



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS
RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE &
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2021
MINUTES**

Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

River Advisory Committee Members present: David Davenport, Heather Harrison, Sarah Shea, Darren Hill and Andy Powell.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members present: Kristen Carden, Joe Turner, Katie Rae Preston, Jason Vieeland,

City staff members present: Assistant City Manager, Kristi Aday; Chief of Police, Keith Lane; Parks and Recreation Director, Stacey Dicke; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Ken Wilson; IT Director, Tony Gonzalez; Park Ranger Superintendent Marika I. Misangyi; Police Lieutenant, Steve Hanna; Police Lieutenant, Joe Robles; Ylda Capriccioso, ; Parks Analyst, Shannon Jackson and Management Assistant, Linda Mendoza.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Turner called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

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2. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

There was no citizens' communication

3. DISCUSS 2021 RIVER SEASON PREPARATIONS

Ms. Aday gave a shuttle permit update to the River Advisory Committee and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members. Parking will be an issue, but staff is working on mitigating this to the extent possible. Education on the rivers is taking place. Hiring is a challenge as we are not able to go into the schools this year for outreach, but staff has alternative plans.

Marika stated that queuing is staff intensive, so training begins in May to prepare the park rangers. Coordination with lifeguards also exists in the event of an emergency. They will continue to educate new tubers.

Ms. Dicke stated that hiring continues and facilities open in May. With short staffing, some main operations at LPAC may be limited.

Chief Lane is 20 officers short currently strategically deploying less officers to cover both river and community patrol. In previous years more officers were on the river to make the tubers feel better but not necessarily needed. More officers can be used if crowds necessitate it.

Mr. Wilson updated the members on the construction in the parks. NBU sewer and water line projects are on track and the Elizabeth Street waterline relocation, parking lot and street projects are projected to be completed before Wurstfest.

Ms. Aday stated that the Outfitter meeting on May 5th covered digital reporting and wristband ordering. River booth cashier training begins next week.



4. UPDATE ON COMAL RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Ms. Aday stated that 30% design is being worked on at this time. Mr. Turner asked how this project could be funded and Ms. Aday stated we will go to the EDC 4B Board. Also, the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) can possibly be used for regional Parks that draw tourist. We are looking at a 2023 Bond Program and will include it into this next bond program. It did not make the 2019 bond program.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and RAC joint meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Approved on June 17, 2021 by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Davenport", is written over a horizontal line.

David Davenport, Chair