
AGENDA

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Volunteer recognition awards

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commission meeting held on April 21, 2021

APPROVE

2. **GENERAL FACILITY SCHEDULING**

Consider outdoor facility use requests for May 20 – June 16, 2021

APPROVE

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

3. Youth Sports Council Meeting Minutes

NOTE & FILE

4. San Marcos Resident E-Bike Working Group Update

NOTE & FILE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Report from the Parks & Recreation Director

NOTE & FILE

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

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Date: May 13, 2021



Krystal Mainprize, Commission Secretary

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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the San Marcos Parks & Recreation Commission

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

GoToMeeting – Link in City Calendar

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Jay Franklin called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairperson Jay Franklin

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present

FRANKLIN	(4/4) 100%
HERNANDEZ	(3/4) 75%
LINDSAY	(4/4) 100%
MOCKUS-VALENZUELA	(4/4) 100%
PRESTININZI (ALT)	(3/4) 75%
ROBLES	(3/4) 75%
SENSMEIER	(4/4) 100%
SMITH	(4/4) 100%

Commissioners Absent

ALSO PRESENT:

Director Buck Martin, Assistant Director Andrea Gonzalez, Commission Secretary Krystal Mainprize.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Volunteer recognition awards – there were none recommended.

CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR ELECTION

Chair Franklin noted it has been an honor to chair the commission and he would love to continue doing so.

Commissioner Mockus-Valenzuela nominated Commissioner Franklin as Chair.

Commissioner Franklin nominated Commissioner Lindsay as Vice-Chair.

No opposing candidates were presented.

COMMISSIONERS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ELECT JAY FRANKLIN AS CHAIR AND TRAVIS LINDSAY AS VICE- CHAIR. ABSTENTIONS: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Smith asked now that we are in orange tier what the limitations on capacity is. Buck Martin said we are following all of the County protocol and for outdoor shelter reservation's we are allowed up to 100 people at the gathering.

Commissioner Mockus-Valenzuela has one correction to the minutes on page 3 under her oral communication the word media needs to be added to the sentence right after social.

COMMISSIONER SENSMEIER MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 & 2 WITH THE STATED CORRECTION TO ITEM 1, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

3. Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Franklin noted the majority of the meeting was spent discussing e-bikes and the measure proposed by the Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) to allow class 1 & 2 e-bikes on trails. City staff presented an agenda with bullet items and a recommendation for which trails can accommodate the e-bikes and the few that would not be able to. TAC members thoroughly discussed the use, restrictions and mix of equestrian use on trails.

Vice-Chair Lindsay noted if you do a small amount of research you will see that there is very little difference between a mechanical bike versus and class 1 & 2 e-bike. Chair Franklin added the battery/pedal assists on the e-bikes allows members of our community to utilize the trails that would otherwise not be able to.

Commissioner Sensmeier appreciated how thorough the minutes were. Sensmeier noted she has had various opinions along the way but reading through the minutes and having conversations with individuals who have e-bikes, and also having a husband who is handicapped who would not be able use the trails without the assist, she is in favor of allowing e-bikes on the City trails. She is comforted to see TAC members saying they have seen them in use and people aren't speeding and there hasn't been any major issues or conflicts between uses so far.

Vice-Chair Lindsay noted what was not discussed by the TAC is the possible need for areas that might be solely dedicated for equestrian use possibly based on safety concerns. The issue heavily addressed by the TAC was whether bikes versus e-bikes are equivalent. Lindsay feels there are reasons why we may restrict certain features at a park for certain uses. We have facilities, fields and park features that are dedicated to specific uses and he feels the equestrian use was overlooked. He feels we need to look at if there should be

Commissioner Smith asked how would we tell the difference and regulate someone riding a Class 3 e-bike. Class 3 was not up for discussion because the Commission did not ask them to consider this use. Buck Martin said the State allows Class 1& 2 bikes in state parks and it was given to cities and municipalities to use if they didn't already have an ordinance in place.

Commissioner Smith understands there was a representative from the equestrian community who is in favor of e-bikes as she is also an e-bike user. Smith asked if we received other comments from the equestrian community and is this all the representation we can get at this time.

Vice-Chair Lindsay said the discussion at the TAC did not include a representation from the equestrian community however an equestrian was present at the meeting. Lindsay feels there is two issues at hand and they are being confused. One is whether mechanical bikes are equivalent to class 1 & 2 e-bikes. The other issue is whether the increase in mechanical and e-bikes on the trails be a safety issue or pose a hazard for the equestrians. Lindsay feels we need to focus on the concern and safety of the equestrian users and get a better representation of that user group.

