



**City of San Marcos
Regular Meeting Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
January 19, 2023 5:30 pm**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm by Board Chair Alex Vogt

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Amanda Hargrave
Cherif Gacis
Diane Phalen
Hilary Taylor
John Hardy
Mitch Hoffman
Alex Vogt
Robert Watts
Ryan McGillicuddy

Board Members Absent

Staff Present

Jamie Lee Case, Director
Valerie Valdez, Administrative
Coordinator

Citizen Comment Period: Persons wishing to speak during the citizen comment period please submit your written comments to parkinfo@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.

- Rodrigo Amaya made a public comment regarding unavailable parking at J.J. Stokes Park. He also made comments regarding the City Marshal's Office and law enforcement reform.
- Dr. David Joyner, P.E., gave a brief overview of his proposal, and stated he was available for comments regarding the Palace Way Park development.
- Harvey Jenkins made a public comment regarding the fence line in the river parks. He stated the fences are a danger as they attract venomous snakes.

III.

PRESENTATION

1. Receive a Staff presentation on the comp plan and downtown plan.

Andrea Villalobos, Planning Manager, gave a presentation on the upcoming comprehension plan and downtown plan. The plans include community input regarding parks.

MINUTES

2. Consider approval, by motion of the December 15, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Hilary Taylor, seconded by Cherif Gacis, to approve the December 15, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For:	9 -	Amanda Hargrave, Cherif Gacis, Alex Vogt, Robert Watts, Mitch Hoffman, Diane Phalen, Hilary Taylor, John Hardy, Ryan McGillicuddy
Against:	0 -	
Absent:	0 -	

ACTION

3. Consider approval, by motion, of a request by David Joyner on behalf of Palace Way Partners LLC for the dedication of approximately 2.34 acres of parkland to be owned and maintained by the developer and a fee-in-lieu of Parkland Dedication in the amount of \$30,994.34 for a manufactured home park development within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of San Marcos, commonly known as Palace Way Park and located at 4087 Hwy 21.

Julia Cleary, City Planner, presented the proposed parkland dedication and fee-in-lieu to the board. She noted there were changes made to the amount in acreage from 2.34 acres to 1.76985, and the fee-in-lieu amount changed from \$30,994.34 to \$45,539.99. She stated this area has been annexed. This proposal has conditional staff approval of the fee-in-lieu and parkland dedication that the dedicated parkland shall be privately maintained. Alex Vogt had questions regarding the walking trails and pedestrian pathways. Cherif Gacis had concerns regarding flooding in the parkland dedication area. Ryan McGillicuddy and Amanda Hargrave echoed Cherif's concerns about the water levels after a flooding event. Ryan McGillicuddy asked where the nearest parks are located to the development. Dr. David Joyner, P.E., stated other amenities would be available to residents only.

A motion was made by Alex Vogt, seconded by Hilary Taylor, to approve the dedication of approximately 2.34 acres of parkland to be owned and maintained by the developer and a fee-in-lieu of Parkland Dedication in the amount of \$30,994.34 for a manufactured home park development within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of San Marcos, commonly known as Palace Way Park and located at 4087 Hwy 21.

The motion failed by the following vote:

For:	3 - Robert Watts, Hilary Taylor, John Hardy
Against:	4 - Amanda Hargrave, Cherif Gacis, Diane Phalen, Mitch Hoffman, Ryan McGillicuddy
Abstained	1 - Alex Vogt
Absent:	0 -

A motion was made by Hilary Taylor, seconded by Alex Vogt, to amend the dedication from 2.34 acres of parkland to 1.76985 acres of parkland, and a fee-in-lieu of Parkland Dedication in the amount of \$30,994.34 to \$45,539.99.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For:	9 - Amanda Hargrave, Cherif Gacis, Alex Vogt, Robert Watts, Mitch Hoffman, Diane Phalen, Hilary Taylor, John Hardy, Ryan McGillicuddy
Against:	0 -
Absent:	0 -

A motion was made by Ryan McGillicuddy, seconded by Amanda Hargrave, to deny the dedication of approximately 2.34 acres of parkland to be owned and maintained by the developer and a fee-in-lieu of Parkland Dedication in the amount of \$30,994.34 for a manufactured home park development within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of San Marcos, commonly known as Palace Way Park and located at 4087 Hwy 21.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For:	5 - Amanda Hargrave, Cherif Gacis, Mitch Hoffman, Diane Phalen, Ryan McGillicuddy
Against:	4 - Hilary Taylor, John Hardy, Robert Watts, Alex Vogt,
Absent:	0 -

4. Hold discussion regarding a proposed Recommendation Resolution recognizing Bicycles as a valuable form of transportation and recreation and urging the community to continue to invest in this form of transportation for benefit of our people, parks, and natural areas.

Alex Vogt explained to the board that he would like to present this recommendation resolution to city council in support of the bike riding community. Amanda Hargraves had reservations about the recommendation stating this recommendation would set a precedent for supporters of other types of transportation to request the parks board to propose recommendation resolutions for their causes. Mitch Hoffman and Diane Phalen stated they did not have any issues with the recommendation resolution. After additional explanation by Alex Vogt, it was decided that this item will be added to the next agenda.

5. Receive a Staff update regarding paid parking implementation in City Park parking lot.

Jamie Lee Case gave the board an update regarding the last city council meeting.

City council has requested that the Jamie Lee Case work with parking advisory board on the technology aspect of the equipment. Jamie Lee Case stated the procurement of the equipment is unknown at this time. Due to the meetings with the parking advisory board and the time to procure the equipment it is likely the timeline will be pushed past May 1, 2023. She stated she will meet with the parking advisory board on the next Monday. Per the City Council member at least one cash machine will be included in the pilot program. Jamie Lee Case stated there are several discussions going on operationally to figure out the details of the placement and maintenance of the cash machine. This will be a standing item on the agenda.

6. Receive a Staff update and hold discussion regarding parkland fee-in-lieu and parkland development fee calculations.

Jamie Lee Case stated there are no updates at this time.

7. Receive a Staff update and hold discussion regarding the Natural Area Land Management Plan.

Jamie Lee Case stated she is waiting on maps from the Fire Department with safety access. Once the maps are available the draft will likely be ready in March.

REPORTS

8. Receive the following reports: Park Projects Monthly Report, Athletic Division Monthly Report, Youth Services Division Monthly Report, Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Monthly Report, and San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance Quarterly Report.



Amanda Hargrave asked about the funds from the Sights and Sounds event. Jamie Lee Case informed her that Sight and Sounds is a not-for-profit organization separate from city funds.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. 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.*
 - Update on the river park fence line placed by the Habitat Conservation Plan.
 - Discussion regarding Cottonwood Creek hike and bike trail in the greenspace.
 - Recommendation Resolution recognizing Bicycles as a valuable form of transportation and recreation and urging the community to continue to invest in this form of transportation for benefit of our people, parks, and natural areas.

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.*

David Joyner, P.E., asked the board questions regarding park land dedication and fee in lieu options. Ryan McGillicuddy stated he would prefer more parkland. Alex Vogt stated he agreed with Ryan that parkland dedication is preferred.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm by Board Chair Alex Vogt.



Parks and Recreation Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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