



MEMO

TO: Stephanie Reyes, City Manager
FROM: Yvonne Palacios, Neighborhood Commission Liaison
DATE: May 29, 2026
RE: **Neighborhood Commission Recommendation Resolution 2026-01RR-NH**

SUMMARY:

Recommendation Resolution No. 2026-01RR-NH was passed by the Neighborhood Commission on May 20, 2026. The purpose of this Recommendation Resolution is to recommend a commitment to a more thorough review and assessment of Parks and Recreation Board, Recommendation Resolution No. 2025-03RR-PRB Riverfront and Eastside Regional Park Preliminary Design Plans

BACKGROUND:

January 21, 2026 – The Neighborhood Commission welcomed Guest Speaker, Jamie Lee Case, Director of Parks and Recreation, who delivered a presentation regarding Recommendation Resolution No. 2025-03RR-PRB of the Parks and Recreation Board Riverfront and Eastside Regional Park Preliminary Design Plans.

February 18, 2026 – The Neighborhood Commission continued discussion regarding Riverfront and Eastside Regional Park Preliminary Design Plans with possible action on considering and submitting a Recommendation Resolution. Director of Parks and Recreation Dept., Jamie Lee Case, was present online during the meeting and answered questions from several Commissioners.

March 18, 2026 – The Neighborhood Commission reviewed and discussed, with possible action, considering a Recommendation Resolution for the Riverfront and Eastside Regional Park Preliminary Design Plans. A vote was taken to approve creating a DRAFT Recommendation Resolution for the Riverfront and Eastside Regional Park Preliminary Design Plans. Vote passed unanimously with 9 Yeays, 3 Absentees. All in favor, motion carried.

Director of Parks and Recreation Dept., Jamie Lee Case, was present online during the meeting and answered questions from several Commissioners.

April 15, 2026 – The Neighborhood Commission reviewed and discussed, with possible action, approving the DRAFT Recommendation Resolution for the Riverfront and

Eastside Regional Park Preliminary Design Plans. Several Commissioners had input on the verbiage for the DRAFT Recommendation Resolution and asked to either remove, reword or create new verbiage. A vote was taken for every change and passed unanimously with 10 Yeays, 2 Absentees. All in favor, motion carried.

Director of Parks and Recreation Dept., Jamie Lee Case, was present online during the meeting and answered questions from several Commissioners.

May 20, 2026 – The Neighborhood Commission reviewed and discussed, with possible action, approving the FINAL Recommendation Resolution No. 2026-01RR-NH for the Riverfront and Eastside Regional Park Preliminary Design Plans. A vote was taken and passed unanimously with 8 Yeays – Robert Eby, Rick Kennedy, Bobbie Garza-Hernandez, Michael Adams, Roland Saucedo, Ruah Gleason, Heidi Holliday McKitrick and Jason Valdez. 4 Absentees – Samantha Benavides, Michael Vernon, Tyler Barstow and Alexis Manzanares. All in favor, motion carried.

Implementation: Commissioners discussed the Riverfront and Eastside Regional Park Preliminary Design Plans over the course of 5 months. Several Commissioners spoke to their constituents in residential and business areas asking for opinions and feedback. The Commissioners agree that an additional two (2) to four (4) public engagement meetings specific to Rio Vista/East Guadalupe Neighborhood and Blanco River Village should be conducted and recommends City Council to prioritize the quiet enjoyment and overall livability to the neighborhoods by addressing the impact of residential health, safety concerns and environmental awareness.

END



RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION

**RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01RR-NH: A
RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION TO
THE CITY COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND A COMMITMENT TO A MORE
THOROUGH REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD,
RECOMMENDATION NUMBER: 2025-03RR-PRB RIVERFRONT AND EASTSIDE
REGIONAL PARK PRELIMINARY DESIGN PLANS**

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Commission has received a presentation and discussed the proposed Parks and Recreation Board's Recommendation for the Riverfront and the Eastside Regional Parks Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Commission has received significant objections to the plan from residents of the affected neighborhoods, The Neighborhood Commission believes the Parks and Recreation Department community outreach effort has left unaddressed concerns due to an incomplete public engagement process; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Commission recommends to City Council that city staff conduct another two (2) to four (4) public engagement meetings specific to Rio Vista/East Guadalupe Neighborhood and Blanco River Village; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Commission has received community input and concerns about an increase in potential refuse and debris runoff into the San Marcos River due to increase in crowds and improper waste disposal in the proposed Riverfront Parks plan; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Commission respectfully asks Council to evaluate the potential impacts and environmental burdens on surrounding neighborhoods, specifically regarding noise pollution, traffic flow and excessive nuisance lighting; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Commission is fully opposed to the Parks and Recreation Board's Recommendation of Concept D of the proposed Riverfront Parks Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Commission is fully opposed to the Parks and Recreation Board's Recommendation of Concept B of the proposed Eastside Park Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TX RECOMMENDS THE SAN MARCOS CITY COUNCIL TO PRIORITIZE THE QUIET ENJOYMENT AND OVERALL LIVABILITY TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS BY ADDRESSING THE IMPACT OF RESIDENTIAL HEALTH, SAFETY CONCERNS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS.

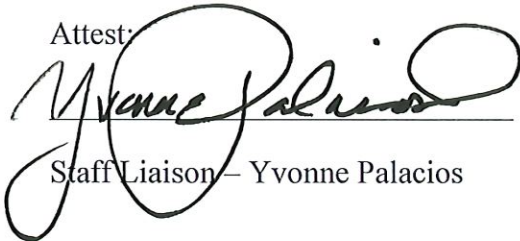
Date of Approval: May 20, 2026

Record of the vote:

8 YEAS: Robert Eby, Rick Kennedy, Bobbie Garza-Hernandez, Michael Adams, Roland Saucedo, Ruah Gleason, Heidi Holliday McKittrick, Jason Valdez

4 ABSENTEES: Samantha Benavides, Michael Vernon, Tyler Barstow, Alexis Manzanares

Attest:


Staff Liaison – Yvonne Palacios


Chair – Robert Eby