

RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04RR

A RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE CHANGE TO THE LIONS CLUB TUBE RENTAL AND VENDING LEASE.

RECITALS:

1. The City of San Marcos has an upcoming lease renewal with the Lions Club. As the City of San Marcos faces budget constraints, both the Parks and Recreation Department and Parks and Recreation Board have explored various ways of enhancing revenue to support management of the river parks. To this effect the City Council adopted the increase of facility rental for both non-profit and private uses, activity center membership and program fees; this did not extend to facilities that were currently under long-term lease.
2. The current monthly lease is substantially less than the market value of a commercial riverfront rental property along with near vending exclusivity in the river parks.
3. The Parks and Recreation Board recognizes the need to: provide a variety of recreational opportunities for the citizens of San Marcos and visitors; manage the flow and volume of users; control litter from entering the river; balance recreation with ecological function; supplement and retain revenue streams; and to ensure accessibility for users across all demographics and economic backgrounds.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:

PART 1. Limit the days of operation for the lessee to offer commercial tubing and/or like recreation (rental and/or shuttles) to; 3 days out of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 1 day out of Saturday and Sunday. This will provide the river a period of rest from the commercial tubing operation and allow citizens to utilize the river for active recreation, which is often restrictive during the commercial tubing operation.


PART 2. Council should direct City Staff to determine fair market value for lease of the property based on local commercial real estate rates and similar municipal leases in other municipalities. Additionally, a surcharge of \$2.00 per tube rental and shuttle service must be added and provided to the City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department to support operations and improvements within the parks.

PART 3. The lessee must provide an employee to clean litter from the river channel, much of which is contributed by tubers. We recommend at least 2 hours of cleanup per operating day.


PART 4. Change the lease renewal from 5 years to 2 years. This will provide the City better flexibility in making changes if future changes need to occur.

ADOPTED on February 25, 2021.

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