

City of San Antonio



Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 6, 2021

5:30 PM

Municipal Plaza – B Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Member Name	Council District/Agency Represented
Erik Sanden	District 1
M. Kathy Luna (Chair)	District 4
Agapita Jaramillo	District 5
Alejandro Soto	District 7
Charles (Chuck) Saxer	District 8
Allison Cohen (Vice-Chair)	District 10
Jeanette Honermann	Mayoral
Patricia Seidenberger	San Antonio Conservation Society

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Name	Council District/Agency Represented
Carla Walker	District 2
Anthony Alcoser	District 3
Melinda Smith	District 6
Robert Bettac	District 9
Mary Jane Verette	San Antonio Parks Foundation

STAFF PRESENT

- David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager, City Manager’s Office
- Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation
- Nikki Ramos, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation
- Melinda Cerda, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation
- Ryan Evans, Executive Assistant, Parks and Recreation
- Steve Whitworth, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney’s Office
- Cynthia Uribe, Executive Secretary, Parks and Recreation
- Lyn Kinton, Interim Parks and Recreation Administrator, Parks and Recreation

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Luna called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. Approval of Minutes from the October 25, 2021 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting**

Motion: Charles Saxer, District 8

Second: Alejandro Soto, District 7

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy Waddell, President of the San Antonio Pickleball Association and USA Pickleball Ambassador for San Antonio spoke on Pickleball at Fairchild Tennis Center including the growth of pickleball in San Antonio, current renovation efforts and future needs.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**2. Briefing and Update on Ongoing 2022 Bond Program Process**

Mr. Homer Garcia III, Parks and Recreation Director provided a briefing on the status of the 2022 Bond Program. Mr. Garcia highlighted that the 2022 Bond Program is proposed at \$1.2 Billion across several propositions including \$274 Million for Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces for 67 projects, include \$110 Million for the Linear Greenway Trails. Mr. Garcia highlighted the Bond Tri-Chairs and the Proposition Co-Chairs including Jim Bailey and Jeanette Honermann as co-chairs of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space bond proposition. Mr. Garcia discussed the overall timeline including 4 Bond Committee meetings in November and December, with the Committees presenting their Recommended Lists to City Council on January 12; City Council Approval of Final Project List on February 10; and the public vote for the 2022 Bond Program on May 7.

**3. Action Related to Annual Selection of Board Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board
Motion for Appointment of Allison Cohen, as Parks and Recreation Board Chair**

Motion: Jeanette Honermann, Mayoral

Second: Charles (Chuck) Saxer, District 8

Motion Carried.

Motion for Appointment of M. Kathy Luna, as Parks and Recreation Board Vice-Chair

Motion: Jeanette Honermann, Mayoral

Second: Erik Sanden, District 1

Motion Carried.

4. Parks and Recreation Director's Report

- Mr. Homer Garcia III, Parks and Recreation Director provided information on General Departmental Updates. Mr. Garcia went over the status of Bikes on Trails, referencing an article on e-bikes and the increased growth of the use of electric bicycles and how the trail system is becoming a form of transportation. Mr. Garcia highlighted that a new Texas State law allows electric bikes on trails and our local ordinance has not caught up with new State law but confirmed that e-bikes are allowed on city trails. Additionally, Mr. Garcia referenced a recent Department Trail Use Survey that asked about safety on the trails in regard to speed limits – and that there are speed limits on the trails and the Department is currently working with Park Police for enforcement, as applicable, and better signage.
- Mr. Garcia stated that the Parks and Recreation Department has increased hiring and the process for posting available positions has been streamline, which expedites the hiring of these positions.

- Mrs. Nikki Ramos, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director highlighted upcoming events including “Swim with the Elves” at the San Antonio Natatorium and Winter Holiday Camp held at 18 Community Centers.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Luna accepted a motion to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Motion: Jeanette Honermann, Mayoral

Second: Allison Cohen, District 10

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Homer Garcia III, Director
City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation

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