



**City of San Marcos
Regular Meeting Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
August 24, 2023 5:30 pm**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by Board Chair Mitch Hoffman

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Mitch Hoffman
Benjamin Peck
John Hardy
Amanda Fox
John Thomaides
Hilary Taylor
Peter Tschirhart

Board Members Absent

Amanda Hargrave

Staff Present

Jamie Lee Case, Director
Jessica Ramos, Assistant Director
Bert Stratemann, Operations
Manager
Valerie Valdez, Administrative
Coordinator

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.

Virginia Parker with the San Marcos River Foundation thanked the board for recommending the land management plan. She stated the river foundation is wanting to support the river parks. They are meeting with Lions club to suggest possible improvements. She recommended the board look at the proposed Downtown master plan as the plan poses flood and water quality risk.

Grant Deaton with TWC gave an overview of the proposed parkland dedication and fee-in-lieu proposal for the development at the intersection Centerpoint Road and Hunter Road.

Jacob Clark and Ryan Taylor gave an overview of their proposed fee-in lieu dedication.

Mark Taylor commented on behalf of the San Marcos Green Belt Alliance in favor of the Land Management Plan. He stated additional steps are needed after City council approves the plan. He noted future plans may need funds through the City's Capital Improvements Plan.

PRESENTATION

1. Receive a staff presentation and hold discussion on proposed amendments to the San Marcos Development Code, Chapter 3, Article 10, Parks and Open Space.

Amanda Hernandez, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented to the board.

MINUTES

2. Consider approval, by motion of the June 15, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by John Hardy, seconded by John Thomaides, to approve the June 15, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For:	7 -	Mitch Hoffman, Benjamin Peck, John Hardy, Amanda Fox, John Thomaides, Hilary Taylor, Peter Tschirhart
Against:	0 -	
Absent:	1 -	Amanda Hargrave

ACTION

Note: Hilary Taylor left the meeting at 6:15

3. Consider approval, by motion, of a request by TWG San Marcos, on behalf of Anthony Ceroy for the dedication of a 0.433 acre park and a Fee-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication in the amount of \$57,383.34 for a multifamily development located near the intersection Centerpoint Road and Hunter Road.

Craig Garrison, City Planner, presented to the board.

A motion was made by John Thomaides, seconded by John Hardy, to amend the Fee-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication in the amount of \$57,383.34 to \$55,095.87.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For:	7 -	Mitch Hoffman, Benjamin Peck, John Hardy, Amanda Fox, John Thomaides, Hilary Taylor, Peter Tschirhart
Against:	0 -	

Absent: 1 - Amanda Hargrave

A motion was made by John Thomaides, seconded by Benjamin Peck, to approve the dedication of a 0.433 acre park and a Fee-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication in the amount of \$57,383.34 for a multifamily development located near the intersection Centerpoint Road and Hunter Road.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - John Hardy, Amanda Fox, John Thomaides, Peter Tschirhart
Against: 2 - Mitch Hoffman, Benjamin Peck
Absent: 2 - Amanda Hargrave, Hilary Taylor

4. Consider approval, by motion, of a request by Tyler Harris on behalf of Aquarena Springs Land Holdings, LTD; Interpark San Marcos, LTD for a Fee-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication in the amount of \$102,391 for a multifamily development located approximately 1,000 feet East of the intersection of IH-35 and Aquarena Springs Drive.

A motion was made by John Thomaides, seconded by John Hardy, to approve the Fee-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication in the amount of \$102,391 for a multifamily development located approximately 1,000 feet East of the intersection of IH-35 and Aquarena Springs Drive.

The motion to approve failed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mitch Hoffman, Benjamin Peck, John Hardy, Amanda Fox, John Thomaides, Peter Tschirhart
Against: 0 -
Absent: 2 - Amanda Hargrave, Hilary Taylor

5. Consider approval of Recommendation Resolution 2023-02RR recommending the adoption of the Natural Area Land Management Plan to the City Council.

Jamie Lee Case gave the board an overview of the steps taken leading to the recommendation. She noted edits that were made since the June meeting. She also

went through the implementation process. The board members thanked SMGA for their work on the plan.

A motion was made by Mitch Hoffman, seconded by Benjamin Peck, to approve the Recommendation Resolution 2023-02RR recommending the adoption of the Natural Area Land Management Plan to the City Council.

The motion to approve failed by the following vote:

For:	6 -	Mitch Hoffman, Benjamin Peck, John Hardy, Amanda Fox, John Thomaides, Peter Tschirhart
Against:	0 -	
Absent:	2 -	Amanda Hargrave, Hilary Taylor

DISCUSSION

1. Receive a Staff update regarding the City Marshals calls for service and Park Ambassador program.

City Marshal Jade Huffman and Discovery Center Manager Eric Weeks gave an update regarding this summer season in the park. Mitch Hoffman stated that Marshals office is doing a great job. Marshal Huffman explained the numbers for the season including verbal warnings, discussions, ejections out of the park, criminal trespass warnings issues, arrest, and medical calls. Eric Weeks gave an update for the Park Ambassadors for their first year of this program. Jamie Lee Case explained the app that was used to track the park ambassadors contacts was not online until the end of June. The means the contact number should be doubled. Jamie Lee explained the park ambassadors had an idea to create additional signs in the areas with the highest violations.

2. Receive a Staff update regarding the River Parks Design Plan and Quail Creek Master Plan.

Jamie Lee Case stated they are ready to start. The contract will be sent over to council. They are hoping to start in November. A survey for public input will be posted. They will update the Master Plan for Quail Creek property.

3. Receive a Staff update regarding paid parking implementation in City Park parking lot.

Jamie Lee is working with the transit manger. She has found someone that will lease the kiosk equipment. \$18,000 per year for 4 units. One unit will accept cash. There will be a static camera that has license plate recognition. This will reduce the number of parking patrol units. Residents will need to register their license plate to the system.

REPORTS

4. Receive the following reports: Park Projects Monthly Report, Athletic Division Monthly Report, Youth Services Division Monthly Report, Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Monthly Report, and San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance Quarterly Report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. 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.*
 - Managed access and parking at Rio Vista area.
 - Discuss single use container.

IV. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public. *This is an opportunity for the Press and Public to ask questions related to items on **this** agenda.*

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm by Board Chair Mitch Hoffman.


Parks and Recreation Board Chair


Staff Liaison

