

AGENDA

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commission meeting held on June 18, 2025

APPROVE

2. **GENERAL FACILITY SCHEDULING**

Consider facility & park use requests for July 17 - August 20, 2025

APPROVE

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

3. Annual Report – San Marcos Youth Baseball

NOTE & FILE

4. Annual Report – Budget

NOTE & FILE

5. TAC Meeting Minutes – July 9th

NOTE & FILE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Report from the Parks & Recreation Assistant Director

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT



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1 Civic Center Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069

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Date: July 10, 2025

Evelyn Slay, Commission Secretary

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025

LOCATION OF MEETING - City Council Chambers
1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00p.m. Chair Franklin called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Franklin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: FRANKLIN, LINDSAY, MOCKUS-VALENZUELA,
PRESTININZI, ROBLES, SENSMEIER, SMITH

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: GARCIA

Also present were: Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Andrea Gonzalez, Senior Management Analyst Evelyn Slay, and Recreation Leader Erin Rimmereid.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes, 5/21/2025

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOCKUS-VALENZUELA AND CARRIED TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM #1 AS PRESENTED. CHAIR FRAKLIN AND VICE-CHAIR LINDSAY ABSTAINED.

2. Approval of General Facility Scheduling, 5/22 - 6/18/2025

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOCKUS-VALENZUELA AND CARRIED TO UNANIMOUSLY APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM #2 AS PRESENTED.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

3. Annual Report- San Marcos Youth Lacrosse

Torry Schoch from San Marcos Youth Lacrosse gave the presentation.

Key Updates:

- Record participation (165 athletes), largest to date
- Fully volunteer-run program; community-oriented and scholarship-supported
- Increased engagement in younger age divisions (K-2 especially)
- Boys and Girls divisions are now unified; high school coaches and alumni are engaged as paid assistants
- Strategic focus on elementary outreach and board expansion

Discussion Points:

- Vice-Chair Lindsay inquired about field use and scheduling. Torry explained that the sport is played in Spring in San Marcos, unlike other cities where it is year-round. Field allocations are generally effective, except during rain, when blacktop surfaces are used. Torry expressed a need for additional turf fields.
- Chair Franklin asked for details on the scholarship process. Torry confirmed the program is outlined in the bylaws and includes equipment rental support. The goal is to ensure all interested participants can play. Scholarships are promoted during registration and shared through word-of-mouth. Chair Franklin requested a financial impact report in the future.
- Commissioner Robles asked about involvement with SMUSD events. Torry noted that a formal school outreach program is not yet established. Commissioner Robles recommended working with school liaisons and attending youth events.
- Chair Franklin asked about the board's size. Torry stated the board consists of four members.

4. Watershed Program- Discovery Lake Presentation

Reed Thornberry- Watershed Program Manager and Edith Santana-Watershed Adminstrator, gave the presentation.

Key Updates:

- SolarBee SB5000 installed in 2021 to reduce algae and improve dissolved oxygen levels
- Device functions through laminar flow and operates continuously with solar power
- Noted improvement in water quality, reduction in algae complaints, and successful maintenance record
- Funding approved (\$350K CIP) to evaluate shoreline vegetation overgrowth and water quality strategies
- Consideration of dredging, water supplementation, and additional oxygenation methods

Discussion Points:

