



Neighborhood Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Enhancement – Virtual Zoom

630 E Hopkins, Bldg. 5, San Marcos, Texas 78666

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Joe Cantu, at 6:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

In attendance: James Cruz, Robert Eby, Joe Cantu, Larry Mock, Michael Adams, Robert Dudolski & Michael Vernon. Absentees: Margaret Yackel & Bobbie Garza-Hernandez. Late attendees: Roland Saucedo.

III. Citizen Comment Period

None

IV. Consider Acceptance of May 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes

MOTION made by Dudolski to approve. Seconded by Adams. All in favor, Eby abstained, none opposed, motion carried.

V. Guest Speaker

Shaun Condor, Director of Engineering & CIP presented an overview on The Sessom Creek Drainage Project from Loquat St. to LBJ. Condor stated the City and the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan team have partnered to design and construct a project to utilize Sessom Creek from N.LBJ to Canyon Fork. Condor also made the Commissioners aware that the land swap and closure of Loquat with Texas State was approved by Council on September 20, 2022, by Resolution 2022-218R. City goals are to create a protected corridor along Sessom Creek, buffer future TXST development from neighborhoods, reduce project costs, and to improve water quality in Sessom Creek. The goals for Texas State are the abandonment of un-needed easement/ROW on property, improve developable area through easement/ROW removals and allow Loquat St. entrance to be relocated to a safer location. Condor stated Phase 1 is complete and Phase 2 is in design and will start construction in 2024.

Subsequent questions were asked by Commissioner Eby, Mock and Saucedo to include whether the swap was a confirmed deal or still in negotiation. Condor responded and stated that Council has approved, has authorized staff to proceed with the swap and as of now, is a done deal.

VI. Welcome Newly Appointed Commissioner

Cantu welcomed newly appointed Sector 2 representative, Robert Eby.

VII. Reports

Tiffany Harris, Community Vitality Coordinator, updated the Board on the June 15th Neighborhood Conversation Meeting for Sector 5. The meeting was held at the San Marcos high school and approximately 2,000 postcards were sent out to notify citizens along with other outreach efforts. 35 citizens showed up and were very engaged. Main topics that were covered were drainage improvement projects in Sunset Acres & Hills of Hays and various sidewalk projects. Adams and Saucedo stated they thought it was a great turnout. Saucedo suggested that whoever was doing the presentation from the City dept. should familiarize

themselves a little more with the history of the project, for example, how it came about and why. Saucedo also stated that his community would like to be given a more detailed guideline as to when project will be started, how long the project will take and how will it affect its area.

Harris informed the Board of next Neighborhood Conversation meeting that is scheduled for August 17th at the Dunbar Recreation Center for Sector 1. Harris has encouraged all Commissioners to attend to assist in spreading the word that a Sector 1 representative is still needed.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Saucedo requested that Commissioner Garza-Hernandez give an update on the Mexican American and Indigenous Cultural Heritage District Street signage. Palacios also informed the Board that Jon Locke, Manager of Finance dept, will be giving an update on the overview of the FY24 Budget. Eby stated he would like some information on the Sidewalk and mill and overlay project. Palacios stated she would send that information to Eby since this had already been discussed and approved at a previous Board Meeting.

IX. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public

None

X. Adjournment

MOTION was made by Saucedo and seconded by Cantu to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The minutes for the June 21, 2023, meeting of the City of San Marcos, Texas Neighborhood Commission are respectfully submitted on August 16, 2023, by Yvonne Palacios, Staff Liaison, Neighborhood Enhancement.

Approved by:


Chair – Roland Saucedo