Neighborhood Commission Regular Meeting Agenda
May 15, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.
Code Compliance Conference Room, Neighborhood Enhancement Building
630 E Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas 78666

I. Call to Order Please note that all commission meetings may be recorded and uploaded to the City’s website at www.sanmarcostx.gov

II. Roll Call

III. 30 Minute Citizen Comment Period: Each speaker signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will be called in order of sign-up, and will be allowed three minutes to speak about items posted or not on the agenda

IV. MINUTES: Consider approval, by motion, of the April 17, 2019 and May 8, 2019 meeting minutes

V. PRESENTATIONS
N/A

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION
a) Discuss the scheduling and possible re-naming of 2019 Neighborhood Workshops
b) Discuss and consider action regarding a possible resolution to Council related to speed display signs in school zones
c) Discuss and consider action regarding a possible resolution to Council regarding a walk bridge at Sessom and Comanche
d) Discuss and consider action regarding a possible resolution to Council regarding changes to Neighborhood Commission bylaws based on strategic planning exercise
e) Discuss and consider action regarding a possible resolution to Council regarding protection of Heritage trees when making changes to neighborhood areas.

VII. REPORTS
a) Commissioner Report: Post Office update from Lizbeth Dobbins (Sector 9)
b) Commissioner Report: Citizen concerns regarding narrow streets/parking from Joe Cantu (Sector 2)

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (motions to place a discussion item on an agenda for a regular commission meeting)
a) Discuss and consider discussion items for future agendas.

IX. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public

X. Adjournment

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CITY OF SAN MARCOS INVITES YOU TO

COMMUNITY CONNECT BLOCK PARTY

FRIDAY
MAY
17
5-8PM

SWIFT MEMORIAL PARK
200 MONTERREY STREET

MEET THE ARTIST

INPUT ON MURAL ART PROJECT. KIDS ACTIVITIES. TOUR THE BEAUTIFICATION TRAILER. CITY STAFF AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT PROJECTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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512.393-8419
NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY CITY OF SAN MARCOS
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION AND DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

MONDAY * MAY 20TH * 6 PM
PATIO DOLCETTO * 322 CHEATHAM ST
NEIGHBORHOOD: SECTOR 8 * DOWNTOWN

Learn about projects and initiatives in your neighborhood and share your ideas for the neighborhood with Commissioners and City Staff.
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- voice of the citizens
- directly connected to neighborhoods
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- integration of different sectors, the umbrella
- promote/enhancement of the beautification of neighborhoods
- communication link to city council

What makes a great neighborhood?

- citizen connection
- safety
- character
- access to resources
- gathering places
- diversity of people
- city services
- parks, greenspace
- walkability
- sense of identity
- pet friendly
- connectivity
- upkeep of property
- culture

Strategies for a purposeful commission

- visit neighborhoods and find out needs and how we can improve it
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- concise agenda items for meetings with strongest impact
- section at each meeting to talk about top issue in your neighborhoods
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- brainstorm meeting for commissioners to get help with sectors
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Reports to Neighborhood Commission

- Presentation to Commission for amendment applications for Preferred Scenario amendments
  CODE SMTX
- Neighborhood Commissioner and President when development application requires personal notice - CODE SMTX
• Projects effecting neighborhoods - new

Advising

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• *** (L. Prewitt) – Advise on recommended infrastructure maintenance and improvements in neighborhoods to enhance safety and well-being of residents
• ?**** To advise/recommend to all city boards/commissions appointed by City Council
• ? (1) Advise the city council, the city manager, and the other boards and commissions that are appointed by the city council.
• (2) Advise on issues of importance to the overall quality of neighborhoods in the City of San Marcos as referred to the commission by the city council, other appointed boards and commissions of the city, or city staff. (bylaws)
• (4) Advise on methods and means of maintaining and enhancing the visual quality of the city, and provide guidance for city programs related to maintaining and enhancing the visual quality of the city's neighborhoods and gateways.
• Flasing speed signs
• (5) Advise on matters and issues related to code enforcement activities that affect the overall quality of neighborhoods.
• Hearing board for residential parking permit applications
• Act as a voice for the city council on key issues in neighborhoods - be the first step in listening to an issue.
• Host sidewalk annual meeting

Communication

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• ** Find ways to get citizens more involved in Neighborhood issues/concerns
• **** Comprehensive list of who resides in neighborhoods - street and email addresses
• Facilitating 'neighbors helping neighbors', working in cooperation and building relationships
• More outreach to neighborhoods, more than 4 times a year
• Inform the things that can improve neighborhoods
• Add community/information board to parks to inform residents on events/programs
• Play a larger role in National Night Out
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### 2019 Neighborhood Commission Strategic Planning Summary

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# May and June

**Events and Meetings**

**May 16-18th** - Texas State University graduation ceremonies

**May 17th** - Community Connect Block Party & Party in Your Park  
5-8pm * Swift Memorial Park (200 Monterrey Street)

**May 18th** - Animal Shelter Volunteer Orientation  
10am-12pm * 750 River Rd

**May 20th** - Neighborhood Workshop, Sector 8 (Downtown)  
6pm * Patio Dolcetto (322 Cheatham St)

**May 21st** - City Council Meeting

**May 27th** - City Holiday and Memorial Day Ceremony  
10:00AM - 11:00AM * Hays County Veterans Memorial

**May 22nd** - Housing Task Force Open House  
5:30-7:30pm * San Marcos Rec Hall (298 Jowers Access Road)

**May 31st** - San Marcos High School Graduation  
7pm * Strahan Colliseum

**June 1st** - Hot Spot Clean up of River Parks  
8am - 401 E. Hopkins

**June 4th** - City Council Meeting

**June 8th** - Scoops on the Square presented by Main Street  
5-8pm * Downtown * https://scoopsonthesquare.splashthat.com

**June 8th** - Community Clean Up and Brush Drop Off  
8am - 1pm * 750 River Road

**June 14-15th** - Juneteenth Celebrations

**June 18th** - City Council Meeting

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**June Commission Meeting Reminders**

**June 12th** - Agenda Items Due by Chair or 2 Commissioners (in writing)

**June 14th** - Agenda posted on City website

**June 19th** - June Neighborhood Commission Meeting