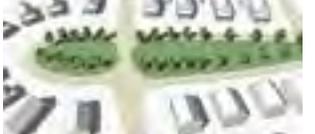
- 3. Homeowners' Association.** A homeowners' association representing residents of the development may own the open space. The homeowners' association must have lien authority to ensure the collection of dues from all members. The responsibility for maintaining the open space and any facilities is borne by the homeowners' association.
 - 4. Public Easement.** Privately held open space shall be made permanently open to the public through an easement dedicated to the public and approved by the City Attorney.
- B. Conveyance.** The conveyance of parkland or other common open space shall be in accordance with the following:
- 1.** Parkland or open space shall be conveyed to the City, land conservancy or homeowners' association in fee simple without any encumbrances except drainage, greenway and utility easements. Title to the real property shall be conveyed upon the recordation of the plat.
 - 2.** Parkland or open space shall be designated on the final plat and included in a separate lot, or multiple lots and include the following:

 - a.** A statement on the plat indicating the conveyance or dedication of parkland or open space; and
 - b.** The acreage of the land included in the dedication.
- C. Dissolution.** If the homeowner's association is dissolved, the open space may be offered to another entity who shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the open space. If no other offer is accepted, the open space shall be offered to the City and if accepted, deeded to the City.

DIVISION 2: PARKLAND TYPES

Section 3.10.2.1 Summary

TABLE 3.4 PARKLAND TYPES

REGIONAL PARK TYPES	ILLUSTRATION
<p>A. Greenways: A natural preserve available for unstructured recreation and bicycle or pedestrian transportation. Its landscape shall consist of paths and trails, meadows, rivers or streams, woodland and open shelters, all naturalistically disposed. Open space or greenways may be lineal, following the trajectories of natural corridors. The minimum width shall be 300 feet. Greenways shall be dedicated to the public.</p>	
<p>B. Open Space: An open area, available for unstructured recreation. Open space may be spatially defined by landscaping rather than building frontages. Its landscape shall consist of lawn and trees, naturalistically disposed. The minimum size shall be 30 acres.</p>	
<p>C. Community Park: Community Parks typically contain a specialized amenity such as athletic fields. Community parks are designed to serve the recreational needs of the entire city and may serve residents of other nearby populations. The minimum size shall be 10 acres. A community park shall be dedicated to the public.</p>	
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK TYPES	ILLUSTRATION
<p>D. General Neighborhood Park: A general neighborhood park typically includes open play areas, playgrounds, courts, practice athletic fields, and is available for civic purposes and gatherings. A general neighborhood park shall be spatially defined by streets and building frontages. The minimum size shall be 5 acres.</p>	
<p>E. Pocket Park: An open space designed and equipped for passive or active recreation. Pocket parks include a wide array of facilities and are designed as smaller gathering spaces within a neighborhood area. A pocket park may be spatially defined by streets or building frontages. There shall be no minimum or maximum size.</p>	
<p>F. Plaza: An open space available for civic purposes and commercial activities. A plaza shall be spatially defined by building frontages. Its landscape shall consist primarily of pavement. Trees are optional. Plazas should be located at the intersection of important streets. There shall be no minimum or maximum size.</p>	
<p>G. Playground: An open space designed and equipped for the recreation of children. A playground should be fenced and may include an open shelter. Playgrounds shall be interspersed within residential areas and should be located within 1/2 mile of all residential units. Playgrounds may be included within other regional or neighborhood parks. There shall be no minimum or maximum size.</p>	
<p>H. Community Garden: A grouping of garden plots available for small-scale cultivation. Community gardens should be fenced and accommodate individual storage sheds. Running water is required. Community Gardens shall be interspersed within residential areas and may be placed within a block or included within other regional or neighborhood parks. There shall be no minimum or maximum size.</p>	

Section 3.10.2.2 Greenway



SPECIFICATIONS

Size	Minimum width 200' on average
Ownership and Management	City; Land Conservancy or Land Trust including easements
Character	Passive or Active

TYPICAL FACILITIES

- Passive and active recreation
- Community gardens
- Playgrounds and play structures
- Multi-use paths
- Accessory structures
- Seating and signage

PARKING

No on-site parking is required.

