



**City of San Marcos  
Regular Meeting  
San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth  
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 | 12:00 p.m.  
San Marcos Activity Center- Multipurpose Room  
501 E. Hopkins  
San Marcos, Texas**

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**I. Call to Order**

With a quorum present, the regular meeting of the San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth was called to order by Anne Halsey at 12:02pm Wednesday, February 6, 2019 in the multi-purpose room of the San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:** 14 - Catherine Marler, Nicole Rivera, Melissa Derrick, Michelle Hamilton, Marty Nelson, Kim Porterfield, Billy Stokes, Mattie Howard, Anne Halsey, Marlene Moriarity, Alexandra Mylius, Suad Hooper, David Swain, Christian Duran

**Absent:** 0 -

**Staff Present:** 2 - Jessica Ramos, Christie Murillo

**Others Present:** 6 - Gabby Ruiz, Kate Warnell, Alex Chandler, Elton Fite, Drew Wells, Melissa Neel

**III. 30 Minute Citizen Comment Period**

None.

**MINUTES**

**1. A motion was made by Michelle Hamilton, seconded by Billy Stokes, to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2019 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 14 - Catherine Marler, Nicole Rivera, Melissa Derrick, Michelle Hamilton, Marty Nelson, Kim Porterfield, Billy Stokes, Mattie Howard, Anne Halsey, Marlene Moriarity, Alexandra Mylius, Suad Hooper, David Swain, Christian Duran

**Against:** 0 -

**PRESENTATIONS**

2. Elton Fite from the Boys and Girls Club gives a presentation on the new Teen Center located in

the Dunbar neighborhood (Mitchell ST).

- The center is currently in it's second school year.
  - Serves grades 6-12
  - M-F, 3pm-6:30pm; second and fourth Saturday, 10am-2pm
  - In 2017, 75 kids were served onsite; 35 served at Miller Middle School
  - Games, media, t-shirt shop
  - Classes teach financial literacy, healthy living and more
3. Alex Chandler from the E3 Alliance gives a presentation regarding deliberative dialogues about education after high school.
- E3 Alliance is a collective impact organization
  - Function as a data driven conduit that gets the right people in the same room together to positively influence student outcomes
  - Deliberative dialogues talk about the importance of post secondary degree/certification
  - Only 43% of adults in Texas have a post secondary degree/certification; without that only 12% will earn a living wage in the next decade
  - E3 Alliance will be hosting these dialogue events in late March/early April
  - Handout discusses how to sign up to be a facilitator; at least 20 are needed
4. Commissioner Billy Stokes will be sending an email regarding mapping poverty.
- To be discussed at next meeting
  - Census data says poverty in San Marcos is at 37% -- really it's at 22% without college students; Texas is at 16% poverty.
  - Report on reducing poverty in the city of Richmond, VA. This report talks about decreasing poverty and also increasing the wealth.
  - Commissioner Stokes will also be taking a look at the recently released ALICE report and what it takes to live in San Marcos.
5. Commissioner Kim Porterfield updates Commission on the Listening Project that has been undertaking by the San Marcos Youth Commission (SMYC).
- Listening Project will be to determine what current barriers to improving outcomes for youth and families are and then developing some initiatives.
  - SMYC will have a booth and also breakout sessions at YouthFest on April 6, 2019.
  - SMYC is still having a hard time making quorum and there was a discussion at last City Council meeting as to what to do about this Commission.
  - Current members of SMYC Chair Ben Murdoch developed a survey asking questions about high school, post secondary plans, extracurricular activities, fiscal health, mental health. It also includes some demographic info. Survey will take place in February or March.
  - Two members: Aubrey Ashton and Catarina Vazquez will be attending a Youth Advisory Commission Conference in Ft. Worth on February 23-24.
  - Commissioner Porterfield discusses the possibility of implementing the Seedling Mentoring Program in San Marcos. Seedling aims to mentor kids whose parents have been deported or are incarcerated. Commissioner Porterfield will work with San Marcos CISD representative, Commissioner Nicole Rivera, on the possibility of incorporating this with other district mentoring programs.

## ACTION ITEMS

6. A motion was made by Michelle Hamilton, seconded by Suad Hooper, to approve the by-laws created by City Council that were presented at the January meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 14 - Catherine Marler, Nicole Rivera, Melissa Derrick, Michelle Hamilton, Marty Nelson, Kim Porterfield, Billy Stokes, Mattie Howard, Anne Halsey, Marlene Moriarity, Alexandra Mylius, Suad Hooper, David Swain, Christian Duran

Against: 0 -

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Jessica Ramos presents budget spreadsheet, which shows the current allocation of budgeted funds.
- Priority area #1
  - Priority area #2
  - Priority area #3 possible Seedling mentorship program (\$10,000)
  - Priority area #4 (\$2,000)
  - Priority area #5 (\$15,000)
8. City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation Interim Director, Drew Wells, and Assistant Director of Finance, Melissa Neel, give a presentation on a current Fee Policy project underway in the City.
- At the direction of City Manager's office, the Finance Department has been tasked with taking a look at all the fees in the city and placing them into a classification pyramid
  - Pyramid = community; community/individual; individual/community; highly individualized; exclusively individual
  - Using a cost recovery methodology developed by a consulting company--standardized process
  - Finance Department is working with Parks and Recreation on this right now. It will start with staff placing each of the department's fees into where they think they belong on the pyramid.
  - City Manager's office would like key stakeholders, such as SMCCY, to have input as well

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion of poverty reports
- Grant Review Subcommittee recommendation—still need one more Commissioner to join this subcommittee
- Learning Lab MOU and Press Release
- Press Release about Ft. Worth Conference
- Mental Health Coalition update

## IV. Questions and Answer Session with Press and Public

None.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34pm by Anne Halsey

  
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San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth Advisory Board Chairman  
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