



**City of San Marcos
Regular Meeting Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
April 17, 2025 5:30 pm**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair John Thomaides.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present

John Thomaides, Chair
Benjamin Peck, Vice Chair
Derek Griblin
Dan Alden
Amanda Fox
Peter Tschirhart
Jordan Lange
Charlie Hickman

Board Members Absent

Staff Present

Jamie Lee Case, Director
Jessica Ramos, Assistant Director
Bert Stratemann, Operations Manager
Valerie Valdez, Administrative
Coordinator

Citizen Comment Period: Persons wishing to speak during the citizen comment period please submit your written comments to parksinfo@sanmarcostx.gov **no later than 12:00pm on the day of the meeting**. The first 10 comments will be read aloud during the citizen comment portion of the meeting. Comments shall have a time limit of three minutes each. Any threatening, defamatory, or other similar comments prohibited by Chapter 2 of the San Marcos City Code will not be read.

No comments were made.

III.

MINUTES

1. Consider approval, by motion of the March 20, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Benjamin Peck, seconded by Peter Tschirhart to approve the March 20, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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| For: | 6 - Benjamin Peck, Derek Griblin, Dan Alden, Peter Tschirhart, Jordan Lange, John Thomaides |
| Against: | 0 - |
| Abstain: | 1 – Charlie Hickman |
| Absent: | 1 - Amanda Fox |

ACTION

2. Consider approval of Recommendation Resolution 2025-01RR-PBR of the room naming at Dunbar Recreation Center as presented by staff.

Jamie Lee Case and Jessica Ramos gave an overview of the previous presentation. The Ola Lee Coleman room (large room) to be named after a long-time teacher who taught for over 35 years at the Dunbar school. The Harvey Miller room (arts and crafts room) to be named after the Dunbar's Playground Director who coordinated community programming, camps, and activities. The Marshall room (small room) to be named after a philanthropic couple who donated funding to the city to purchase the Dunbar building and associated land. A plaque in the foyer to honor the "First Five." The First Five are Georgia Hoodye Cheatham, Helen Jackson Franks, Gloria Odoms Powell, Dana Jean Smith and Mabeleen Washington. They were the first five black women to register for classes at Southwest Texas State Normal school when segregation ended at the university. John Thomaides voiced his support for the naming selections. Benjamin Peck asked for additional information about the naming policy. Jamie Case explained there is a naming policy for parks and buildings, but not for rooms within a facility. She explained these selections were made through the research that was conducted by Jessica Ramos as she applied for the Lone Star Legacy Park award. Through that research these pillars of the community stood out and staff wanted to honor their contributions to Dunbar Park. The Parks Board members thanked Jessica Ramos for her research and bringing this item to the board.

A motion was made by Charles Hickman, seconded by Jordan Lange to approve the Recommendation Resolution 2025-01RR-PBR of the room naming at Dunbar Recreation Center as presented by staff.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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| For: | 7 - Benjamin Peck, John Thomaides, Peter Tschirhart, Derek Griblin, Dan Alden, Jordan Lange, Charles Hickman |
| Against: | 0 - |
| Absent: | 1 - Amanda Fox |

Note: Amanda Fox joined the meeting at 5:44PM. Dan Alden recused himself from item 3 as he is an active member of the Lion's Club.

3. Consider approval of Recommendation Resolution 2025-02RR-PRB of the Parks and Recreation Board supporting the San Marcos Lion's Club lease renewal.

A motion was made by Peter Tschirhart, seconded by Derek Griblin to approve the Recommendation Resolution 2025-02RR-PRB of the Parks and Recreation Board supporting the San Marcos Lion's Club lease renewal.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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| For: | 7 - Benjamin Peck, Derek Griblin, Peter Tschirhart, Jordan Lange, |
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John Thomaides, Amanda Fox,
Charles Hickman

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| Against: | 0 - |
| Recused: | 1 – Dan Alden |
| Absent: | 0 - |

DISCUSSION

Note: Dan Alden rejoined the meeting at 5:49PM.