ACCESS

Parkland boundary along public ROW 70% min.

Section 3.10.2.3 Open Space



SPECIFICATIONS

Size	30 acres min.
Ownership and Management	City; Land Conservancy or Land Trust
Character	Passive

TYPICAL FACILITIES

- Passive recreation
- Paths and trails
- Accessory structures
- Seating and signage

PARKING

No on-site parking is required.

ACCESS

Parkland boundary along public ROW 25% min.

Section 3.10.2.4 Community Park



SPECIFICATIONS

Size	10 acres min.
Ownership and Management	City
Character	Active

TYPICAL FACILITIES

- Civic buildings
- Athletic fields
- Accessory structures
- Specialized amenities
- Water features
- Seating and signage

PARKING

On-site parking is required based on the facilities provided (Section 7.1.2.1). On street parking adjacent to the parkland lot may be counted.

ACCESS

Parkland boundary along public ROW	70%
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Section 3.10.2.5 General Neighborhood Park



SPECIFICATIONS

Size	5 ac min.
Ownership and Management	City or HOA
Character	Passive or Active

TYPICAL FACILITIES

- Passive recreation
- Paths
- Accessory structures
- Water features
- Athletic fields and courts
- Water features
- Play structures
- Garden plots
- Running water
- Lighting
- Civic buildings
- Seating and signage

PARKING

On-site parking is required based on the facilities provided (Section 7.1.2.1). On street parking adjacent to the parkland lot may be counted.

ACCESS

Parkland boundary along public ROW	70% min.
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LEGEND: NA = Not Applicable

Section 3.10.2.6 Pocket Park



SPECIFICATIONS

Size	No min. No max.
Ownership and Management	HOA
Character	Passive or Active

TYPICAL FACILITIES

- Passive recreation
- Paths
- Accessory structures
- Water features
- Athletic fields and courts
- Play structures
- Running water
- Lighting
- Civic buildings
- Seating and signage

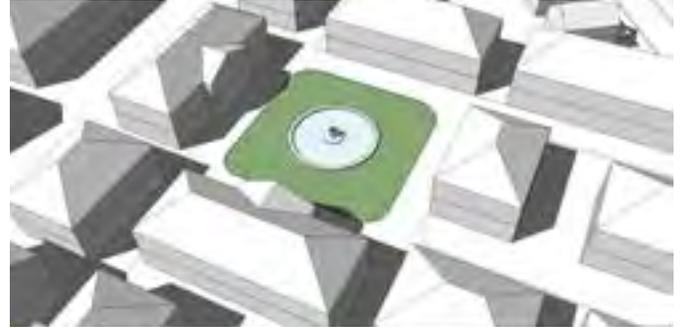
PARKING

On-site parking is required based on the facilities provided (Section 7.1.2.1). On street parking adjacent to the parkland lot may be counted.

ACCESS

Parkland boundary along public ROW 50' min.

Section 3.10.2.7 Plazas



SPECIFICATIONS

Size	No min. No max.
Ownership and Management	City; HOA; Private with public access easement.
Character	Active

TYPICAL FACILITIES

- Water features
- Hardscaping
- Public art
- Water features
- Accessory structures
- Civic buildings
- Seating and signage

PARKING

No on-site parking is required.

ACCESS

Parkland boundary along public ROW 50' min.

LEGEND: NA = Not Applicable

Section 3.10.2.8 Playground



SPECIFICATIONS

Size	No min. No max.
Ownership and Management	City; HOA
Character	Active

TYPICAL FACILITIES

- Play structures
- Running water
- Shade structures
- Seating and signage

PARKING

No on-site parking is required.

ACCESS

Parkland boundary along public ROW 50' min.

Section 3.10.2.9 Community Garden



SPECIFICATIONS

Size	No min. No max.
Ownership and Management	City; HOA
Character	Active

TYPICAL FACILITIES

- Active recreation
- Garden plots
- Accessory structures
- Running water

PARKING

No on-site parking is required.

