



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS
RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 19, 2018**

MINUTES

Thursday, July 19, 2018, at 4:00p.m. in the Braunfels Room at City Hall.

River Advisory Committee Members present: David Davenport, Darren Hill, Dick Hillyer, and Sarah Shea

City staff members present: Assistant City Manager, Kristi Aday; River Operations Manager, Amy Niles; Parks and Recreation Director, Stacey Dickie; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Ken Wilson; City Attorney, Valerie Acevedo, and Management Assistant, Linda Mendoza.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Davenport called the meeting to order at 4:04p.m.

2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM June 21, 2018

Mr. Dick Hillyer moved to approve the meeting minutes for June 21, 2018. Ms. Sarah Shea seconded the motion. The approval of the meeting minutes was motioned to be approved unanimously.

3. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

None

4. BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Dick Hillyer had nothing to report. Ms. Aday passed out a list of the upcoming public meetings on the bond programs and projects; the Comal River Improvement project is no longer on the bond list.

5. MONTHLY RIVER ACTIVITIES REPORT AND BUDGET REVIEW

Ms. Niles went over the June river management fee revenues. A special note was made that June 30th was a Saturday, so there was an extra day charged this month in comparison to the last two years. In 2016 and 2017 there were 8 weekend days and in 2018 there were 9 weekend days in June. The totals were close in comparison to 2017 and 2016. There were two slow weekends: on weekend was rainy and one weekend was a graduation weekend.

Parking fees look good so far this summer. The fee of \$10 at Elizabeth Ave equals \$10, 630 for June, which was about the same amount collected for May. The fee at Prince Solms equals \$37,615, and below May's total due to some rain in June. We are charging every day.

Pristine Texas River (PTR) litter collection totals are dramatically down in comparison to last year's totals. Mr. Hillyer asked how the trash collection agency are paid. Ms. Niles stated that they are paid for their services for actual work done based on a flat fee regardless of the amount of trash collected. Mr. Hillyer asked if the fee was calculated on the portion of recycled cans collected. Ms. Niles said we did not, but we can adjust the fee they charge us based on what we think they will collect in recycling. Mr. Wilson stated that usually these companies let pickers come and get the aluminum, thus make no money off the aluminum they collect. Ms. Niles stated we could limit the amount of service we feel we required thus reducing the fees we pay PTR.



Mr. Hillyer would like the Police Department statistics, both the arrest and citation reports, divided among zip codes to include past reports. It was noted that Police ticket funds go into the fines and forfeitures revenue. Ms. Aday stated that the municipal court may have miscoded some tickets, so this is being researched. This miscoding would result in the River Activities Fund not receiving appropriate funds.

Mr. Hillyer wanted to know where the \$40k for the river study was on the paperwork presented. Ms. Niles responded that it will come from the River Operating Budget. Mr. Hill wanted to know what makes up the River Operations budget and Ms. Niles stated what that included such as staff expenses, signage and the river study.

Finance is currently working on next year's budgets, actuals and estimates based on results after the 4th of July. Mr. Hillyer wanted to know where increases go to for next FY. Ms. Aday stated that the increases partly go to planned salary increases/raises. There was further discussion on the budget and it was stated that the budget was being looked at and did not need to be approved at this time.

Mr. Davenport asked about redesigning the parking lot and the charge for that and Ms. Aday answered that they may have a partner with Wurstfest to help pay for this project.

6. DISCUSSION OF PAID PARKING POLICIES AT ELIZABETH AVE. AND PRINCE SOLMS PARK PARKING AREAS

A resident, Mr. Bob Avary, spoke concerning the parking fees. He asked who used the cell phone pay app. Ms. Aday stated this is the first year of implementation and that not everyone is using it at this time. Mr. Avary suggests that the RAC look at the possibility that the revenue from the residents was not needed. He wanted the RAC to consider it and see if it will change their base revenue much if they didn't collect the fees from their residents.

Ms. Dicke stated that there was a swim meet and parking fees at Elizabeth Ave. were suspended for the event. There was discussion on issuing resident parking passes, how to go about it, and the impact on revenues. The lack of parking and the need to rectify the problem was also discussed. Ms. Aday stated that the RAC will work on the issue in the off season.

7. UPDATE ON GUADALUPE RIVER PARK PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

Wednesday, July 25th, 6 pm at Landa House for the 2019 Bond. Ms. Dicke stated this project is still under consideration and is getting a preliminary engineering report developed and is the first step of that PER.

8. REVIEW AND DISCUSS 2018 RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

a. DISCUSS POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR 2019 SEASON RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL

Council to receive recommendations by the end of the year.

b. DISCUSS DATE FOR PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

September 12, 2018

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Davenport wants to talk about things the RAC will recommend to city council by the end of the year to include what the RAC wants to focus on operationally. He would like the RAC to start thinking about the list.

Ms. Aday would like to the committee to consider adding paid parking on San Antonio Street.

Mr. Hillyer would like to talk about extension of the disposable container ban on The Guadalupe.



10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Approved on May 17, 2018 by:

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

David Davenport, Chair