Commissioner Prestininzi asked if there was discussion on the speed limit on the e-bikes. Taylor Oshinski noted the maximum speed on the trails is 15 miles per hour.

4. E-Bike Recommendation to Council

Vice-Chair Lindsay reiterated that we have a recommendation from TAC to change the City ordinances to include class 1 & 2 e-bikes to be equivalent to a mechanical bike to be allowed in City parks and trails. Lindsay's concern is the equestrian community concerns were not addressed in this matter. Lindsay said the request from the equestrian community is whether there are areas in San Marcos that should be restricted from bicycle traffic, bicycle traffic being class 1 & 2 e-bikes and mechanical bikes. Lindsay feels what that an evaluation of whether or not it makes sense to have restrictions in certain areas that protect the nature of the equestrian community.

Lindsay's recommendation is to reject the recommendation from the TAC, not because e-bikes shouldn't be allowed but because we need to form a working group to determine if there is a reason to set aside some trail areas for equestrian use only and consider both parties' points of view. This group should be tasked with deciding how to implement e-bikes into the City trail system and consider any safety or traffic issues which could impact other trail users such as mechanical bikes, equestrians or pedestrians.

Commissioner Hernandez noted that trails are multi-purpose or multi use facilities already so he is not so sure that they fall under a category to exclude a certain use from them. He does feel it would be beneficial to discuss the safety and use issue further before a decision is made.

Chair Franklin noted this was a great discussion and feels it would be in our best interest to form a working group with mountain bike, equestrian, and City personnel such as a ranger and engineer. This item will be tabled and kept on the agenda.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY MOCKUS-VALENZUELA TO TABLE THIS ITEM TO A FUTURE MEETING.

AYES: FRANKLIN, HERNANDEZ, LINDSAY, MOCKUS-VALENZUELA, PRESTININZI, ROBLES, SMITH

NAYES: SENSMEIER

5. Park Naming Subcommittee Recommendation to Council

Commissioner Robles mentioned the committee drafted two recommendations being Paseo del Arroyo and Creekside Park and they were asked to make three name recommendations but only two were chosen.

Vice-Chair Lindsay noted the City solicited input from its City residents and did not reach outside of the City for the park naming process. During the committee discussions it was brought up to look at Native American naming as we did with Innovation Park. Lindsay swayed toward a historical name which is why they suggested Paseo del Arroyo as their first choice.

Commissioner Mockus-Valenzuela noted the submissions for The People's Park were included and provided to the park naming subcommittee along with 100 submissions.

Chair Franklin noted the names before us to vote on are Paseo del Arroyo and Creekside Park.

MOVED BY SENSMEIER, SECOND BY MOCKUS-VALENZUELA AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND THE NAMES OF PASEO DEL ARROYO AND CREEKSIDE PARK TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Parks & Recreation Director Buck Martin provided an update on the following items:

- Andrea Gonzalez is now the District 12 President for California Parks and Recreation Society for San Diego and Imperial Counties.
- Adventure Camp sold out the morning of registration and he thanked Brian Thill and his team who assisted with the registration.
- The Senior Center will host a fun ice cream social event in the parking lot.
- The Summer Recreation Guide will be coming out in the next few weeks.
- Thanked Commissioner Lindsay at the CERT team for assisting with the City vaccination program.
- The project the City has been working on for some time along with TOVEA has started with the removal of the announcer's booth and the new one will be constructed in the next couple of months.
- The spring event went well and we gave away 20,000 plastic eggs and 400 craft project kits for pickup.
- The Friends of San Marcos donated \$1,000 to the fireworks fund as well as Scripps Hospital, and Rotary Club. Commissioners were thanked for their dedicated volunteer work fundraising for the show.
- The May City Council meeting will be held in person and we also hope to bring our meetings back to in person in the near future.
- May is Water Safety Month and we will do a proclamation at the May council meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Senior Center Meals email, Andrea Gonzalez noted there is no waiting list for any senior meals and the budget was increased to accommodate all seniors.
- Commission Secretary read the email from Joely Proudfit for the agenda item on the park naming recommendations.