ACCESS

Parkland boundary adjacent to street Not Required

Parks Board	Redwood Multifamily
PC-20-32	1900 Redwood Rd



Summary

Request:	A request to provide a fee in lieu of parkland dedication for 296 multi-family units proposed in a Final Development Plat for a total amount of \$93,832.		
Applicant:	Jake Brown 6300 La Calma Dr., Ste. 520 Austin, TX 78752	Property Owner:	Jim Smith SmithCo Redwood LLC 1400 Post Oak Blvd., Ste 900 Houston, TX 77056
Total Acreage of Subdivision:	15.51	Parkland Dedication Acreage:	0 acres
Development Type:	Multi-family	City Limits/ETJ:	City Limits
Number of Units:	296	Parkland Fee In Lieu:	\$93,832
Park Types:	N/A	Park Ownership:	N/A

Staff Recommendation

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approval as Submitted	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval with Conditions / Alternate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Denial
Staff recommends approval of the request as submitted in that the developer pay a fee-in-lieu of parkland dedication for 296 multi-family units for a total of \$93,832					
Staff: Andrea Villalobos, AICP, CNU-A			Title : Senior Planner		Date: July 28, 2020

Comments from Parks Department

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History

This proposed multi-family portion of this development will be constructed as a Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) project and was approved by City Council in February, 2020. The property currently has a Final Subdivision Plat in review.
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Staff Analysis

Parkland dedication requirements are calculated using the following formula:

TABLE 3.3 CALCULATION OF POPULATION

DEVELOPMENT TYPE	POPULATION
Single Family Detached, Attached, Duplex, or Manufactured Home	2.7 persons per unit
Multi-Family	2.1 persons per unit
Purpose Built Student Housing	1 person per bedroom or 2.1 persons per unit whichever is greater

CALCULATION OF ACREAGE

5.7 ACRES * (POPULATION / 1,000)

Based on the calculations above, the multi-family development is required to provide 3.543 acres of parkland for 296 proposed multi-family units. The applicant is proposing to pay a fee-in-lieu of dedication of 3.543 acres in the amount of **\$93,832** (296 units X \$317 per unit).

The development will be constructed as a Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) project that is monitored by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The multi-family development is proposing to install private amenity features for residents in accordance with TDHCA requirements including a children’s playscape, swimming pool, and a variety of community resource facilities. As outlined in the Parks Master Plan, while not dedicated as public parkland, private or Home Owners Association (HOA) maintained parks provide additional neighborhood-scale coverage in a community. While the multi-family development is not proposing to dedicate parkland, residents within the development will have access to private amenities and will be in close proximity to parkland proposed in the adjacent single-family development to the rear of the subject property.

In addition to the parkland fee-in-lieu, the applicant will be required to pay the Parkland Development Fee in the amount of \$423 per unit. This amounts to a total of \$125,208 in addition to the proposed fee-in-lieu.

Parks Board	Redwood Multifamily
PC-20-32	1900 Redwood Rd



PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES – Availability of parks and public spaces	YES	NO
<p>Will Parks and / or Open Space be Provided? <i>The applicant is proposing a private park for residents that would not be considered parkland dedication.</i></p>		<u>X</u>
<p>Will Trails and / or Green Space Connections be Provided? <i>In accordance with the Transportation Master Plan, the development is required to construct portions of greenways along Redwood Road and along the northwestern roadway proposed as Engleman Way. This greenway will include a 12' shared use path and is infrastructure that is required in addition to parkland requirements.</i></p>	<u>X</u>	
<p>Parks / Open Space within ¼ mile (walking distance)? <i>The property is located between the Paul Pena Park in the Hills of Hays Neighborhood and the El Camino Real Park in the El Camino Real neighborhood. As the crow flies, Paul Pena Park is approximately 0.5 from the edge of the subject property and the El Camino Real Park is approximately 0.4 miles from the edge of property.</i> <i>There is currently not an accessible connection between the subject property and the Paul Pena Park and accessing this park would require an approximately 1.75 mile drive or walk using existing roadways. Similarly, to access Cottonwood Creek Park would require an approximately 0.7 mile drive or walk along existing roadways. (Please reference location map exhibit)</i></p>		<u>X</u>
<p>Is this project located in a current or future “Neighborhood Park Need Area” as identified in the Parks Master Plan? <i>This development is not located in a “Neighborhood Park Need Area” as identified in the Parks Master Plan (see attached exhibit). However, at the time the Parks Master Plan was adopted, the subject property was not yet located in the City Limits and would not have been taken into consideration as an area with residents. The subject property was recently annexed and zoned in 2019.</i> <i>In addition, the development is only required to dedicate 3.543 acres of parkland, which does not meet the minimum 5 acres required for a General Neighborhood Park outlined in the code. In otherwords, their required dedication based on the population of people proposed to live in the development does not trigger enough acreage to warrant a General Neighborhood Park.</i></p>		<u>X</u>