- Commissioners emphasized the lake's importance as both a valuable city asset and a symbolic feature of the community.
- Commissioner Mockus-Valenzuela noted receiving public inquiries about vegetation regrowth and asked whether funding was available to assess and address it. Torry confirmed that there are both plans in place for evaluation and funding allocated for this purpose.
- Commissioner Prestininzi asked for clarification on the term "DO." Reed explained that DO stands for "dissolved oxygen." Commissioner Prestininzi also inquired whether the system functions through circulation rather than filtration. Reed confirmed that it is a circulation-based system.
- Vice-Chair Lindsay asked for more detail regarding the study mentioned in Reed's presentation, including the nature of the study and the scope of the \$350,000 CIP (Capital Improvement Program) budget. Reed noted the study encompasses logistics, permitting, and maintaining public access. Vice-Chair Lindsay also inquired about the level of sediment accumulation and the potential for State funding if sediment dredging is pursued. Reed confirmed these considerations are part of the planning and that State funding is a possibility.
- Commissioner Robles questioned whether the lake-related efforts were incorporated into the City's General Plan. Reed responded that they are not part of the study currently being published on the City's website, but regulatory compliance and permitting oversight fall under Public Works. Reed added that the Communications team helps disseminate Watershed Program updates to the public. Commissioner Robles requested that future public updates include clearer, more accessible language.
- Chair Franklin asked about the expected lifespan of the lake aeration device. Reed estimated it to be approximately 15 years, noting it has been in place for the last four years. Chair Franklin inquired about the consistency of equipment checks and how staff time is allocated for monitoring. Reed indicated that while checks are conducted, improvements are needed in data consistency, particularly following major rain events. Chair Franklin also asked if the mitigation process has started. Reed confirmed that funding for these efforts began on July 1st and referenced Measure Q as a funding source for improvements.

5. Annual Staff Report- Nature Center/Family Programs

Recreation Leader Erin Rimmereid gave the presentation.

Key Updates:

- 25 school field trips conducted (Title I schools fully funded via Friends of San Marcos & Vallecitos Water District)
- Private parties hosted weekly, positive participant feedback
- High attendance for free Sunday openings (100–200 visitors)
- 2024 Junior Ranger Day drew 300+ participants with multi-vendor support
- Social media efforts significantly expanded, including viral video campaigns
- Family craft programs continue monthly (\$5–7), with high registration

- Halloween Spectacular to debut Oct 4 at Walnut Grove Park, replacing previous Pumpkin Breakfast

Discussion Points:

- Commissioner Mockus-Valenzuela inquired whether parking availability would remain the same and if overflow parking were available to accommodate more families. Erin responded that there are over 400 designated parking spots, with additional overflow parking in nearby areas. A survey was distributed, and resulting feedback was used to guide recent changes. Heritage Park, the adjacent historical society park site will also be utilized and open to the public to highlight additional facilities during the event.
- Commissioner Robles praised the survey efforts and asked why the event was scheduled for October 4th, citing potential conflicts with soccer tournaments and other fall festivals. Robles also suggested recruiting volunteers and exploring donation options, such as partnering with Friends of San Marcos or similar non-profits, to provide tickets or sponsor Family Fun Night activities. Additional ideas included distributing event tickets to schools and offering free craft items to encourage participation.
- Commissioner Smith highlighted that the events are a cost-effective option for birthday parties and noted positive feedback from field trips. She emphasized the role of word-of-mouth in promoting these offerings.
- Chair Franklin mentioned a successful community rock snake featured on social media, which included 150 painted rocks from the Adventure Day Camp. He recommended increasing promotion and incorporating pop-up painting sessions to boost community engagement.
- Chair Franklin stressed the importance of using QR codes for outreach and noted the upcoming change to the City's website domain from .net to .gov. Commissioner Robles added that large-format QR code posters could be shared with school district representatives, PTO groups, and English Learner Program leaders to help promote events across schools.
- Commissioner Smith expressed support for holding the Halloween event on an earlier date, stating it was well-received.

6. Park Naming Subcommittee Recommendation to Council

Commissioners Prestininzi, Smith, and Mockus-Valenzuela presented a summary of their subcommittee discussions and recommended four potential names for the new park located in the Community in North City area:

- Cascade Hills Park
- Hillside Park
- Horizon Hills Park
- Skyview Park

Discussion Highlights:

The proposed names were inspired by the park's elevation, views, and natural landscape features, including a prominent slide descending the hillside.

- Commissioners agreed to avoid personal names to maintain neutrality and ensure broad

community appeal.

