

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

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Feltner called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Tom Blagg, Bryan Feltner, Katie Rae Preston, Jason Vreeland, Emily Lane, Kristen Carden
Board members absent: Joe Turner
Staff members present: Ken Wilson, Assistant Director; Ylda Capriccioso, Park Development Manager; Shannon Jackson, Parks Analyst

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting of March 9, 2021.

Jason Vreeland made a motion to approve the minutes; Tom Blagg seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

May is Bike Month and events will be taking place all month long for this year's CycloVIVA event. Wein & Saengerfest Lite will be held on May 1st.

CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

A. River Activities Update

- David Davenport was unable to attend. Update will be provided at the next meeting.

B. Park Development Update

- **Arroyo Verde:** The hike and bike trail that is scheduled to be completed at the end of May will be a part of the West Alligator Creek Trail.
- **Mayfair:** Mayfair is a large-scale residential (6,000 homes) and commercial development being proposed in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of New Braunfels and will be subject to the 2018 Park Land Dedication and Development ordinance.

C. Presentation on New Braunfels at Work

- Neil Rose, GIS Manager for the City, gave an overview of the new information dashboard available on the City's website showing upcoming, in progress, and completed CIP projects in the City.

D. Park Projects Update

- **Dry Comal Greenway Trail Update:** The New Braunfels EDC considered two items related to the DC Greenway Trail. The first was an item to fund a contract with Bain Medina Bain Consultants for \$375,000 to complete design of Segment 1 of the Dry Comal Creek Hike and Bike Trail. The project limits include Walnut Ave to Landa Street, Landa Street to Landa Park Drive to Elizabeth Ave. The request will return next month for final approval. The other was to consider providing the 20% local match for the construction funding the City recently applied for via the Transportation Alternative funding at the Alamo Area MPO.

- **Mission Hill Park Update:** The plat has been submitted for city review. 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 do to bid. Council approved the amendment of a Special Use Permit for property neighboring the park.
- **Elizabeth Street Parking Project:** Work has stopped on site until the water line conflict can be addressed by lowering the water lines. This delay has extended the timeline for the project and a new completion date will be targeted once the utility work is underway, but the original May completion will not be met.
- **NBU N. Kuehler 30-33” sewer line replacement:** The contractor is currently beginning to backfill both bore pits and begin clean-up on the Hinman Island portion of the project. They are currently prepping to pour the walkways and staircase on the gateway side of the walking bridge. The handrails on the walking bridge are complete and the contractor still has a goal of completing and opening the gateway, walking bridge and playground area by May 1, 2021. The Prince Solms portion of the project is complete with exception of the bore pit at the top of the park. The pit is secured, and the anticipated completion date of this project is August 2021 but currently has little impact to park usage.
- **2019 Bond Projects**
 - a. **All Ability Equipment:** The site preparation for the swings at Fischer Park was completed last week. Swings will arrive this week ready for install. By the end of April, the PIP surfacing will be complete, and the swings ready for use by May.
 - b. **Sports Complex:** Estimate for a reuse water system came in considerably less than installing potable water at the site. Discussions with all parties involved are underway to form an agreement of how the system will be owned and operated. Staff will schedule a meeting with project stakeholders to review updated plans and amenities for feedback prior to finalizing the plans.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Discuss and consider speed humps on Landa Park Drive

Garry Ford, Public Works Assistant Director, spoke on the incidents on Wednesday evenings causing concern from area residents about the safety of the area. At this time, the recommended action is to have PD monitor the area during those evenings to deter the activity. A study of the speeds on the roadway during daytime hours shows average speeds are in the safe range but the roadways are not at normal traffic levels due to construction. The Board will ask for more information on this item again once the roadways have returned to normal.

B. Appointment of one member to Cemetery Committee

- a. Bryan Feltner made a motion to approved reappointment of Betty Kyle to the Cemetery Committee, Kristen Carden made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of new Parks and Recreation Vision and Mission

- a. Thomas Blagg made a motion to approve the new Vision and Mission statements, Katie Rae Preston made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. Das Rec Update
- B. Winter Storm Update

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Member	Current Term	Regular & Special Meetings Held 10/20-10/21	Attended	Missed
Joe Turner	10/16/18 – 10/16/22	6	5	1
Bryan Feltner	9/22/14 – 10/13/23	6	5	1
Tom Blagg	10/16/18 – 10/16/21	6	6	0
Emily Lane	10/14/19 -10/14/22	6	4	2
Kristen Carden	10/14/19 -10/14/22	6	5	1
Katie Rae Preston	10/20/20 – 10/13/23	6	6	0
Jason Vreeland	10/20/20 – 10/13/23	6	6	0