

San Marcos Neighborhood Commission Regular Meeting
Code Compliance Conference Room, 630 E Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666
January 16, 2019

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Committee Vice Chair Roland Saucedo at 6:16 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Roland Saucedo, Kenneth Dees, Cathy Dillon, Michelle McWatters, Lupe Costilla, Tres Hefter and Lizbeth Dobbins. Elena Duran joined the group after roll was called.

3. Approval of Minutes

Due to no quorum at December meeting, there were no December minutes to approve. November minute approval will be added to February agenda.

4. Citizen Comment Period

Sara Lee Underwood presented information on upcoming Hot Spot Street Sweep in Sector 6 (Blanco Gardens) February 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Meet at Conway Park, 504 Bliss. She also extended an invitation for the next CONA meeting scheduled, Monday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fish Hatchery building.

5. Commissioner Report

Lizbeth Dobbins (Sector 9) presented updates on relocation discussions involving Post Office retail portion. After attending a meeting on the topic she noted that USPS has up to a five year period to decide on the new location and that they are looking for an existing building with a minimum of 54 parking spaces.

Kenneth Dees (Sector 3) noted that over the holidays there were several incidents of dogs being off leashes in the parks. He logged a request in SMTXConnect for creative scheduling of Animal Control/Park Rangers after 5:00 p.m. in parks to enforce leash laws.

Lupe Costilla (Sector 6) reported that good things are happening in her sector. House on Barbara has been completed. She would like to know status of CDBG applications on 1300, 1301, and 1404 Barbara. Also noted home on Conway with broken foundation and construction fence and would like to know if owners are receiving assistance.

Roland Saucedo (Sector 5) reported rehab of homes is starting. Applications for assistance are available at the Southside Community Center on Guadalupe until mid-February. Construction is expected to start at the end of May/first weekend of June.

6. Staff Report

Samantha Armbruster presented Neighborhood Enhancement quarter 1 report including staffing updates, reported on open slots for serving on Neighborhood Commission (all vacancies

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have at least one applicant), opportunities created by Neighborhood Vitality Team including Hot Spot cleanups, implementation of Next Door social media outreaches, and the upcoming relocation of WIC to The Village on Reimer Road. Additionally, updates to Bylaws and Ordinances for City Boards and Commissions were reviewed: All Boards and Commissions now have 3 year terms beginning March 1, 2019 and an annual report will be submitted in paper form by February 28 of each year.

Discussion was made regarding the new establishment of committees outlined in the updated Bylaws and Ordinances. It was the unanimous decision of the board after motion was made by **Liz Dobbins** and seconded by **Elena Duran** to appoint ad hoc committees on an as needed basis rather than appoint a standing committee. It was noted that choosing ad hoc at this time does not prohibit the Board from forming a standing committee in the future.

Updates on the Paid Parking Program were provided with Phase I recommendations and Phase II recommendations outlined. Discussion was made regarding parking benefit districts. **Roland Saucedo** asked what the role of Neighborhood Commission would be in this process. Clarification was provided that, if the board has input for the Paid Parking Program, it would be appropriate to submit it to the Parking Advisory Board for review.

News/Upcoming events: the February 20 meeting of the Neighborhood Commission will include a time of celebrating and appreciating the service of departing commissioners. Planning is in process of a Neighborhood Commission orientation with new commissioners appointed by Council. Sitting commissioners are invited to be a part of the orientation. The March meeting will include a vote to appoint a new chair and vice chair of the Neighborhood Commission. Moving forward, Neighborhood Commission meetings will be conducted in the Code Compliance Conference located in the Neighborhood Enhancement building.

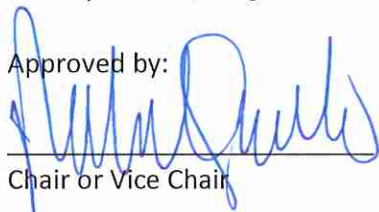
7. Questions from the Press and Public - **None**

8. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn made by **Elena Duran**, seconded by **Kenneth Dees**. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

The minutes for the January 16, 2019 meeting of the City of San Marcos, Texas Neighborhood Commission are respectfully submitted on February 20, 2019 by

Tammy Strakos, Neighborhood Enhancement

Approved by:



Chair or Vice Chair