- The list will be submitted to City Council in alphabetical order, without any prioritization or ranking.
- Commissioner Sensmeier inquired about the next steps in the process.
- Staff confirmed that the list and report would be included in the July 8th City Council meeting agenda.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SENSMEIER, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR LINDSAY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT AND ALPHABETIZED LIST OF PARK NAMES FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AS PRESENTED.

7. YSC Meeting Minutes- June 3, 2025

Chair Franklin attended the meeting and provided a summary of the events discussed.

- Commissioners acknowledged the meeting minutes and noted remarks by San Marcos Youth Lacrosse President on the city's positive support.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

PARKS AND RECREATION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT

Assistant Director Gonzalez provided an update on departmental events and activities:

Department Updates:

- Trails Day event, Senior Community Mixer, and Summer Concert Series noted as successful.
- Aquatics programming transitioned to Premier Aquatics; all systems fully operational.
- Field usage and rental systems launched; cabana rentals to open mid-July.
- Pop-Up Rec to be phased out; future Mobile Rec under Measure Q in planning.

Upcoming Events:

- July 4th *Red, White & Boom!* Celebration at Bradley Park.
- July 12th City Hike and Country Concert at Woodland Park.
- Halloween Spectacular (Oct 4) to replace existing fall events.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Garcia emailed to advise of their planned absence.

ADJOURNMENT

JAY FRANKLIN, CHAIR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

ATTEST:

EVELYN SLAY, COMMISSION SECRETARY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Facility Use List
July 17 - August 20, 2025

Date	Day	Start - End Time	Facility	Event	Permit#	Attend
Jul 17, 2025	Thursday	10:30 AM - 02:30 PM	Williams Barn	SMCMEA	R13462	50
Jul 19, 2025	Saturday	11:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Community Main Hall	Vogt 1st Birthday Party	R13229	100
Jul 20, 2025	Sunday	08:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Community Main Hall	Mission 316 Church	R12453	70
Jul 20, 2025	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Small Rec Room	Mission 316 Church	R12453	20
Jul 21, 2025	Monday	05:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Wood House & Garden	San Marcos Woods	R12729	10
Jul 22, 2025	Tuesday	05:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Dining Room	Universidad Popular Training	R13442	54
Jul 24, 2025	Thursday	04:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Community Main Hall	COSM Planning Workshop	R13405	1
Jul 24, 2025	Thursday	05:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Dining Room	Caruthers Tax and Financial Solutions	R13371	40
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	02:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Community Main Hall	Martin Talent Event	R12605	100
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	08:00 AM - 08:00 PM	Williams Barn	Family Campout	R12524	1
Jul 27, 2025	Sunday	08:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Community Main Hall	Mission 316 Church	R12453	70
Jul 27, 2025	Sunday	01:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Community Main Hall	Mission 316 Church Anniversary	R13162	120
Jul 27, 2025	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Small Rec Room	Mission 316 Church	R12453	20
Jul 27, 2025	Sunday	06:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Williams Barn	Family Campout	R12526	1
Jul 28, 2025	Monday	08:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Community Main Hall	YMCA	R13504	50
Jul 28, 2025	Monday	06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Small Rec Room	Highlands HOA	R12505	15
Jul 29, 2025	Tuesday	05:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Dining Room	Universidad Popular Training	R13442	54
Aug 1, 2025	Friday	02:30 PM - 06:30 PM	Community Main Hall	University of St. Augustine Pinning Ceremony	R13198	120
Aug 2, 2025	Saturday	08:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Williams Barn	North County Health Project	R13175	50
Aug 2, 2025	Saturday	02:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Williams Barn	Mission Hills High School Football	R12989	100