Evaluation			Criteria for Approval of Dedication (Section 3.10.1.2(D))
Consistent	Inconsistent	Neutral	
		<u>N/A</u>	<p>A minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the proposed land is determined by the Parks Board as acceptable for use as an area of active recreation. Active recreation sites do not typically include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Drainage ditches b) Detention ponds c) Power line easements d) Slopes greater than fifteen percent (15%) e) Floodway f) All other areas determined by the Parks Board as insufficient for active recreation based on the nature or size of the land proposed for dedication. <p><i>The development is proposing fee-in-lieu of dedication.</i></p>
		<u>N/A</u>	<p>A minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the parkland required under this ordinance shall be dedicated to the City of San Marcos as a neighborhood or regional park under Section 3.10.2.1. The remaining 50% may be owned and managed by one of the entities under Section 3.10.1.6.</p> <p><i>The development is proposing fee-in-lieu of dedication.</i></p>
		<u>N/A</u>	<p>All parkland and open space dedication shall be consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the City's adopted parks plan (as amended).</p> <p><i>The development is proposing fee-in-lieu of dedication.</i></p>
		<u>N/A</u>	<p>The dedicated parkland conforms with the intent, specifications, typical features and parking requirements of one of the identified park types in Section 3.10.2.1.</p> <p><i>The development is proposing fee-in-lieu of dedication.</i></p>

Parks Board	Redwood Multifamily
PC-20-32	1900 Redwood Rd

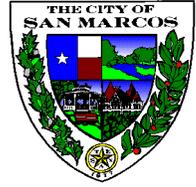


Evaluation			Criteria for Approval of Fee-in-lieu (Section 3.10.1.3(E))
Consistent	Inconsistent	Neutral	
<u>X</u>			<p>Fee in-lieu may be accepted if one of the following conditions apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If requested by the subdivider and reviewed by the Responsible Official, the Parks Board may allow the option of the payment of a fee over the dedication of land within the subdivision; or <i>The subdivider is requesting to pay a fee-in-lieu over the dedication of land.</i> 2. Upon review and recommendation of the Responsible Official, the Parks Board determines that there is no land suitable for dedication based on the criteria in Section 3.10.1.2D. <i>The Parks Master plan discusses the need for Neighborhood Parks. The development is only required to dedicate 3.543 acres of parkland, which does not meet the minimum 5 acres required for a General Neighborhood Park outlined in the code. In otherwords, their required dedication based on the population of people proposed to live in the development does not trigger enough acreage to warrant a General Neighborhood Park.</i> <i>While the development is not proposing a public park, the development is proposing a private park, playground, and amenities to serve the residents within the development which is a requirement of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The private park within the development will provide an accessible area for active recreation by the residents in the development and will be within short walking distance to all units and will not require crossing a major thoroughfare roadway.</i> 3. The total amount of the fee-in-lieu is less than \$50,000 and the Responsible Official makes a determination based on the Parks master Plan and the findings in Section 3.10.1.1A that dedication is not desired at this location. <i>The fee-in-lieu amount is more than \$50,000.</i>
		<u>N/A</u>	



PARKLAND DEDICATION / FEE-IN-LIEU APPLICATION FORM

Updated: March 2020



CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name	Jake Brown	Property Owner	Smithco Redwood, LLC
Applicant's Mailing Address	6300 La Calma Dr., Ste. 520 Austin, TX 78752	Owner's Mailing Address	1400 Post Oak Blvd., Ste. 900 Houston, TX 77056
Applicant's Phone #	(817) 845-8026	Owner's Phone #	(713) 622-4040
Applicant's Email	jbrown@ldgdevelopment.com	Owner's Email	jim@smithcodevelopment.com

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Proposed Subdivision Name: Redwood

Location: 1600 Block of Redwood Rd.

