I. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board Chair Mitch Hoffman

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present
John Thomaides  
Hilary Taylor  
Peter Tschirhart  
Amanda Hargrave  
Mitch Hoffman  
Amanda Fox  
John Hardy  
Derek Griblin  
Benjamin Peck

Board Members Absent

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 12:00 pm 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.

MINUTES

1. Consider approval, by motion of the November 30, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes and the December 16, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mitch Hoffman, seconded by Peter Tschirhart, to approve the November 30, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes and the December 16, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 8 - Hilary Taylor, Peter Tschirhart, Amanda Hargrave, Mitch Hoffman, Derek Griblin, John Hardy, Benjamin Peck, Amanda Fox

Against: 0 -
**ACTION**

2. Hold discussion and consider the appointment of a committee of board members to review Chapter 58: Public Facilities, Parks and Recreation of the San Marcos City Code to review proposed revisions with staff.

Jamie Lee stated staff has been working on this already. Amanda Hargrave stated she would not be able to join. She asked if this committee would work that same way the previous subcommittee worked. Jamie Lee stated the subcommittee would work on the details and then present their work to the board. John Thomaides has expressed interest in joining the committee. Derek Griblin stated he would like to join the committee as well. Peter Tschirhart stated he would like to join the committee too. Jamie Lee stated she would contact the committee members tomorrow.

A motion was made by Mitch Hoffman, seconded by Amanda Hargrave, to approve the appointment of Derek Griblin, John Thomaides, and Peter Tschirhart as a committee of board members to review Chapter 58: Public Facilities, Parks and Recreation of the San Marcos City Code to review proposed revisions with staff.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 9 - John Thomaides, Hilary Taylor, Peter Tschirhart, Amanda Hargrave, Mitch Hoffman, Derek Griblin John Hardy, Benjamin Peck, Amanda Fox

Against: 0 -

Absent: 0 -

Note: Hilary Taylor joined virtually at 5:32PM. John Hardy joined the meeting virtually at 5:34PM. John Thomaides joined in person at 5:52PM

**DISCUSSION**

3. Receive a Staff update regarding City Council’s discussion and direction related to the single-use beverage container ban recommendation.

Jamie Lee Case gave the update to the Parks board. She stated the council wants to regulate the ordinance rules within the river with “No Zones,” and “Go Zones.” These zones will let park goes know which areas single-use containers are allowed or banned. Jessica Ramos noted the council wants a “Go Zones” away from the riverbanks. Jamie Lee stated City Council will have a First Reading and a Public Hearing to implement the single-use beverage container ban on February 6th. Jamie
Lee stated the council has given direction that no citations will be given in the first season of implementation beginning May 1st, 2024. Amanda Hargrave stated she was in favor not issuing citations for the first season. Jamie Lee noted sales tax revenues are down which means the parks department will have to get creative with their budget to prepare. Amanda Hargrave noted the Texas State students may spend more money in April when they receive their loan money. She also suggested finding volunteers to help educate park and river uses. John Thomaides asked if the $500,000 was for the city or parks department. Benjamin Peck asked if the city was planning on enforcing the rules in the river. Jamie Lee stated council was given advice from the city attorney, so they are moving forward with enforcement in the river.

4. Hold discussion regarding managed access and parking in Rio Vista Park.

John Thomaides presented to the board. He shared his email to Jamie Lee. The email had proposed language for a recommendation for a resolution. He suggested paid parking at Rio Vista Park and the surrounding neighborhood. Residents and non-residents would have to pay for parking through the summer months. John Thomaides stated the revenue from the parking and access would go back to the parks for maintenance and improvements. Amanda Hargrave stated she would support the paid parking and limited access if more public transit was created. She was not in favor of charging or limiting access for residents. Peter Tschirhart suggested paid parking all year long.

REPORTS


Jamie Lee stated the San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance Quarterly Report will be emailed to the board. Mitch Hoffman requested an expense verses profit report. Jamie and Jessica stated they would work with Finance to create a report. Amanda Hargrave asked about raising the enrollment fees. She asked about the current cost recovery for the athletic fees. She asked if those fees are put towards the general fund or in the parks and recreation department funds. Jamie Lee explained the fees are sent to the general fund and allocated to Parks. She stated that the last raise for athletics fees were five years ago.

6. 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.

- Discussion regarding the Activity Center rates
- Recommendation Resolution on managed park access
- Discussion regarding qualifications to become Bird city

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 6:51pm by Mitch Hoffman.

[Signatures]

Parks and Recreation Board Chair

Staff Liaison