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Aug 3, 2025	Sunday	08:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Community Main Hall	Mission 316 Church	R12453	70
Aug 3, 2025	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Small Rec Room	Mission 316 Church	R12453	20
Aug 3, 2025	Sunday	03:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Williams Barn	TOVEA Banquet	R13101	150
Aug 4, 2025	Monday	06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Community Main Hall	SMYB Board Meetings	R13493	18
Aug 4, 2025	Monday	05:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Dining Room	SM Girls Softball	R13103	25
Aug 5, 2025	Tuesday	05:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Dining Room	Universidad Popular Training	R13442	54
Aug 6, 2025	Wednesday	08:00 AM - 02:30 PM	Community Main Hall	Adventure Day Camp Field Trip	R12803	1
Aug 9, 2025	Saturday	11:00 AM - 07:00 PM	Community Main Hall	Duclersaint Memorial Service	R13337	100
Aug 10, 2025	Sunday	08:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Community Main Hall	Mission 316 Church	R12453	70
Aug 10, 2025	Sunday	01:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Community Main Hall	Memorial Service	R13330	150
Aug 10, 2025	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Small Rec Room	Mission 316 Church	R12453	20
Aug 11, 2025	Monday	04:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Community Main Hall	COSM Public Workshop	R13495	1
Aug 12, 2025	Tuesday	05:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Dining Room	Universidad Popular Training	R13442	54
Aug 13, 2025	Wednesday	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Community Main Hall	COSM Fire Department Public Safety Summit	R13304	1
Aug 13, 2025	Wednesday	07:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Recreation Room	Twin Oaks Community Sponsor Group	R12697	15
Aug 17, 2025	Sunday	08:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Community Main Hall	Mission 316 Church	R12453	70
Aug 17, 2025	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Small Rec Room	Mission 316 Church	R12453	20
Aug 19, 2025	Tuesday	05:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Dining Room	Universidad Popular Training	R13442	54
Aug 20, 2025	Wednesday	05:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Conference Room	Greenwood Park HOA	R12990	10

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Date	Day	Start - End Time	Facility	Event	Permit#	Attendance
Jul 17, 2025	Thursday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Jul 18, 2025	Friday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Jul 18, 2025	Friday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Jul 19, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Jul 19, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park East Shelter	Amber & Eme's Birthday	R13131	50
Jul 19, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Woodland Park Pepper Shelter	Anniversary Celebration	R13296	120
Jul 19, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Woodland Park West Shelter	Anniversary Celebration	R13296	50
Jul 19, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Simmons Park Shelter	Charlotte & Eliot's Birthday	R13390	35
Jul 19, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Lakeview/Discovery Park Gazebo	Graduation	R13429	51
Jul 19, 2025	Saturday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	San Elijo Park Gazebo	Verena Birthday	R13453	30
Jul 19, 2025	Saturday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park West Shelter	Baptism/ 2nd birthday	R13239	70
Jul 20, 2025	Sunday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Lakeview/Discovery Park Gazebo	Keira's Birthday	R13358	30
Jul 20, 2025	Sunday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	San Elijo Park Gazebo	Baptism / 1yr old bday	R13361	85
Jul 20, 2025	Sunday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park West Shelter	Picnic	R13397	150
Jul 20, 2025	Sunday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Las Abejas Park Shelter	Athena's 1st birthday	R13439	50
Jul 20, 2025	Sunday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park East Shelter	Church Social	R13210	100
Jul 21, 2025	Monday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Jul 23, 2025	Wednesday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park East Shelter	Field Trip	R13252	70
Jul 23, 2025	Wednesday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Jul 23, 2025	Wednesday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Jul 24, 2025	Thursday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Jul 25, 2025	Friday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Walnut Grove Park South Shelter	Family Campout	R12745	1
Jul 25, 2025	Friday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park East Shelter	COSM Movie In the Park	R13068	1
Jul 25, 2025	Friday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Jul 25, 2025	Friday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Walnut Grove Park South Shelter	Family Campout	R12746	1
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Hollandia Park Shelter	Baby Shower	R13094	100

