



**City of San Marcos  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Parks and Recreation Board  
February 15, 2024 5:30 pm**

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Board Chair Mitch Hoffman

**II. Roll Call**

**Board Members Present**

John Thomaides  
Peter Tschirhart  
Amanda Hargrave  
Mitch Hoffman  
John Hardy  
Benjamin Peck

**Board Members Absent**

Hilary Taylor  
Amanda Fox  
Derek Griblin

**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](mailto: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.

**III.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Receive a presentation from the Planning & Development Services Department on the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan.

Andrea Villalobos, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Services Department, presented on the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan. She stated that a community survey was done in January 2023. Since that time edits have been made by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. After the edits were made council gave staff direction to complete a community survey for the edits that were made. Ms. Villalobos shared the link and multiple ways the parks board can take the survey and share the survey with the community. She stated this comprehensive plan is very important for future development in our city.

**MINUTES**

2. Consider approval, by motion of the January 18, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes.

**A motion was made by John Thomaides, seconded by Mitch Hoffman, to amend the recommendation to include the statement “Whereas a recommendation resolutions have been submitted by three different Parks and Recreation Boards in May 2021, December 2022, and this will be the third recommendation resolution sent to City Council recommending paid parking in the parks.”**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

For:	6 - John Thomaides, Peter Tschirhart, Amanda Hargrave, Mitch Hoffman, John Hardy, Benjamin Peck
Against:	0 -
Absent:	3 - Hilary Taylor, Amanda Fox Derek Griblin

**A motion was made by Peter Tschirhart, seconded by John Thomaides, to approve the Recommendation Resolution 2024-01RR supporting the implementation of paid parking in the river park area commonly known as Rio Vista Park, including on-street spaces and City owned parking lots.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

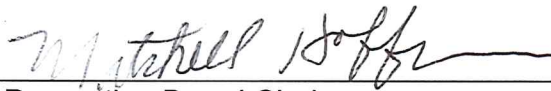
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## **DISCUSSION**

4. Hold a discussion regarding the Activity Center rates.

Jamie Lee Case presented to the board. Her calculation showed the revenue brought in from memberships, daily entries, and event rentals (Activity Center only). The expenses included maintenance and equipment rentals or leases. She stated the Activity Center is generating revenue as long as the revenues are not expected to cover the cost of labor. Currently salaries are paid through the parks department budget. She stated the current revenue goes into the general fund. Peter Tschirhart stated he would not want to raise the membership fees just for the sake of raising fees for inflation. He would like the memberships fee money to go to the Parks department.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm by Mitch Hoffman.



Parks and Recreation Board Chair



Staff Liaison