



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS
RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 18, 2019**

MINUTES

Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Braunfels Room at City Hall.

River Advisory Committee Members present: David Davenport, Shane Wolf, Dick Hillyer, Heather Harrison, Sarah Shea and Scott Roots.

City staff members present: River Operations Manager Amy Niles; Assistant Police Chief Joe Vargas; Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Dicke; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Ken Wilson; Park Ranger Superintendent Marika Misangyi, River Activities Coordinator Isabel Vinson, Park Ranger Assistant Superintendent Brandon Chiuminetta and Management Assistant Linda Mendoza.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Davenport called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM February 21, 2019

Mr. Shane Wolf moved to approve the meeting minutes for February 21, 2019. Ms. Sarah Shea seconded the motion. The approval of the meeting minutes was motioned to be approved unanimously.

3. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

None

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Davenport stated that Chair and Vice-Chair positions were currently open. Mr. Davenport motioned to accept the acclimation of motion to keep Mr. Davenport as Chair by Mr. Hillyer. Mr. Wolf seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Wolf made a motion of acclimation to keep Mr. Hillyer as Vice-Chair and Mr. Roots seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. UPDATE ON RESIDENT PARKING PASS IMPLEMENTATION

Ms. Niles explained the procedures residents must follow to obtain a resident pass. They must bring proof of residency to the park's office. They will then be given rules, instructions and a promo code for use with the park mobile app; this code will work for only one account. The resident can register their vehicle(s) and their promo code will be good for three years.

The benefit to the City of using the Parkmobile app is that it will track the number of times a resident uses their pass, which days and hours it is used, and which parking lots are used.

It was asked how the app knows where one is and it was said that it uses geo location services and will bring up parking lots in the immediate area for the user to choose from. Mr. Roots asked about stickers for the cars, but Ms. Niles stated that license plates will be input into the system by the user and the police and park rangers will be able to see them on their devices.

Ms. Dicke let the committee know that there have been several calls from unhappy citizens from the River Chase subdivision who are not eligible for the free parking pass because they are not in the City limits. Some of them do not have a smart phone and use of a home computer proves difficult for them. Ms. Niles stated Parkmobile provides a help line to troubleshoot questions from people.



6. REVIEW OF COMAL RIVER IMPROVEMENT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Ms. Niles stated that the next steps from Freese and Nichols is to give a presentation to the committee. A proposal to create options for the tube chute, stinky falls and the last public exit infrastructure will be presented when the proposal is solidified between staff and Freese and Nichols. The River Activities Committee and Park Boards will be consulted prior to asking City Council for approval to proceed with proposal.

7. UPDATE ON TUBE CHUTE WALKWAY IMPROVEMENT RESULTS

Ms. Niles displayed pictures of the circular etching Diamond Etching completed. The area above the steps at Hinman Island was added per the request of Mayor Pro-Tem Peters as well as a historically slippery area at Hinman Island. The etching creates a less slippery pathway when someone would exit the river in front of the tube chute all the way down to stinky falls.

8. UPDATE ON GUADALUPE RIVER MARKER PROGRAM

Ms. Niles gave an update on the results of the letters that went out three weeks ago. Twenty-three out of one hundred who have already signed up have come back and will participate in the program. The signs will be scheduled to be put out.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Update from Freese and Nichols
Budget update
Pre-season update
Shuttle permitting update

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Approved on May 16, 2019 by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Davenport", is written over a horizontal line.

David Davenport, Chair