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Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park West Shelter	Family BBQ	R13116	80
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park East Shelter	Party	R12911	50
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Woodland Park East Shelter	3rd Birthday	R13430	50
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Woodland Park Pepper Shelter	1st bday party	R13482	50
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Jack's Pond Park East Shelter	Rubidoux Party	R13481	50
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Buelow Park Shelter	Party	R13477	50
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Lakeview/Discovery Park Gazebo	3rd Birthday Party	R13455	30
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Simmons Park Shelter	Brixton's birthday party	R13458	50
Jul 26, 2025	Saturday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Woodland Park West Shelter	Birthday Party	R13224	50
Jul 27, 2025	Sunday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park East Shelter	Annabelle's birthday	R13275	40
Jul 27, 2025	Sunday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	San Elijo Park Gazebo	1st Birthday Celebration	R13433	100
Jul 27, 2025	Sunday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	San Elijo Park Shelter	Drew's 2nd Bday Party	R13440	50
Jul 27, 2025	Sunday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park West Shelter	Gender Reveal	R13421	50
Jul 28, 2025	Monday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Jul 30, 2025	Wednesday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Jul 30, 2025	Wednesday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Jul 31, 2025	Thursday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Lakeview/Discovery Park Gazebo	Wedding rehearsal lunch	R13351	50
Jul 31, 2025	Thursday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Aug 1, 2025	Friday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Aug 1, 2025	Friday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Aug 2, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Aug 2, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park West Shelter	Birthday Party	R12884	85
Aug 2, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park East Shelter	Isabelle's 1st Birthday	R13434	50
Aug 2, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	San Elijo Park Gazebo	Malixs 11th birthday	R13465	100
Aug 2, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	San Elijo Park Shelter	End of Summer Party	R13480	65
Aug 2, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Woodland Park East Shelter	Ezra's 6th Birthday	R13450	50
Aug 2, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Hollandia Park Shelter	Burn FitFam Field Fest	R13452	70

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Aug 2, 2025	Saturday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Lakeview/Discovery Park Gazebo	Zaia's 2nd Birthday	R13346	60
Aug 3, 2025	Sunday	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Sunset Park East Shelter	Savannah's Birthday	R13445	50
Aug 3, 2025	Sunday	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Jack's Pond Park East Shelter	Eastyn's Birthday	R13432	30
Aug 3, 2025	Sunday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park West Shelter	Babyshower	R13466	80
Aug 3, 2025	Sunday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park East Shelter	Party time	R13470	50
Aug 4, 2025	Monday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Aug 6, 2025	Wednesday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Aug 6, 2025	Wednesday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Aug 7, 2025	Thursday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Aug 8, 2025	Friday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park West Shelter	Picnic	R13420	100
Aug 8, 2025	Friday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Aug 8, 2025	Friday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Aug 9, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Aug 9, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Las Abejas Park Shelter	Shay's 5th Birthday	R13467	35
Aug 9, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	San Elijo Park Gazebo	Church Picnic	R13301	100
Aug 10, 2025	Sunday	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Lakeview/Discovery Park Gazebo	Jett's 2nd Birthday	R13309	50
Aug 10, 2025	Sunday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Las Abejas Park Shelter	Baby Shower	R13377	80
Aug 11, 2025	Monday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Aug 13, 2025	Wednesday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Aug 13, 2025	Wednesday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Aug 14, 2025	Thursday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Aug 15, 2025	Friday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Double Peak Park Amphitheater	Wedding	R13207	60
Aug 15, 2025	Friday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Double Peak Park Gazebo	Wedding	R13207	50
Aug 15, 2025	Friday	09:15 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Aug 15, 2025	Friday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Aug 16, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 10:30 AM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15
Aug 16, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Lakeview/Discovery Park Gazebo	Quinn's Birthday	R13152	30
Aug 16, 2025	Saturday	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Simmons Park Shelter	Sophie's 1st Birthday	R13409	50

