City of San Marcos

Regular Meeting
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday May 16, 2019 5:30pm
Activity Center – Multipurpose Room
501 E Hopkins St
San Marcos, Texas

I. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm on Thursday April 18, 2019

II. Roll Call

Present: Eric Gilbertson, Diane Phalen, Maggie Hutchins, Keith Ubben, Josh Simpson,

Absent: Frank Contreras, Richard Shaver, Ryan McGillicuddy, Jordan Buckley

Excused:

Staff Present: Bert Stratemann, Daniel Montemayor

III. 30 Minute Citizen Comment Period: Each speaker signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will be called in the order in which they signed-up. Each speaker will be provided up to three minutes to speak.

Rodrigo Amaya voiced his concerns about the dog beach near the river where issues of dog waste is too close to the river. He also stated his concerns with the boulders at Rio Vista Park that does not allow the public to sit down. He also mentioned a problem with a tree on Cheatham street in which the roots are exposed and the tree is bent over.

Harvey Jenkins also voiced his concerns for fences to be restored. He is concerned about the number of water moccasins around Hopkins near the railroad crossing. He recommends that Park staff take steps to ensure the Parks are safe.

MINUTES

1. Consider approval, by motion, of the April 18, 2019 meeting minutes.
A motion was made by Parks Board member Diane Phalen, second by Parks Board member Josh Simpson to approve the April 18, 2019 minutes. Motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Eric Gilbertson, Diane Phalen, Maggie Hutchins, Keith Ubben, Josh Simpson,

Against: 0

ACTION ITEMS

2. Consider approval of recommendation, encouraging San Marcos City Council to consider additional Park staff positions for the upcoming fiscal year budget.

A motion was made by Parks Board member Maggie Hutchins, second by Parks Board member Keith Ubben to post-pone the action item consider approval of recommendation encouraging San Marcos City Council to consider additional Park staff positions for the upcoming fiscal year budget. Motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Eric Gilbertson, Diane Phalen, Maggie Hutchins, Keith Ubben, Josh Simpson,

Against: 0

3. Consider approval of recommendation, encouraging San Marcos City Council to consider additional Park Rangers positions for the upcoming fiscal year budget.

A motion was made by Parks Board member Maggie Hutchins, second by Parks Board member Josh Simpson to post-pone the action item consider approval of recommendation encouraging San Marcos City Council to consider additional Park Ranger positions for the upcoming fiscal year budget. Motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Eric Gilbertson, Diane Phalen, Maggie Hutchins, Keith Ubben, Josh Simpson,

Against: 0

REPORTS

Parks Board member Maggie Hutchins asked if the Park Ranger report could be provided with a comparison from last year.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. 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.

Agenda Request included to schedule a Park tour
Project updates

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.

Rodrigo Amaya was concerned about factual statements from Park staff in regards to budgetary items

Harvey Jenkins asked about where funding would come for Park Rangers and if they will be trained.

V. Adjournment

A motion was made by Parks Board member Josh Simpson, second by Parks Board member Keith Ubben to adjourn the Parks Board meeting.
Motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Eric Gilbertson, Diane Phalen, Maggie Hutchins, Keith Ubben, Josh Simpson,

Against: 0

Parks Advisory Board Chairman

Facilities/Events Coordinator

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