

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

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Joe Turner, Amber Brown, Bryan Feltner, Tom Blagg, Katie Rae Preston, Kristen Carden
Board members absent: Jason Vreeland,
Staff members present: Stacey Dicke, Director; Ylda Capriccioso, Park Development Manager; Shannon Jackson, Parks Analyst

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting of March 8, 2022

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

RECOGNITIONS

May is Bike Month. Follow social media for updates.

CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

Nancy Papas gave kudos to Ylda for CycloVIVA this past weekend.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Landa Park Mini Golf Hole Design Update

- Staff has worked with senior engineering students at Texas State University to design new hole accessories for two holes. Student Emily Owens was on hand to present the designs to the Park Board. April 22nd is the target deadline for installation.

B. April River Update

- David Davenport will present next meeting. River Committee has not met since Feb. Bond update, Heather Harrison nominated to Bond Committee to represent the River Committee. Informed that river projects were not likely to be recommended. Outdoor warning system update. Shuttle permitting process, 93 permits available, 88 renewals, 5 available but 10 applications.

C. One Water in New Braunfels

- Mark Enders, Watershed Program Manager and Sarah Richard, NBU Director of Customer Solutions provided an overview of One Water- an integrated planning and implementation approach to managing finite water resources for long term resilience and reliability, meeting both community and ecosystem needs. NBU, City, and GBRA joint project.

D. Summer Programs/Operations Update

- Update on summer hiring, pay rates increased and \$250 incentive. Initially drew in more applications but that has slowed. Camp Counselors, park rangers and lifeguards staffing levels are extremely low.

E. 2023 Bond Advisory Committee Update

- The Bond Advisory Committee last met on April 4, 2022. The Committee confirmed the list of projects to recommend to City Council for further study. Most of these projects will complete preliminary engineering reports to verify cost estimates. This work will be done over the summer. Once cost estimates are completed, the Committee will reconvene this fall to work on a final list of projects to fit within the \$180 million Bond budget. That list will be forwarded to City Council for their approval and placement on the bond ballot. Park projects included on the list for preliminary engineering include: Mission Hill (#9), Guadalupe River Properties (#22), Landa Park Circulation (#18), NW Community Park (conceptual plan and land acquisition) (#25), Callen's Castle (#26), HEB Soccer Complex

Improvements (#30). Staff is working to secure costs for the engineering work. Based on the fees for each project, some of the identified projects may be removed based on the budget limit for this preliminary work. Additionally, Alligator Creek (#11) is already funded for construction design in the FY2021-2022 Budget.

F. April Park Projects Update

- **Mission Hill Park Update:** Work is progressing on Phase 1A. The parking area has been graded and the sidewalk is beginning to take shape. Drainage infrastructure is being installed.
- **Fischer Park/Niagara Grant:** NRPA/Niagara Water Perk Your Park Grant Update -Stantec Consulting has begun the design of Fischer Park Nature Play. Play equipment is on a 12-14 week schedule and anticipated construction timing will be in late summer. Staff is waiting on final design documents from Stantec.
- **Elizabeth Street Parking Project:** A ribbon cutting for the parking lot took place on Thursday, April 7th. The parking lot is now open. Paid parking begins May 1 - Labor Day. Cost is \$10 per vehicle on weekends only. Residents residing inside the city limits can get a parking pass that allows them to park in this lot for free. Hinman Island Drive and Elizabeth Avenue remain closed due to ongoing NBU projects. These streets are expected to reopen at the end of May.
- **Fischer Park Playground Replacement:** Demolition of the existing playground is scheduled for the week after Easter. Demolition will take about three days. Installation of the new equipment and surfacing will take about 3 weeks.

G. Prince Solms Parking Lot

- The parking lot and drive within Prince Solms was repaved and striped on April 7-8, 2022.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Changes to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws Including

- Kristen Carden made motion to approve the change to the second Tuesday of the month, the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Summer Updates
- Joint Meeting with River Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Approved on June 14, 2022, by:

Joe Turner, Chair

Stacey Dicke, Director

Member	Current Term	Regular & Special Meetings Held 12/21-12/22	Attended	Missed
Joe Turner	10/16/18 – 11/30/24	5	4	1
Bryan Feltner	9/22/14 – 10/13/23	5	2	3
Tom Blagg	10/16/18 – 11/30/22	5	3	2
Kristen Carden	10/14/19 -10/14/22	5	5	0
Katie Rae Preston	10/20/20 – 10/13/23	5	5	0
Jason Vreeland	10/20/20 – 10/13/23	5	4	1
Amber Brown	12/1/21 – 11/30/24	5	5	0