Total Acres of Subdivision: 15.51

Number of Units: 296

Total Acres of Parkland Dedication: _____

Proposed Fee In Lieu: \$93,832

Located in: City Limits Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (County)

DESCRIPTION OF PARKS

Park Type: _____ Acreage: _____ Ownership: _____

AUTHORIZATION

All required application documents are attached. I understand the fees for and the process of subdivision and understand my responsibility to be present at meetings regarding this application.

Filing Fee \$136

Applicant's Signature: 

Date: 7/30/20

Printed Name: Jake Brown

CHECKLIST FOR PARKLAND DEDICATION / FEE-IN-LIEU APPLICATION

Items Required for Complete Submittal		Staff Verification & Comments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proposed parkland dedication / fee-in-lieu calculation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statement and/or exhibits describing, in detail, how the proposed parkland complies with criteria in Section 3.10.1.2(D)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit identifying proposed Parkland Types as specified in Section 3.10.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Authorization to represent property owner, if the applicant is not the property owner.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parks Board Decision Fee \$136	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Additional information may be required at the request of the Department			

I hereby certify and attest that this application and all required documentation is complete and accurate. I hereby submit this application and attachments for review by the City of San Marcos.

Signed:  Date: 7/30/20

Print Name: Jake Brown

Engineer
 Architect/Planner
 Surveyor
 Owner
 Agent

PROPERTY OWNER AUTHORIZATION

I, Jim Smith (owner name) on behalf of
Smithco Redwood LLC (company, if applicable) acknowledge that I/we
am/are the rightful owner of the property located at
Redwood Rd, San Marcos, TX 78666 (address).

I hereby authorize James Ingalls (agent name) on behalf of
Moeller & Associates (agent company) to file this application for
Parkland Dedication/Fee-In-Lieu (application type), and, if necessary, to work with
the Responsible Official / Department on my behalf throughout the process.

Signature of Owner:  Date: 7/21/20
Printed Name, Title: Jim Smith, Manager

Signature of Agent:  Date: 7/21/20
Printed Name, Title: James Ingalls, P.E.

(PC-20-32) Redwood Multifamily Parkland Dedication Fee-in-lieu Request

Consider a request by Jake Brown on behalf of Smithco Redwood LLC for a Fee in Lieu of Parkland Dedication for \$93,832 at a new multifamily apartment complex within the 1600 Block of Wonder World Drive.

Overview

Project Description:

- 15.5 acres of multifamily
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit Complex – approved by City Council in February, 2020

Parkland Dedication Required:

- 3.543 acres

Requesting Fee-in-Lieu

- 296 units = \$93,832

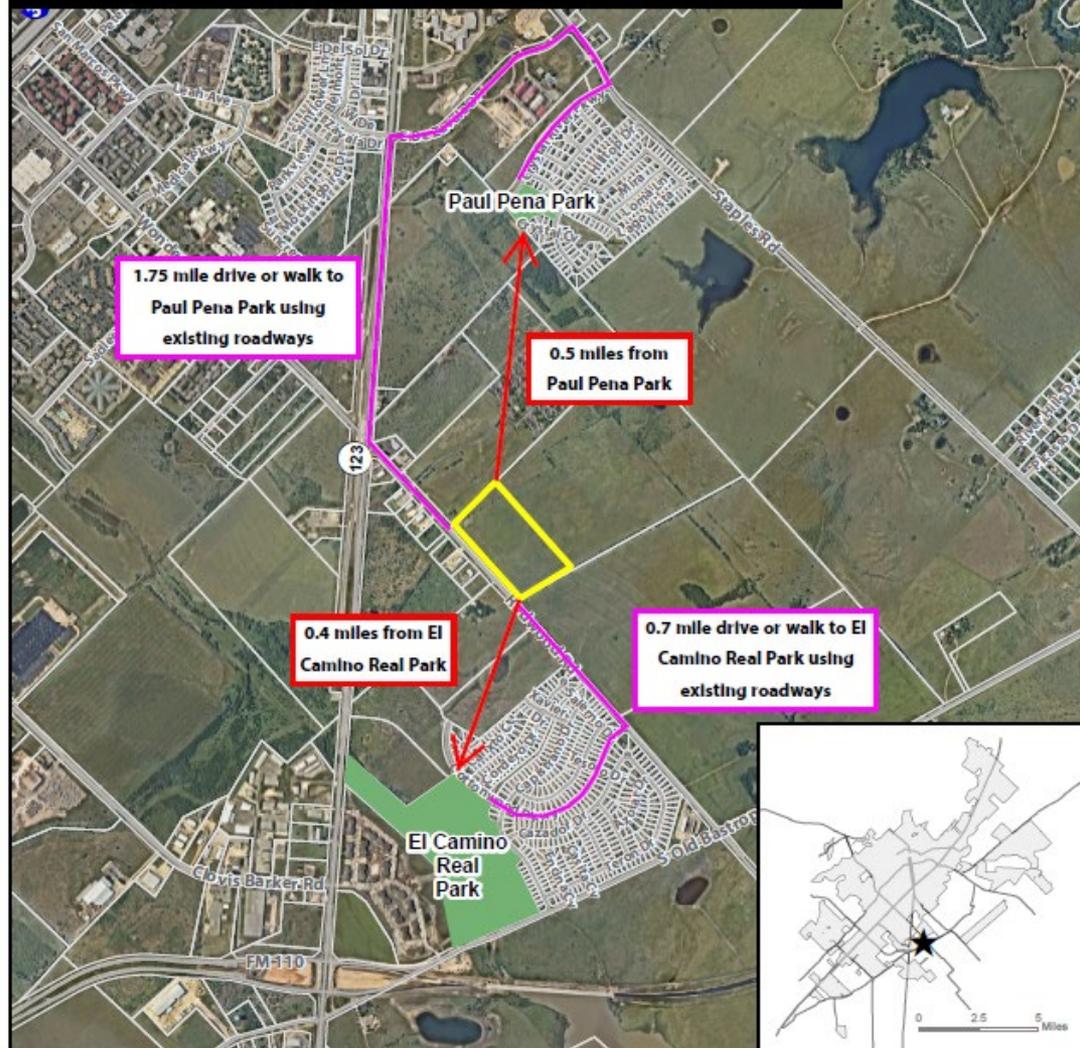
Nearby parks include Paul Pena Park and El Camino Real Park

- Within 1 to 2 miles walking or driving distance

Private park proposed:

- Playground
- Amenity Features

PC-20-32 Location Map Redwood Multifamily - Parks Board Application



- ★ Site Location
- ▭ Subject Property
- ▭ Parcel
- ▭ City Limit



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Map Date: 7/31/2020

Criteria for Approval of Fee-in-lieu (Section 3.10.1.3(E))

Fee-in-lieu may be accepted if one of the following conditions apply:

(1) If requested by the subdivider and reviewed by the Responsible Official, the Parks Board may allow the option of the payment of a fee over the dedication of land within the subdivision; or

Fee-in-lieu is being formally requested:
The subdivider is requesting fee-in-lieu for the proposed subdivision.

(2) Upon review and recommendation of the Responsible Official, the Parks Board determines that there is no land suitable for dedication based on the criteria in Section 3.10.1.2D; or

Neighborhood park is not warranted:
The Parks Master Plan discusses the need for Neighborhood Parks. The development is only required to dedicate 3.54 acres of parkland, which does not meet the minimum 5 acres required for General Neighborhood Park.

Private Park:
A private park is required to be installed per TDHCA requirements. Provides residents an accessible park within walking distance to all units.

(3) The total amount of the fee-in-lieu is less than \$50,000 and the Responsible Official makes a determination based on the Parks master Plan and the findings in Section 3.10.1.1A that dedication is not desired at this location.

N/A
The fee-in-lieu is more than \$50,000.

Additional Analysis

Private Park

- The proposed private park within the subdivision is a requirement of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs as part of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit application approved by City Council in February, 2020
- Per the Parks Master Plan, while not fully dedicated as public parkland, private or HOA parks provide additional neighborhood-scale coverage in a community.

Adjacent Subdivision:

- The subject property will be located adjacent to a proposed single-family neighborhood that is currently under review.
- Any proposed parkland will provide additional amenities and recreational areas in close proximity to the subject property.
- Parkland dedication for this adjacent neighborhood will be considered at an upcoming Parks Board meeting.