4. Receive a staff update and hold discussion regarding Cape's Dam.

Jamie Case stated that the city council has approved the contract to have a feasibility study conducted for Cape's Dam on May 18, 2025. The kickoff is scheduled two weeks from now. Charles Hickman asked who the project manager is, what is the scope of the study, and will future recommendations be presented from the study. Jamie Case responded that she is overseeing the project. The scope of the study is the feasibility of rehabilitating the dam. She is expecting several recommendations for future items.

5. Receive a staff update and hold discussion regarding Paid Parking Implementation in City Park and Rio Vista Park.

Jamie Case shared the contracts are executed for the kiosks. The launch date for paid parking has been rescheduled to June instead of Memorial weekend as previously announced. There will be QR codes posted for payment. Public Engagement will begin as soon as possible. John Thomaides voiced his concerns about scam QR codes and asked if there was a solution for this common issue. Jamie Case shared that the QR codes are extremely large, and it would be difficult for someone to create a QR code to cover that sign. Dan Alden asked about ticket enforcement and if there are contracts in place with towing companies. Jamie Case responded that there will be a stationed license plate reader and tickets will be issued through the mail. She stated that the city has a contract with local towing companies that work on rotation. Amanda Fox asked if parking time can be extended through the app. Jamie shared that it can. Jordan Lange asked if there will be a cash option. Jamie Case shared that one kiosk will have a cash option, the remaining kiosk will be cashless and pay by app option.

6. Receive a staff update and hold discussion on Rio Vista Tennis and Pickleball Court resurfacing project.

Jamie Case explained that this project is going to take a pause while staff compile the community feedback from the Riverfront Parks survey before moving forward. John Thomaides shared his thoughts that more tennis courts are needed, and he understands the demand for pickleball courts is growing. Derek Griblin suggested a multi-use court of existing basketball courts and adding pickleball court stripping at the last meeting. Jamie Case stated that staff will review the basketball courts at neighborhood parks to determine if those courts are compatible. Jessica Ramos stated that Paul Pena Park's basketball court has the right amount of space to accommodate so they will look into that location. Benjamin Peck suggested to factor in the noise from pickleball play when reviewing which

courts to add stripping to. He noted some pickleball courts becoming an issue when they were installed in commonly quite areas.

7. Receive a staff update and hold discussion regarding current Parks Projects.

John Thomaides suggested the board members ask about specific updates from the parks project list. Jordan Lange asked if there are any issues with the American Resue Plan funds for Dunbar Park. Jamie Case stated all the funds have been encumbered and all obligations have been met. She shared the update for the Dunbar restrooms. Sullivan Construction will install a prefabricated building including the foundation, water, electrical, and sidewalks. The building paint will be color matched to the existing structures. John Thomaides asked about locking the restrooms overnight. Jamie Case stated staff does not plan on locking the restroom, however, they are looking at auto lock options. Peter Tschirhart asked if the Children's Park cameras are live. Jamie Case explained there is trenching needed to lay electrical lines before the cameras go live. Benjamin Peck asked about the Quail Creek survey results. Jamie Case shared that pickleball was high scoring then followed by disk golf, trails, demo garden, river access, mountain biking. A summary of the results will be sent to the board.

REPORTS

8. Receive the following reports: Park Projects Monthly Report, Recreation Division, Aquatics/Fitness Report, Athletics Division Monthly Report, Youth Services Division Monthly Report.



Jessica Ramos announced that the splash pad repairs, and remodel is complete. The pool will open on Memorial Day weekend. Derek Griblin asked if improvements will be made to the pool restrooms. Jamie Case stated the improvements that were made included replacing toilets, adding push buttons, and paying for additional portable restrooms for the summer months.

IV. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public. *This is an opportunity for the Press and Public to ask questions related to items on **this** agenda.*

Jamie Case announced the second round of surveys are scheduled to take place on May 8 at Quail Creek from 5:30PM-7:00PM and May 12 at the Activity Center from 5:30PM-7:00PM.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm by John Thomaides.

 5/15/2025 
Parks and Recreation Board Chair Staff Liaison