

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

**Tuesday, July 20, 2021 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, Bryan Feltner, Katie Rae Preston, Jason Vreeland

Board members absent: Emily Lane, Kristen Carden

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 June 22, 2021.*

Jason Vreeland made a motion to approve the minutes; Bryan Feltner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**RECOGNITIONS**

None

**CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**A. New Braunfels Parks Foundation Update**

- Joyce Compton was unable to attend. Update will be provided at the next meeting.

**B. Park Development Update**

- Ylda Capriccioso will provide an update to the Board on park land development in an upcoming meeting. She reviewed the level of service analysis from the 2017 Parks Strategic Master Plan and listed out the 5 new park areas that add a total of 189.16 acres to the total. She reviewed the recently released 2021 ParkScore Index. New Braunfels is listed in the index and can be viewed on their website.

**C. Update on Term Dates for Boards and Commissions**

- The City Secretary's office has recommended, and City Council approved, aligning term dates to two times per year (fall and spring). Fall terms would begin on December 1 and end on November 30. Applications for these positions will be sought in September. City Council will consider appointments in October/November. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Cemetery Committee and the Landa Park Golf Course Advisory Board would all fall under the fall terms. By-laws will be updated after final council approval. Additionally, the City Secretary's office has installed new software (ONBOARD) to manage the application process.

**D. Park Projects Update**

- **Alligator Creek Trail Master Plan Update:** First meeting of the steering committee was held on July 7. The committee received background information on the watershed, site analysis review, overview of the preliminary design process, and participated in a mini-charrette. A public meeting is proposed for September following another steering committee meeting.
- **Dry Comal Trail Update:** On June 14 the City Council approved a \$375,000 contract with San Antonio-based engineering firm Bain Medina Bain. The contract will finalize design on a portion

of the Dry Comal Creek Hike and Bike Trail from Walnut Avenue to the Elizabeth Street shared-use path. The funding source was approved in May by the New Braunfels Economic Development Board (4B).

- **Mission Hill Park Update:** The Plat is finalized, TCEQ permit and City permits are in progress and the project has been issued for bid with the proposals due on August 8th. An archeological study for the site has been approved and will be conducted by the Texas State University Archeology Department and should be complete in August 2021. Cost for the study will be \$9,754.
- **Cypress Bend Restroom Update:** The project is in preliminary stages of the feasibility study for this restroom replacement/upgrade. Engineering contract with M&S Engineering to see options.
- **Elizabeth Street Parking Project:** The waterline construction is complete, the roadway contractor mobilized and is now back to work, coordinating project with AT&T, Verizon, and Wurstfest. Targeting September 2021 for roadway reopening and December 2021 for final completion. Staff and contractor working to expedite project ahead of Wurstfest in November 2021.
- **NBU sewer line replacement – Hinman Island Drive:** Hinman Island Drive is still closed. Crews are expected to begin paving next week (weather dependent). Street lighting will need to be reinstalled as well.
- **Sports Complex Update:** GVSUD and CalPine are working towards a contract regarding a potential reuse water system for the sports complex. The project team is currently working on IT needs, revising cost estimates and preparation of final bid documents. The project was scheduled to be bid in October; however, this date may be extended as the irrigation/water design has not been finalized.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- **Parking Ordinance at Prince Solms Park**

Mary Hammon with the City's Engineering Department presented on the proposed ordinance to make the 'yellow curb' areas of Prince Solms Park a no parking area. The Police Department is no longer able to ticket for yellow curbs, the City is looking to make yellow curb areas no parking by ordinance and install signage. Bryan Feltner made a motion to recommend for City Council to approve the ordinance, Jason Vreeland made the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

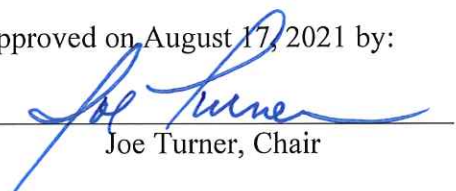
#### AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. River Update
- B. Comal River Improvements Plan Update
- C. End of summer update

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Approved on August 17, 2021 by:

  
Joe Turner, Chair  
Stacey Dicke, Director

Member	Current Term	Regular & Special Meetings Held 10/20-10/21	Attended	Missed
Joe Turner	10/16/18 – 10/16/22	8	7	1
Bryan Feltner	9/22/14 – 10/13/23	8	6	2
Tom Blagg	10/16/18 – 10/16/21	8	8	0
Emily Lane	10/14/19 -10/14/22	8	4	4
Kristen Carden	10/14/19 -10/14/22	8	6	2
Katie Rae Preston	10/20/20 – 10/13/23	8	8	0
Jason Vreeland	10/20/20 – 10/13/23	8	8	0

