I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Board Chair Mitch Hoffman

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present
John Thomaides
Peter Tschirhart
Amanda Hargrave
Mitch Hoffman
John Hardy
Benjamin Peck

Board Members Absent
Hillary Taylor
Amanda Fox
Derek Griblin

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.

III. PRESENTATIONS

1. Receive a presentation from the Planning & Development Services Department on the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan.

   Andrea Villalobos, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Services Department, presented on the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan. She stated that a community survey was done in January 2023. Since that time edits have been made by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. After the edits were made council gave staff direction to complete a community survey for the edits that were made. Ms. Villalobos shared the link and multiple ways the parks board can take the survey and share the survey with the community. She stated this comprehensive plan is very important for future development in our city.

MINUTES

2. Consider approval, by motion of the January 18, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes.
A motion was made by John Thomaides, seconded by Mitch Hoffman, to amend the recommendation to include the statement “Whereas a recommendation resolutions have been submitted by three different Parks and Recreation Boards in May 2021, December 2022, and this will be the third recommendation resolution sent to City Council recommending paid parking in the parks.”

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - John Thomaides, Peter Tschirhart, Amanda Hargrave, Mitch Hoffman, John Hardy, Benjamin Peck

Against: 0 -

Absent: 3 - Hilary Taylor, Amanda Fox, Derek Griblin

A motion was made by Peter Tschirhart, seconded by John Thomaides, to approve the Recommendation Resolution 2024-01RR supporting the implementation of paid parking in the river park area commonly known as Rio Vista Park, including on-street spaces and City owned parking lots.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - John Thomaides, Peter Tschirhart, Amanda Hargrave, Mitch Hoffman, John Hardy, Benjamin Peck

Against: 0 -

Absent: 3 - Hilary Taylor, Amanda Fox, Derek Griblin

DISCUSSION

4. Hold a discussion regarding the Activity Center rates.

Jamie Lee Case presented to the board. Her calculation showed the revenue brought in from memberships, daily entries, and event rentals (Activity Center only). The expenses included maintenance and equipment rentals or leases. She stated the Activity Center is generating revenue as long as the revenues are not expected to cover the cost of labor. Currently salaries are paid through the parks department budget. She stated the current revenue goes into the general fund. Peter Tschirhart stated he would not want to raise the membership fees just for the sake of raising fees for inflation. He would like the memberships fee money to go to the Parks department.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm by Mitch Hoffman.

Mitch Hoffman
Parks and Recreation Board Chair

Vince Valenty
Staff Liaison