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SAN MARCOS NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, June 26, 2024
TIME: 6 p.m.
PLACE: 1040 Texas HWY 123, Conference Rm
Virtual/Hybrid-Zoom Meeting

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The presiding officer for this meeting will be present at the meeting location described above.

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 ypalacios@sanmarcostx.gov prior to 12:00 PM on June 26th, 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 May 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes - 5 Minutes

5. PRESENTATIONS:
   GUEST SPEAKER – Adam Rossing, Assistant Director Public Works - 20 Minutes
   a. Receive presentation on Sidewalk Maintenance Program
   b. Questions and Answers

6. ITEM UP FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION – 25 Minutes
   a. Welcome new Commissioners: Sector 5 - Estella Enriques & Sector 9 - Cory Holland
   b. Consider approval of the City Council Approved Template for Standard City Board/Commission Bylaws
   c. Discuss recommendation of the Parks & Rec Board to implement paid parking at Rio Vista Park

7. REPORTS – 20 Minutes
   a. Commissioner Vernon (Sector 6): Updates on current and future plans for Capes Dam & Thompson Island
   b. 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. **ADJOURNMENT**

*For more information on the Neighborhood Commission, please contact Yvonne Palacios at Ypalacios@sanmarcostx.gov.*
Neighborhood Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
May 15, 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 6:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Citizen Comment Period
None

IV. Consider Acceptance of April 17, 2024, Meeting Minutes
MOTION made by Munoz to approve. Seconded by Martinez. Mock abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

V. Guest Speaker
Two guest speakers were on the agenda. First guest speaker was Jamie Lee Case, Parks and Rec Director and Charles Campbell, Parking Initiatives Manager from Public works, both spoke on a recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Board to implement paid parking in the Rio Vista Park area. Case informed the Commission that the recommendation resolution was passed on February 15, 2024 and the purpose of this resolution is to request the City Council implement paid parking in and around Rio Vista Park. The resolution includes special event rates, holiday rates, full day/half day rates and Rio Vista Parking Lot rates. Residents will be free. Resolution also includes information on allowed documents for proof of residency, reasons for the implementation for the pilot program, dates of the pilot program, benefits and downfalls of the pilot program, leasing or purchasing of equipment and how all revenues of this program shall be deposited into a Parks and Recreation River Benefit District account, created by Council, to be used for park purposes such as improvements and personnel. Case mentioned she would like for the Commission to provide a recommendation resolution, for or against. Case also stated one of the concerns they have is unintended consequences which is why they would like the opinion of the Neighborhood Commission.
Several Commissioners asked questions and voiced concerns about locations, fees, and neighborhood street permit guest parking as an unintended consequence. Case clarified that the baseball field parking lot and Ramon Lucia Park is not part of the recommendation resolution for paid parking. The locations only include the dirt lot in Rio Vista and the street parking along CM Allen. Campbell also informed Commissioners how to establish a residential permit parking zone in their neighborhood. Campbell clarified that the neighborhood would have to come together as a group, not as individuals, to apply and implement the residential permit parking zone in their area where individuals would be cited and towed if they did not have a permit to park in that area. If individuals are parked in the driveway, this does not apply.
The second guest speaker was Joseph Plappert, Urban Wildlife Biologist with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. Plappert presented options cities may have regarding management of urban deer population. The presentation included what deer eat, intentional feeding by humans which is not nutritionally valuable for them. Plappert spoke on how the deer also lose...
fear of humans due to so many of them feeding by hand, etc. but this could be potentially dangerous for the person themselves because of their horns and the potential of the deer getting spooked. They do not recommend supplemental feed for any wildlife in urban spaces. Plappert spoke on several different disease deer may carry and/or spread. He also spoke on public perception of urban deer. The perception varies from loving, hating or being annoyed by them so there should be steps for success to include defining the problem which could be eating landscaping, vehicle collisions, human/deer interaction, disease, and water quality concerns. Also, identifying your goals such as reduce population, reduce vehicle collisions, reduce property damage, maintain healthy deer, and improve water quality. Lastly, build consensus in finding a solution with homeowners, local government officials, HOA’s, media, and local organizations, etc. Plappert continued discussion on urban deer management options which include non-lethal and lethal methods. Commissioners were given the opportunity to ask several questions. All questions were answered by Plappert.

