

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL
550 Landa St**

Tuesday, Sept 12, 2023, at 6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Turner called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Joe Turner, Tom Blagg, Katie Rae Preston, Jason Vreeland, Amber Brown

Board members absent:

Staff members present: Geronimo Aguirre, Recreation Manager; Jeff Bransford, Park Development Manager; Shannon Jackson, Parks Analyst

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting of July 11, 2022.

Jason Vreeland made a motion to approve the minutes; Katie Rae Preston seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Noel Koenig, Recreation Supervisor, left the city on July 21st to start a new position with the Texas Renaissance Festival. Samantha Morrison has transitioned from the Fischer Park Assistant Supervisor to the Landa Recreation Supervisor.

Kristen Carden resigned from the Board in early September due to her other commitments. Her contribution to the Board will be greatly missed.

A dedication will be held on October 21st to designate the Landa Park Founders' Oak as a Comanche Council Oak during the annual Arbor Day Celebration.

CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

- Judy Mares spoke on the need for outdoor pickleball courts. She met with Chad at the Zipp Sports Complex Open House. Seguin has built a 9-court complex. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America for 3rd year in a row. Ms. Mares is making an official request for outdoor courts in New Braunfels. Her suggestion would be to share the Prince Solms Tennis Courts.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Parks Capital Projects Update

- Scott McClelland gave an update on the Parks projects currently under way.
- Alligator Creek Trail: working on the spurs to connect to neighborhoods and Goodwin Lane. A public open house was held in June, 57 participants attended, 18 comments were recorded.
- Dry Comal Segment 1: Currently working on rights-of-way, funded in design by EDC. Coordination with Union Pacific to go underneath the train bridge is awaiting permitting. 80% construction funded through AAMPO and scheduled for 2025. A public meeting was held on Aug 24. There were 107 participants and 42 written comments received. Feasibility study and design on segments 2&3 funded by EDC but no funding identified for construction.
- Zipp Sports Complex: EDC will fund additional \$3.5 million, final design changes are in progress, anticipate construction start in late 2023. 700 parking spots projected.

- Mission Hill Park Phase 2: RFQ to be advertised in Sept-Oct.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- A. Discussion and appointment of Vice Chair
 - a. Jason Vreeland was unanimously appointed to the position of Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- B. Discussion and date selection for October Meeting
 - a. The committee voted to move the next meeting date to October 17th.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Summer wrap-up
- River wrap-up

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Approved on October 17, 2023, by:

Joe Turner, Chair

Chad Donegan, Director

| Member | Current Term | Regular & Special Meetings Held 12/22-12/23 | Attended | Missed |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|----------|--------|
| Joe Turner | 10/16/18 – 11/30/24 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Tom Blagg | 10/16/18 – 11/30/25 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Katie Rae Preston | 10/20/20 – 10/13/23 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Jason Vreeland | 10/20/20 – 10/13/23 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Amber Brown | 12/1/21 – 11/30/24 | 6 | 6 | 0 |