CITY OF SAN MARCOS

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION

MAY 2024

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SAN MARCOS NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, May 15, 2024
TIME: 6 p.m.
PLACE: 1040 Texas HWY 123, Conference Rm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order (Please note all commission meetings may be recorded and uploaded to the City’s website at www.sanmarcostx.gov)
2. Roll Call
3. Citizen Comment Period – 3 Minutes (per citizen) Persons wishing to participate (speak) during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting must email ypalaicos@sanmarcostx.gov prior to 12:00 PM on May 15th, the day of the meeting. A link to join by a mobile device, laptop or desktop computer will be provided for participation as well as a call-in number to join by phone.
4. MINUTES: Consider approval, by motion, of April 17, 2024, Meeting Minutes - 5 Minutes
5. PRESENTATIONS:
   GUEST SPEAKER – Jamie Lee Case, Director Parks and Recreation - 15 Minutes
   a. Receive a staff briefing and hold discussion regarding a recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Board to implement paid parking in the Rio Vista Park area
   b. Questions and Answers
   c. Receive presentation/discussion on options cities may have in regard to management of urban deer population
   d. Questions and Answers
6. ITEM UP FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION – 15 Minutes
   a. Review new Commissioner Appointments
   b. Sector 5 – Estella Enriquez
   c. Sector 9 – Cory Holland
7. REPORTS – 20 Minutes
   a. Vitality Coordinator Report, Tiffany Harris: Updates on happenings in the community

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8. 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. 3 minutes per individual.)

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 5 Minutes 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT

*For more information on the Neighborhood Commission, please contact Yvonne Palacios at Ypalacios@sanmarcostx.gov.
Neighborhood Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Neighborhood Enhancement – Virtual Zoom
1040 HWY 123, San Marcos, TX 78666

I. Call to Order
   Meeting was called to order by Chair, Michael Adams, at 6:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call
   In attendance: Robert Eby, Michael Vernon, Bobbie Garza-Hernandez, Darla Munoz, Michael Adams, Daniel Martinez, Heidi Holliday Mckitrick, Jai Whiteside and Chase Norris. Absentees are Larry Mock.

III. Citizen Comment Period
   None

IV. Consider Acceptance of March 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes
   MOTION made by Martinez to approve. Seconded by Munoz. All in favor, motion carried.

V. Guest Speaker
   Jon Locke, Finance Director, presented on FY 25 Budget Process. Building the budget is a dynamic process that requires the Finance Dept. to ensure the budget aligns with City Council’s Strategic Goals, focus on core services, be diligent in managing valuable capacity and continually monitoring and responding to changes in revenues and expenses. Locke went over the Budget Calendar with the Commissioners as well as strategic goals, funds, visioning priority list and budget policy highlights. Locke summarized and explained general funds, general fund revenues, general fund expenditures, rolling 12-month average Sales Tax, Top 15 Sales Taxpayers and did a peer city comparison sales tax. Several Commissioners asked questions and inquired about Budget. Locke answered and responded to all questions.

VI. Item up for Action/Discussion
   The Commissioners discussed and reviewed an alternate meeting date for June 19th Meeting which is Juneteenth. June 26th was the requested date by majority. Motion to change June 19 meeting to June 26th was made by Martinez. Seconded by Eby. All in favor, motion carried with unanimous vote of nine Yeas.
   The Commissioners discussed Commissioner Eby’s request to invite an external Guest speaker to discuss options cities have regarding the management of urban deer population. Eby updated the Commissioners on the credentials of the requested Guest speaker, Joseph Plappert, and stated that he would be speaking on assisting the Commissioners on making an informed decision for moving forward with the deer management processes. Adams motioned to invite Joseph Plappert, an external Guest speaker, to speak on deer population. Munoz seconded. All in favor, motion carried with a unanimous vote of nine Yeas.

VII. Reports
   Vitality Coordinator, Tiffany Harris updated the Commission on happenings in the community. Harris informed the Commission of several different events happening soon, such as Shred Day on April 27th, the Rotary club’s town hall meeting on human trafficking & the Core Four community meeting to discuss youth community needs assessments. Harris discussed City UniverCity with Commissioners and stated they are now in week four with 31 people who signed up for the class with 2 Neighborhood Commissioners attending, Daniel
Martinez and Chase Norris. Munoz asked Harris if there was a way to set up a Neighborhood conversation for Sector 8 since there had not been one scheduled for last year or this year. Munoz also asked who to get a hold of for Downtown issues because her and Eby were discussing how to revitalize downtown. Harris mentioned being able to speak to Josie Falleta, Downtown Manager with Main Street program. Harris also informed the Board of the ‘Back to School’ celebration being held on August 3rd at the San Marcos High School. Garza-Hernandez asked Harris if she was aware that the Indigenous Culture Institute also has a ‘Back to School Bash’ in August and that this could create conflict. Harris stated she did not want conflict and would love to have a discussion about it and possibly working together.

Carr gave an update on Short Term Rentals and notified Commissioners that Council had passed it with an amendment. The amendment was to remove ‘One per block or 660 feet away from each other’. Munoz commented and stated that when the ‘one per block’ was removed, essentially every house in San Marcos could become a short-term rental. Carr stated that is correct but does not see that happening. Garza-Hernandez asked if they will still be limiting one per block? Carr stated this is what was removed which caused the amendment. Munoz stated she was very disappointed on this vote by Council and wanted it to be on the record. Garza-Hernandez stated this has never been about not having short term rentals. The problem she has is where they are located and how they impact a neighborhood. If they are zoned for single family neighborhood, that should be respected.

VIII. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public
None

IX. Future Agenda Items
Munoz is asking that someone from the City to come and speak to the Commissioners about the Homelessness situation in town. The Commissioners voted unanimously for an external guest speaker in reference to deer population to be scheduled for a future meeting.

X. Adjournment
MOTION was made by Martinez and seconded by Garza-Hernandez to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The minutes for the April 17, 2024, meeting of the City of San Marcos, Texas Neighborhood Commission are respectfully submitted on May 15, 2024, by Yvonne Palacios, Staff Liaison, Neighborhood Enhancement.

Approved by:

Chair – Michael Adams