VI. Item up for Action/Discussion
Chair Adams informed Commissioners of new appointments for Sector 5 and Sector 9.

VII. Reports
Vitality Coordinator, Tiffany Harris was at a City event so Director Greg Carr gave the update. Carr reported that there will be a Blanco Garden Public Safety Meeting on June 13, 2024. June 27th is scheduled for a Neighborhood Conversation for Sector 1 and Sector 8 at the Price Center. Carr also updated the Commission on the Resolution that was sent to Council regarding Student Housing. Carr stated Council spoke briefly on the leasing aspect of the recommendation and decided to bring it back for a work session in August.

VIII. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public
None

IX. Future Agenda Items
Vernon asked if he could update the Commission on current and future plans for Capes Dam and Thompson Island. Martinez asked to discuss Rio Vista paid parking. Eby asked to continue the discussion in regard to management of urban deer population.

X. Adjournment
MOTION was made by Carza-Hernandez and seconded by Adams to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The minutes for the May 15, 2024, meeting of the City of San Marcos, Texas Neighborhood Commission are respectfully submitted on June 26, 2024, by Yvonne Palacios, Staff Liaison, Neighborhood Enhancement.

Approved by:

Chair – Michael Adams
City of San Marcos

Sidewalk Maintenance Program

June 26, 2024
Purpose

Review Sidewalk Maintenance Program

Provide Next Steps

Questions and Receive Commission input

Before

After
Sidewalk Maintenance Program Goals

- Remove ADA Barriers and Improve Pedestrian safety
- Identify and improve sidewalk connectivity in underserved and/or high pedestrian traffic areas
- Ensure all new sidewalks will connect to existing sidewalks
- Avoid tree conflicts or tree removal
How Projects are Selected

- Public Meetings
- Citizen requests from live web map of SMTX Connect
- GIS Analytics:
  - Pedestrian involved accidents
  - Underserved Areas
  - High Pedestrian areas:
    - Hospitals
    - Bus Stops
    - Grocery stores
Public Facing Web Map is Live

www.sanmarcostx.gov/306/StreetSidewalks
CIP vs. Maintenance
Sidewalk Projects

CIP / Master Plan Projects
• Requires Bond Funding
• Requires Multiple Years to Design, Fund & Complete
• Right-of-Way Acquisitions Usually Required
• Significant Engineering Design Required
• Utility Conflicts Common

Sidewalk Maintenance Program
• Utilizes Annual Operating Budget
• Can Be Completed in Months
• No Right-of-Way Acquisitions Required
• No Significant Engineering Design Required
• No Utility Conflicts
# Maintenance Locations – FY 2025

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FY 25 Sidewalk Project Examples

- Overlook - Repair failing sidewalks in Neighborhood
- Wonderworld Dr. - Repair ADA Ramps
- Cottonwood Dr. - Eliminate gap and add ramps for access to shopping
- Stagecoach Drive - Eliminate Gap
Completed Steps

- Mailers sent to residents prior to Public Meeting
- Public Meeting was hosted on 4/30/2024
- Mailers sent to residents prior to Neighborhood Commission Meeting
- Neighborhood Commission Meeting to discuss FY25 Sidewalk Projects Plan - 6/26/24
Proposed Next Steps

Present FY25 Sidewalk Projects to City Council 7/2/24 for approval

Send 90-day mailer to landowners and residents

Hand deliver flyers to adjacent addresses two weeks prior to work beginning

Complete sidewalk projects on behalf of the community
Questions and Commission Direction

City staff seeks Neighborhood Commission input and direction to proceed with FY25 Sidewalk Maintenance Plan Projects
MEMO

TO: Stephanie Reyes, City Manager
FROM: Jamie Lee Case, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE: March 25, 2024
RE: Parks & Recreation Board Recommendation Resolution 2024-01RR-PRB

SUMMARY:

Recommendation Resolution was passed by the Parks & Recreation Board on February 15, 2024. The purpose of this Recommendation is to request the City Council implement paid parking in and around Rio Vista Park.

BACKGROUND:

January 18, 2024 – The Parks and Recreation Board held a discussion regarding managed access and parking in Rio Vista Park.

February 15, 2024 – The Parks & Recreation Board approved Recommendation Resolution 2024-01RR.

