

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

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Tom Blagg, Bryan Feltner, Joe Turner, Katie Rae Preston, Jason Vreeland, Emily Lane, Kristen Carden

Board members absent: None

Staff members present: Stacey Dicke, Director; Ken Wilson, Assistant Director; Ylda Capriccioso, Park Development Manager; Shannon Jackson, Parks Analyst

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting of Jan 19, 2021.

Bryan Feltner made a motion to approve the minutes; Tom Blagg seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

None.

CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

James Holster made a few comments on Sunbelt Park and its original intended purpose.

PRESENTATIONS

A. River Activities Update

- David Davenport provided an update from the River Activities Committee. Officers were elected, David Davenport – Chair, Darren Hill – Vice Chair. Committee is looking at the COVID challenges of the coming summer.

B. Park Development Update

- Timmerman Park (2 acres) in the August Fields subdivision is now a part of the city's park inventory.
- Oak Creek is a 46-acre greenbelt gifted by D. R. Horton to the Parks Foundation to hold in trust for the City. The MOU between the Park Foundation and the City was approved on March 8th.
- Arroyo Verde is a 15-acre greenbelt park land dedication requirement of the developer to be donated to the Parks Foundation to hold in trust for the City. Currently in review for final approval.
- Park Land and Development Fee phase 3 (100%) to start March 28th.

C. Park Projects Update

- **Dry Comal Trail Loop Extension:** The Comal Trails Alliance recommended re-establishing the old 0.5-mile extension at the nature trail. The need to re-establish the trail is to eliminate pedestrian and bike overlaps along the trail. The Dry Comal nature trail is the only nature trail that allows mountain biking. Currently, the trail path is three feet wide with only one way in and out of the various trail segments.
- **Alligator Creek Master Plan:** On March 3 the EDC approved an expenditure up to \$58,000 for professional services agreement with Vickrey and Associates, Inc. for preliminary design of the Alligator Creek Trail. The City will participate in funding the project as well in the amount of

\$43,000 from Park Development Funds. The plan will include both the east and west portions of Alligator Creek.

- **Mission Hill Park Update:** Work to plat the property is still underway. Comments from Engineering are being received and will be addressed by consultants in the final set of drawings. Once drawing are complete, the project can go to bid. The Planning Commission held a public hearing at their meeting on March 4 regarding the neighboring property. The property owner requested a Special Use Permit to allow two story residential development with a maximum building height of 35’.
- **Elizabeth Street Parking Project:** Work continues on the project with all asphalt milled in parking lot and roadway. Contractor is working out conflicts with water and AT&T utilities in the roadway.
- **NBU Sewer Line Replacement – Hinman Island Drive:** The first bore pit by Wurstfest has been completed. The Hinman Island bridge segment piers have been poured and contractors are working to clean up this area. Liebscher Drive in Prince Solms Park has been repaved. Concrete and paver work at the gateway is underway. The bore pit at the top of Prince Solms will remain in place until the entire section is complete.
- **Fischer Park Splashpad Resurfacing:** Contractors are working on resurfacing the area at the splashpad. The surfacing had worn down and become slippery. The new surfacing is slip resistant, fired-on paint.
- **2019 Bond Projects**
 - a. **Cemetery Walls:** The gateways have been repainted and the fence along Peace Avenue is almost complete.
 - b. **All Ability Equipment:** Waiting on delivery of swing/shade equipment for Fischer Park.
 - c. **Sports Complex:** Waiting on estimated costs for reuse water system for irrigation and IT.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

None.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. **River Activities Summer Update**
- B. **Das Rec Update**
- C. **Winter Storm Update**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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