



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS
RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

MINUTES

Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Braunfels Room at City Hall.

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

City staff members present: Assistant City Manager Kristi Aday; River Operations Manager Amy Niles; Assistant Police Chief Joe Vargas 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 January 17, 2019

Mr. Hillyer moved to approve the meeting minutes for January 17, 2019. Mr. Wolf seconded the motion. The approval of the meeting minutes was motioned to be approved unanimously.

3. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

None

4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER COMAL RIVER IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATION TO ADDRESS SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS AND STAIRS

Ms. Niles stated that the sidewalks and landings around the Tube Chute to Stinky Falls were identified as areas of concern. The staff proposed a solution to etch the concrete, which is the same technique that was used at Das Rec to remedy their slippery pool deck. The same construction company that was used for the Das Rec improvement project would be used for this one and includes approximately 5,000 square feet. Steps are not included in this as the company does not service stairs, and the area from the bottom of the stairs to Stinky Falls would currently be made a non-slip surface.

Ms. Aday stated that even though the amount is within the City Manager's purchasing authority, she would like to take the recommendation to City Council as this is a large and high-profile project. It was noted that the work could begin in March. There was discussion on whether other companies performed this type of work and Ms. Aday stated that there is no other company that provides this type of service. There was a motion by Mr. Wolf to take the sidewalk etching recommendation idea to Council and Ms. Harrison seconded the motion.

5. UPDATE ON RIVER PARKING PROPOSALS

Ms. Aday took the resident parking pass proposal to City Council, and while they are in favor of the direction the committee is going, they wanted to make changes to the cost proposals. They amended the parking proposal to make the \$40 parking pass (Sports pass) good for 2 years. They agreed with the \$30 fee at Hinman Island and \$20 Elizabeth Street with adding San Antonio Street to the resident pass: all of which passed on the 1st reading. The presentation to City Council will be revised prior to the 2nd reading. The City Council did discuss reducing the parking fees.



There was discussion on what the 2 passes covered and what the processing fees for those passes were. It was clarified that the sports fee would be the same, \$20 a year, but would be sold as a pass of \$40 for 2-years. The Resident Parking Pass, including Prince Solms, would be issued as a card and all other areas would be issued as a decal to be placed on a vehicle.

There was discussion on how parking will be enforced, and Assistant Police Chief Vargas stated that officers make visual inspections and enforce accordingly. Ms. Niles stated that some Park Rangers have the sole job of working parking lots and can write citations, if needed.

There were some questions about the number of parking spots the City owned. Ms. Niles stated that there are One hundred sixty-nine parking spaces at Prince Solms with a few handicapped parking spaces available. There are 198 spots at Elizabeth Street with forty-three reserved for staff and twelve spaces for handicapped. Hinman Island has thirty-three with 1 handicapped space and San Antonio Street will have 8 oversized spaces.

6. UPDATE ON GUADALUPE RIVER MARKER PROGRAM

It was explained by Ms. Niles that one side of the river would be marked to include about one hundred properties which have been identified along the Guadalupe River from the City limit to approximately 1700 feet past the confluence with the Comal River. Letters will be mailed out at the end of February. Ms. Niles stated that the signs would be the same color and they would be numbered G-1, G-2, etc. to provide uniformity on the river. There was also mention of additional signage at the last tuber exit signs and danger signs.

7. UPDATE ON 2018 ADOPT-A-SPOT PROGRAM

There will be a presentation and recognition at the next council meeting on February 25th recognizing 3 groups who participated in the adopt-a-spot program and completed all requirements of the program.

*This Item was not on the agenda: Ms. Aday passed out paperwork on ethics guidelines to aid the committee during the 2019 Bond Program and Election.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- River Parking Pass Update
- Elizabeth Avenue Parking Reconstruction Update
- Election of Officers

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Approved on April 18, 2019 by:

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

David Davenport, Chair