



**City of San Marcos  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Parks and Recreation Board  
September 21, 2023 5:30 pm**

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board Vice Chair Benjamin Peck

**II. Roll Call**

**Board Members Present**

Benjamin Peck  
John Hardy  
Amanda Fox  
John Thomaides  
Hilary Taylor  
Peter Tschirhart  
Amanda Hargrave

**Board Members Absent**

Mitch Hoffman

**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](mailto: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.

Tom Goynes spoke in favor of the single use container ban.

Dan Huebner spoke in favor of the single use container ban.

Monique Tschurr emailed her comments in favor of the single use container ban.

**PRESENTATION**

1. Receive a presentation from the Arts Commission regarding the possibility of creating murals on the basketball courts in parks.

Kelly King Arts Commission Vice Chair and Charlotte Wattigny Creative Marketing Manager CVB presented their proposal to the board. The board had questions about the cost, types of materials, timeline, and using local artist. Charlotte stated the Arts Commission could bring back more information if the Parks board was interested in the project. Discussion was had regarding hosting a community survey about the mural. The board requested the Arts Commission and Parks staff work together and bring this item back to follow up.

**MINUTES**

2. Consider approval, by motion of the August 24, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

**A motion was made by Benjamin Peck, seconded by Peter Tschirhart, to approve the August 24, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

For:	5 - Benjamin Peck, Amanda Fox, John Thomaides, Hilary Taylor, Peter Tschirhart
Against:	0 -
Absent:	2 - Mitch Hoffman, John Hardy
Abstain	1 - Amanda Hargrave

## **ACTION**

3. Consider approval, by motion, of a request by Tyler Harris, on behalf of Kimley-Horn for dedication of 1.36 acres of publicly accessible parkland and a Fee-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication in the amount of \$66,554 for a multifamily development located approximately 700 feet East of IH-35, South of Aquarena Springs Drive.

Kaitlyn Buckley, City Planner, presented the proposed dedication to the board. Staff gave approval for the dedication. The board felt that the proposal could be better. The developers asked for feedback for improvement of the proposal. Overall, the board stated they would like the proposal at 100% of parkland dedication. They also stated the ratio of residents to parkland was not satisfactory. Jamie Case stated that the board can email their suggestions to her, and she would forward that to Kaitlyn Buckley to share with the developer.

**A motion was made by Benjamin Peck, seconded by Peter Tschirhart, to approve the dedication of 1.36 acres of publicly accessible parkland and a Fee-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication in the amount of \$66,554 for a multifamily development located approximately 700 feet East of IH-35, South of Aquarena Springs Drive.**

**The motion failed by the following vote:**

For:	3 - John Hardy, Hilary Taylor, Peter Tschirhart
Against:	4 - Amanda Fox, Benjamin Peck, Amanda Hargrave, John Thomaides
Absent:	1 - Mitch Hoffman

**A motion was made by John Thomaidēs, seconded by Benjamin Peck, to postpone the dedication of 1.36 acres of publicly accessible parkland and a Fee-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication in the amount of \$66,554 for a multifamily development located approximately 700 feet East of IH-35, South of Aquarena Springs Drive, with the ability for staff to convey the board members feedback to the developers.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

For: 5 - John Hardy, Peter Tschirhart,  
Amanda Fox, Benjamin Peck, John Thomaidēs

Against: 1 - Amanda Hargrave

Absent: 2 - Mitch Hoffman, Hilary Taylor

Note: John Hardy joined the meeting virtually at 6:18PM. Hilary Taylor left the meeting before the postponement vote.

## **DISCUSSION**

4. Receive a Staff presentation and hold discussion regarding the proposed addition of a process and criteria specific to city-owned historic landmarks to the existing City Policy for the naming of City parks and Facilities approved by City Council Resolution 1997-88R.

Alison Brake the Historic Preservation Officer presented to the board. She stated that they would like to create a process for naming of city owned historic landmarks. She stated the policy is specific to parks and recreation. She noted the city has not gone through the process of renaming a historical landmark. The board gave positive feedback in agreement with the process as it is written.

5. Receive a Staff update and hold discussion regarding City Council's discussion regarding a single use container ban.

Jamie Case stated that city council gave direction to proceed with the implantation of a single use container ban. They have charged the parks board with working on the implementation. Jamie Case stated the staff has scheduled an internal meeting with parks, community enhancement, and city marshals to figure out what is need for the staff to implement the ban. She stated the board could create a subcommittee to meet with staff to bring back a recommendation, or they could request that staff brings back a recommendation. Benjamin Peck, John Thomaidēs, and John Hardy joined the subcommittee. Jamie Case stated there is 121 acres of city owned parkland on the river. The enforcement will be the biggest challenge.

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

Jamie Lee Case stated the Parking Advisory Board will review the implementation plans at their next meeting.

## REPORTS

7. 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.

Reports were emailed to the board members.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. 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 from subcommittee for single use container.

**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.*

No comments were made.

## V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm by Benjamin Peck.

  
Parks and Recreation Board Chair

  
Staff Liaison