Recommendation:

Staff has reviewed the request in accordance with the Development Code and recommends **approval** of the request for fee-in-lieu of Parkland Dedication.

RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01RR

A RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS SUPPORTING A POLICY CHANGE IN REGARD TO AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS PRIMARILY TO HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN THE LOW TO MODERATE INCOME LEVELS.

RECITALS:

1. The City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department accepts applications to provide scholarships to low to moderate income San Marcos youth in the amount up to \$150 per child. (\$10,500 is awarded in total).
2. The scholarship pays up to 50% of the registration fees for any of the programs offered by the City including team sports, Summer Fun, and a number of other programs and camps.
3. Scholarships are limited in number and are awarded on a first come, first served basis.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:

PART 1. It is recommended that the City Council provide direction to the city manager to consider on a policy change in regard to awarding the scholarship primarily to the low to moderate income levels.

ADOPTED on August 20, 2020.

Attest:

Diane Phalen
Chair

Christie Murillo
Staff Liaison

YOUTH ACTIVITY SCHOLARSHIP



SAN MARCOS PARKS AND RECREATION

[HTTP://WWW.SANMARCOSTX.GOV/ YOUTHACTIVITY](http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/youthactivity)

The City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department accepts applications to provide scholarships to low to moderate income San Marcos youth in the amount up to \$150 per child. (\$10,500 is awarded in total). The scholarship pays up to 50% of the registration fees for any of the programs offered by the City including team sports, Summer Fun, and a number of other programs and camps.

ELIGIBILITY

Scholarships are limited in number and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Eligibility does not guarantee assistance and assistance does not guarantee program registration. Participants must pay up to one-half of all program fees.

REQUIREMENTS

We require that you show proof of San Marcos residency or that your child attends an SMCISD school. The program requires each registrant to verify that the child receiving a Youth Activity Scholarship is from a family with a yearly income that is considered low to moderate, based on the number of family members who live in the child's home.

APPLY

Registration and payment for programs must occur on or before September 30, 2020 to qualify. Scholarship Applications must be submitted online using the [Scholarship Application Form](#). Once the application is approved, scholarship funds will be automatically applied to your online activity registrations.

HISTORY OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FY 2018-2019: we awarded 139 children with scholarships in 13 different programs, with the majority being applied to Summer Fun (approximately \$8,200).

FY 2017-2018: we awarded 124 children with scholarships in 12 different programs, with the majority being applied to Summer Fun (\$7,680)

MOVING FORWARD

- The decision was made to no longer fund outside organizations (SMYBSA) effective 7.22.2020. These scholarship funds will strictly be for City programs moving forward.
- We will make the recommendation to Lion's Club to consider creating a scholarship to help with SMYBSA and Surge Soccer registration fees.
- The department will take into consideration the recommendation from the Parks Board to modify the income levels to low and extremely low, eliminating the ability for moderate income households to receive funding.
- The department is setting up a donation account for citizens to donate to the Youth Scholarship fund. Monies will be applied to the following fiscal year of which they are raised.

RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02RR

A RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTHY STREETS, ALSO KNOWN AS SLOW STREETS, TO PROMOTE ACTIVE RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ON LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS AND TO PROMOTE A MULTIMODAL NETWORK CONNECTING GREENSPACES AND PARKS.

RECITALS:

1. Within the MoveSM Letter to Council dated May 19, 2020, the concept of healthy “slow” streets was recommended by over sixty (60) concerned San Marcos Residents.
2. The implementation of Healthy Streets could provide valuable recreational space during the ongoing state of park closures due to the Covid – 19 pandemics; relieve pressure on the parks system generally; and promote active, outdoor, and socially distant recreation and transportation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:

PART 1. It is recommended that the City Council provide direction to the city manager to move forward with the implementation of a Healthy, Slow Street Program on equitably distributed neighborhood streets across the City to achieve the outcomes stated above. Furthermore, it is recommended to initiate said program with a Pilot Program on a willing neighborhood street, such as Alamo Street, where a number of supporting residents currently reside.

ADOPTED on August 20, 2020.

Attest:

Diane Phalen
Chair

Christie Murillo
Staff Liaison