

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**CITY HALL
550 Landa St**

Tuesday, August 17, 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, Jason Vreeland

Board members absent: Emily Lane, Kristen Carden, Katie Rae Preston

Staff members present: Stacey Dicke, Director; Ken Wilson, Assistant Director, Ylida Capriccioso, Park

Development Manager; Shannon Jackson, Parks Analyst, Stephanie Chelar, Recreation Center Manager; Geronimo Aguirre, Recreation Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting of June 22, 2021.

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

RECOGNITIONS

We are excited to announce that Stephanie Chelar has been promoted to Das Rec Manager. Stephanie has worked for the City of New Braunfels since 2018 when she was hired as the Athletics/Fitness Supervisor for Das Rec.

CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

A. River Committee Activities

- David Davenport gave an update on the EAA Conservation Plan, an updated count of Resident River Parking Passes and River Passes issued, and revenue collected from parking fees and river management fees. The next River Committee Meeting will be held on August 19th.

B. New Braunfels Parks Foundation Update

- Joyce Compton, Parks Foundation President, gave an update from this past year. The foundation has raised \$8,300 from the Dos Rios 5K, sale of Puppy Playland t-shirts, and donations through Amazon Smile.

C. Summer 2021 Programs Update

- Geronimo Aguirre, Recreation Programs Manager, gave an update on how summer has gone for the Recreation Division. Overall, staff saw very high participation numbers and were able to hold everything with precautions. Lack of staff applying was a large hurdle this season leading to reduced facility offerings especially at LPAC.
- Day Camp registration opened on April 1, 2021 and the entire summer of Camp Minnehaha was sold out in less than two minutes. Fischer Park Nature Camp was sold out by the end of the day. There were over 100 families on the waitlist for the summer. Staff is working with City Management to locate a second site in order to provide more day camp opportunities for families.
- Memberships at Das Rec continue to climb and are holding steady just below 12,000.
- Of the five scheduled performances of Live @ Landa, rain cancelled two concerts and postponed one.

D. Park Development Update

- **Perk Your Park Contest-** NRPA and Niagara Bottling are partnering to give two communities a \$90,000 grant to improve a park with an online daily voting contest called “Perk Your Park.” New Braunfels along with four other communities were hand selected by NRPA. Parks and Communications are developing a marketing plan using social media to other tactics to promote voting and the project.

E. Park Projects Update

- **Alligator Creek Trail Master Plan Update:** The steering committee will meet on August 18, 2021. The committee focused on east Alligator Creek Trail site analysis review, reviewed the alignment options for west and east. A community meeting is scheduled for September 15 at the NBU Service Center located on FM 306.
- **Dry Comal Trail Update:** The steering committee will meet on August 20, 2021. The meeting will review the master plan, final design scope and timing. Currently, segment 1 on the recommended for MPO funding under the Transportation Alternatives funding source. The MPO Policy Board will approve funding recommendations on August 28, with approval for funding contracts in May 2022.
- **Mission Hill Park Update:** The bid that was issued for the project was pulled after receiving comments from TCEQ regarding the drainage permit. The Design team has been asked to add the storm water treatment and ensure the parking area and storm system are compatible with future phases. This will increase the overall cost of the project, but still within funding capabilities. Archeology study site visits were held August 12 & 13. This report will essentially provide additional documentation of known items of interest and should be approved fairly quickly. Staff anticipates revised bid documents from the design team by 8/31 with a goal to rebid the project by mid-September.
- **Cypress Bend Restroom Update:** The Environmental Constraints Report has been completed. The Engineering team is now refining their proposed recommendations/options based on that report.
- **Elizabeth Street Parking Project:** The waterline construction and base stabilization are complete. Target mid-November (after Wurstfest) for roadway reopening and December 2021 for final completion.
- **NBU sewer line replacement – Hinman Island Drive:** Contractor is completing final paving Hinman Island Drive and currently working on landscape sign replacement. Related to this project is the NBU 24” water line replacement. Contractors will dig an 8’ bore pit along Hinman Island Drive (on the golf Course property) to bore under #17 green and tie to water line coming from Elizabeth Street. After Wurstfest, a 55’ deep bore pit will be dug at the same location along to tie the water coming from Landa RV Park.
- **Sports Complex Update:** The Design Team continues to work on preparing construction documents for bidding. A decision with GVSUD/GBRA/CalPine has not been reached in order to make a determination on re-use water for irrigation. Staff is refining the Operations and Maintenance Plan and beginning to develop a list of FF&E that is needed for the opening of the facility.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- **Consider Date Change for September Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**
The next meeting is scheduled for September 20th, staff will be in Nashville attending NRPA. The new proposed date is September 14th.

The board moves to approve the new meeting date of September 14th. Bryan Feltner made a motion to approved and a second was made by Jason Vreeland. The motion passed.

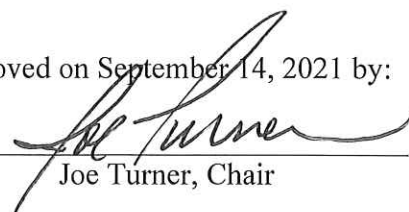
AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

A. River Update

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Approved on September 14, 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	9	8	1
Bryan Feltner	9/22/14 – 10/13/23	9	7	2
Tom Blagg	10/16/18 – 10/16/21	9	9	0
Emily Lane	10/14/19 -10/14/22	9	4	5
Kristen Carden	10/14/19 -10/14/22	9	6	3
Katie Rae Preston	10/20/20 – 10/13/23	9	8	1
Jason Vreeland	10/20/20 – 10/13/23	9	9	0