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Aug 16, 2025	Saturday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	San Elijo Park Shelter	SEP Movie In Park	R13143	1
Aug 16, 2025	Saturday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Connors Park Shelter	Sahel & Sandro's Birthday	R13471	40
Aug 17, 2025	Sunday	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	Sunset Park East Shelter	Sebastian 2nd Birthday	R13431	60
Aug 17, 2025	Sunday	01:30 PM - 05:30 PM	San Elijo Park Gazebo	Party	R13326	100
Aug 18, 2025	Monday	09:15 AM - 10:00 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Aug 20, 2025	Wednesday	09:15 AM - 10:00 AM	San Elijo Park Open Area	Stroller Strides	R12934	25
Aug 20, 2025	Wednesday	05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	San Elijo Park Commercial Use	Yoga	R12966	15

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Trails Advisory Committee
Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 6:00 pm
3 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 5:59 pm by David Simpson

ROLL CALL:

Those present were:

TAC Members: David Simpson, Randy Smith, John Walsh, Olga Flores

Parks & Recreation Commissioner: Joyce Sensmeier

City of San Marcos Staff: Coleman Cowling and Hugh McMenamin

Not Present: Torrey Olson

Guests: Alison Stanton, Michael Stanton, Terry Wozniak, Teagan Wozniak

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome

David welcomed everyone and asked each person present to introduce themselves.

2. Future Meeting Scheduling & Communication

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8th, 2025.

3. Hiking & Trail Concerns/Issues

No concerns regarding hiking or trails were brought up or discussed.

4. City Hikes – First Saturday of the Month

Hugh talked about the upcoming hikes for July (Interpretive Hike) and August (Night Hike) – two new types of hikes we have not offered before.

5. Star Walk

John Walsh discussed the upcoming Star Walk events for August 17th.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

1. Kiosk Project Update

Dave provided an update on the status of the kiosk project. Coleman followed with additional details about which kiosks will be recommended to be replaced. In response to questions about signage design, Coleman explained that the designs will follow the Signage Master Plan and will be like the kiosk at Bradley Bike Park. The group then discussed specific features for each kiosk, including whether space will be allocated for maps and flyers.

2. Scouts Project- PowerPoint

Scout Teagan Wozniak from Troop 651 presented his Eagle Scout project, titled the *San Marcos Patch Program*. The program encourages members of the public to earn a custom patch by participating in Ranger-led special events, trail cleanups, and visits to Jack's Pond Nature Center. Once all requirements are fulfilled, participants will receive the patch as a reward.

Following his presentation, Teagan took questions. Randy inquired about feedback on the patch's design and what the final version might look like. Coleman asked how many tasks would be represented in the design. Randy also suggested incorporating a stamp system to track completed activities that contribute toward earning the patch.

Teagan shared that he hopes to include events such as Trails Day, City Hikes, Star Walks, trail cleanups, and nature center visits as part of the program. The target audience will be younger community members. Joyce mentioned it would be great to partner with the City's social media platforms for promotion. To start, he intends to produce approximately 100 patches.

The group discussed options for donating any surplus funds from the project, and Coleman agreed to look into this further. Although Teagan has over two years to complete the project, he anticipates it will take approximately 7–8 months. The presentation concluded with additional group discussion on patch design ideas.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 8th meeting were approved. Quorum was not met at the April 9th meeting.



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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Coleman provided an update on Trails Day, noting a positive turnout and increased participation. The event featured more vendors and a wider variety of hike options this year. The layout of vendor booths contributed to greater visibility and interaction with attendees, which was well-received by guests. TAC members in attendance agreed that the overall layout was an improvement over previous years.

Coleman also gave a brief overview of the Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) for guest attendees, including its purpose and how to get involved.

TAC MEETING SCHEDULING

The next meeting of the Trails Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 8, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Simpson adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm.

ATTEST:

Coleman Date: 2025.07.10
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