- Andrea Gonzalez noted the email regarding the Woodland Park Duck Pond was addressed and the City will need to dredge the pond as this needs to happen every three years and we will do the work in the Fall and the Ranger division works closely with them to mitigate any animal issues.
- Commission Secretary read the email from Joanne Harris on the park naming in favor of People's Park after Pia Harris-Ebert. Commissioner Sensmeier wanted to make sure the subcommittee considered that name as it was recommended. The subcommittee did

COMMISSIONER COMMENTARY

- Commissioner Smith thanked staff for getting through this difficult year and she is glad to see things are getting back on track. She congratulated Andrea on her president seat and Chair Franklin and Vice Chair Lindsay in continuing to lead the Commission.
- Commissioner Robles mentioned that the San Marcos Boys and Girls Club has a member named Derick Diaz, who was selected as San Diego County Youth of the Year. He was born and raised here in San Marcos and has had a lot of obstacles in his life. He is a sophomore with a 4.0 GPA, he is part of the Youth Prevention Coalition and is competing for State Youth of the Year.
- Commissioner Prestininzi is glad everything is getting back on track and thanked everyone for all they do.
- Commissioner Hernandez noted as we are getting back to some normalcy and has plans to host a get together to show their appreciation and is looking forward to seeing everyone in person.
- Commissioner Sensmeier congratulated Andrea on her presidency role and is glad to see her get acknowledged.
- Commissioner Mockus-Valenzuela congratulated Andrea and thanked staff for creating a post for Mental Health Month.
- Vice-Chair Lindsay thanked Commissioners for electing him again and he enjoys working with everyone and learns so much from each Commissioner. Lindsay thanked the City by hosting vaccination sites and glad he was able to be part of the process.
- Chair-Franklin noted it is an honor to Chair and thanked Vice-Chair Franklin for keeping him on track and congratulated Andrea on her role with CPRS. Franklin thanked Commissioners for the work they all put into the process and this helps Council makes their job easier with the naming application process we have in place. It is an honor to represent San Marcos as we are so fortunate to have all our parks and trails.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON FRANKLIN ADJOURNED THE APRIL 21, 2021 SAN MARCOS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AT 7:26 P.M.

ATTEST:

Jay Franklin, Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission
City of San Marcos

Krystal Mainprize, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission
City of San Marcos

Date	Day	Start - End Time	Event	Event Type	Permit#	Attend
May 21, 2021	Friday	09:15 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	12
May 22, 2021	Saturday	01:30 PM -	Baby Shower	Park Shelter	R7783	35
May 22, 2021	Saturday	07:00 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	14
May 22, 2021	Saturday	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	AKMA - Exercise-no equipment	Park Shelter	R7752	25
May 22, 2021	Saturday	09:00 AM -	Birthday Party	Park Shelter	R7803	30
May 22, 2021	Saturday	09:00 AM -	Youth Soccer	City Event/Meeting	R7745	1
May 23, 2021	Sunday	01:30 PM -	Birthday	Park Shelter	R7797	30
May 23, 2021	Sunday	01:30 PM -	Medellin Gathering	Park Shelter	R7781	30
May 23, 2021	Sunday	09:00 AM -	Masgras Gathering	Park Shelter	R7801	70
May 23, 2021	Sunday	09:00 AM -	SD Church of Christ	Park Shelter	R7680	100
May 23, 2021	Sunday	09:00 AM -	Bridge Church	Park Shelter	R7675	50
May 23, 2021	Sunday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Graduation Gathering	Park Shelter	R7784	40
May 24, 2021	Monday	09:15 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	12
May 26, 2021	Wednesday	09:15 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	12
May 28, 2021	Friday	01:30 PM -	Children's Chorus	Park Shelter	R7770	75
May 28, 2021	Friday	09:15 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	12
May 29, 2021	Saturday	07:00 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	14
May 29, 2021	Saturday	09:00 AM -	Youth Soccer	City Event/Meeting	R7745	1
May 29, 2021	Saturday	01:30 PM -	Birthday Party	Park Shelter	R7795	30
May 30, 2021	Sunday	09:00 AM -	SD Church of Christ	Park Shelter	R7680	100
May 30, 2021	Sunday	09:00 AM -	Birthday Party	Park Shelter	R7742	20
May 30, 2021	Sunday	09:00 AM -	Bridge Church	Park Shelter	R7675	50
May 31, 2021	Monday	01:30 PM -	Religious Gathering	Park Shelter	R7767	75
May 31, 2021	Monday	09:15 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	12
Jun 2, 2021	Wednesday	09:15 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	12
Jun 4, 2021	Friday	10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Activity: Get Smart with Art @ San Elijo Gazebo - 1495			10
Jun 4, 2021	Friday	09:15 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	12
Jun 5, 2021	Saturday	09:00 AM -	Sanders Birthday	Park Shelter	R7775	30
Jun 5, 2021	Saturday	07:00 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	14
Jun 5, 2021	Saturday	01:30 PM -	Redmon Gathering	Park Shelter	R7800	20
Jun 5, 2021	Saturday	01:30 PM -	Office Gathering	Park Shelter	R7789	35
Jun 5, 2021	Saturday	01:30 PM -	Birthday Party	Park Shelter	R7761	50
Jun 6, 2021	Sunday	09:00 AM -	Cristili Gathering	Park Shelter	R7799	30
Jun 6, 2021	Sunday	09:00 AM -	SD Church of Christ	Park Shelter	R7680	100
Jun 6, 2021	Sunday	01:30 PM -	Birthday Party	Park Shelter	R7815	25
Jun 7, 2021	Monday	09:15 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	12
Jun 7, 2021	Monday	03:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Royal Academy Dance Recital	City Event/Meeting	R7704	14
Jun 9, 2021	Wednesday	09:15 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	12
Jun 9, 2021	Wednesday	03:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Royal Academy Dance Recital	City Event/Meeting	R7704	14