Fiscal Note: There is currently not an identified funding source to acquire equipment for this area. If Council is interested in proceeding Staff will ask the current vendor if extending the equipment to be leased into this area would be possible. Future budget considerations will be necessary to fund those additional pieces of equipment.

Implementation: As implementation is considered by the Council. It will be necessary to loop in the Parking Advisory Board and likely the Neighborhood Commission to ensure that people wishing to avoid paying do not spill over into the neighborhood.

END
RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Recommendation Number: 2024-01RR – PRB
Paid Parking in Rio Vista Park

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board began discussing ways to generate more revenue for the Parks and Recreation Department following the Cost Recovery Study in late 2019.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board approved Recommendation Resolution 2020-01RR supporting the creation of the River Benefit Parking District with the implementation of paid parking within the district on January 13, 2020.

WHEREAS, following Council discussion and direction received in July 2020, the Parks and Recreation Board and Parking Advisory Board both formed subcommittees to work together on this effort.

WHEREAS, after several months of work the City Council received another Recommendation that both bodies agreed upon to implement a paid parking pilot program in City Park. In May 2021 the City Council provided consensus to proceed with analysis regarding implementation.

WHEREAS, in June 2022, the City Council received a staff update regarding the results of data and vendor analysis regarding the implantation of paid parking within the City Park parking lot. Following discussion, the City Council provided consensus for staff to proceed with a pilot program.

WHEREAS, city staff is currently working through the contracting process for the leasing of equipment for the City Park parking lot pilot program and plan to go live later this year to beta test during the slower winter months.

WHEREAS, Recommendation Resolutions have been submitted by three different Parks and Recreation Boards in January 2020, April 2021 and this will be the third recommendation resolution sent to City Council recommending paid parking in the parks.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that automated time metered cashless pay stations be purchased and installed to manage parking in the river parks area commonly known as Rio Vista Park, including on-street parking spaces and parking lots.
WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that paid parking operate year-round with the following rates:

a. Residents will be free.

b. First half hour will be free for the purposes of loading or unloading and to accommodate persons with mobility issues.

c. On-Street spaces Half-Day rate of less than 4 hours: $10

d. Full Day rate of more than 4 hours between park hours of 6am-10 pm: $15

e. Rio Vista Parking lot $25


G. Special event rate (ex. Texas State graduation): $25 flat fee, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the above recommendations should be implemented for on-street and parking lot spaces on the following: The city owned and managed parking spaces along CM Allen from University Drive to IH-35 Access Rd, Cheatham St from LBJ Dr to Riverside Dr, Riverside drive from Hopkins St to IH-35 Access Rd, and the Rio-Vista parking lot, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the following documents are acceptable for proof of residency:

   a. Valid driver’s license
   b. Current San Marcos Utilities statement with photo ID
   c. Other current utility statement with photo ID
   d. Rental or Housing contract with photo ID
   e. Enhanced Library Card provided by the San Marcos Public Library

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that this pilot program run for a three-year period beginning on May 1, 2024, until May 1, 2027, and

WHEREAS, Staff shall provide the City Council an update of the program’s progress the at the first City Council meeting of December 2024, 2025, and 2026, and

WHEREAS, at the City Council meeting in 2026 it shall be determined whether the pilot program should be concluded and paid parking to become permanent, and
WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that all revenues of this program shall be deposited into a Parks and Recreation River Benefit District account, created by council, to be used for park purposes, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon approval by Council, City Staff shall begin to develop and implement an education campaign informing the public of the pending launch of the program and how residents can enroll their vehicle's information.

Date of Approval: February 15, 2024

For: 6 - John Thomaides, Peter Tschirhart, Amanda Hargrave, Mitch Hoffman, John Hardy, Benjamin Peck
Against: 0
Absent: 3 - Hilary Taylor, Amanda Fox, Derek Gribbin

Attest: Jamie Lee Case
(Staff or board/commission chair can sign)
- City owned and managed parking spaces along CM Allen from University Access Rd (both sides of the street)
- Drive to IH-35 Access Rd
- LBJ Dr to Riverside Dr
- Cheatham St from IH-35 Access Rd (both sides of the street)
- Rio Vista parking lot

Parks and Recreation Board
Paid Parking
Recommendation