Jun 11, 2021	Friday	10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Activity: Get Smart with Art @ San Elijo Gazebo - 1495			10
Jun 11, 2021	Friday	09:15 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	12
Jun 12, 2021	Saturday	01:30 PM -	Limas Birthday	Park Shelter	R7726	15
Jun 12, 2021	Saturday	07:00 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	14
Jun 12, 2021	Saturday	09:00 AM -	De La Cruz Birthday	Park Shelter	R7779	50
Jun 12, 2021	Saturday	09:00 AM -	Birthday	Park Shelter	R7751	30
Jun 12, 2021	Saturday	09:00 AM -	Lopez Gathering	Park Shelter	R7778	35
Jun 12, 2021	Saturday	09:00 AM -	Baby Shower	Park Shelter	R7810	65
Jun 12, 2021	Saturday	01:30 PM -	Birthday Party	Park Shelter	R7805	20
Jun 13, 2021	Sunday	09:00 AM -	SD Church of Christ	Park Shelter	R7680	100
Jun 14, 2021	Monday	09:15 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	12
Jun 16, 2021	Wednesday	09:15 AM -	Stroller Strides	Commercial Park Use	R7674	12



YOUTH SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

1 Civic Center Drive

Attendance: All members present except San Marcos Girls Softball and San Marcos Youth Rugby.

Staff present: James Daza, Eric Lechlitter, and Stew Rutledge.

Parks & Recreation Commissioner: N/A

Call to order

James Daza called the Youth Sports Council meeting to order at 6:08pm.

San Marcos Unified School District Update

San Marcos Unified School District update was given by Procoro Pena.

Procoro informed all members that San Elijo Middle School is the only approved location for YSC access. Procoro confirmed that all SMUSD fields will be closed from June 10 through August 16. Ryl (San Marcos Pop Warner) asked if they would still be approved for their game days at Mission Hills and San Marcos High School for their fall season. James notified Ryl that they would have to submit the request through Facilitron and SMUSD to gain approval when those school sites are open.

Sport Field Updates

The sports fields update was given by Stew Rutledge.

Stew informed all members that most of the multipurpose fields are in poor condition. All natural grass multipurpose fields except Walnut Grove South, Las Posas Upper and Multipurpose #2 at Bradley Park will be closed from June 1 through July 31 for rest and renovation. Stew gave updates for ongoing projects at various parks. Public Works had a light check done for sports field lighting and is waiting on parts to repair field #2 at Mission Sports Park. One pole of lights is out that is causing a dark spot on the field, he is hopeful to have parts in early June and work completed by the middle of June.



Cell phone tower projects at Sunset and Las Posas are complete. The Sunset Park soccer arena plexiglass will be replaced on May 12 and May 13, the current plexiglass is hazy and in poor condition. The Bradley Park soccer arena shade structure project is moving forward and should be completed by at the end of May. The shade structure will cover spectator seating areas.

The Connors Park multipurpose field is scheduled for grooming the 4th Thursday of each month from 7am to 10am. Stew also mentioned that the new synthetic turf at Mission Sports Park is holding up well since being installed.

Park Rangers

James provided the Park Ranger hotline phone number (760-744-9494 ext 3707) to all members. He reminded all members that if they need assistance with another organization on their allocated fields to contact City staff or the Park Ranger hotline. If they encounter any public safety issues at the parks to contact the Sheriff's Department non emergency line (760-510-5200) or 911 depending on the severity of the incident.

Registration Numbers

James reminded all YSC soccer organizations that he needs to collect all club numbers broken down by teams and age groups. James reminded all soccer organizations that the recreation participation numbers are due on the third Monday in June.

Summer Soccer Allocation

With the multipurpose field closure and still not having access to Palomar College or SMUSD fields, James stated all organizations will have to work together to come up with a field use solution for June and July.

Youth Sports Guidelines & Protocols

James reminded all YSC members that all sports in San Marcos are still in the Orange Tier. The City of San Marcos is waiting for updated guidance from the State before approving any special event permits for tournaments this year.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tues, June 1 @ 6pm. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.