



## MINUTES

### Parks and Open Space Board Meeting

July 26, 2022 | 6:30 pm

Council Chambers

City Hall | 665 Country Club Road, Lucas Texas

#### Call to Order

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The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm. A quorum was determined to be present, and the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**Parks Board Members Present:**

Chairman David Rhoads  
Vice Chairman Bill Esposito  
Member Kenneth Patterson  
Member Christel Parish  
Member Pam Poteete  
Alternate Member Laura Giles

**Staff Present:**

Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak  
Management Analyst Patrick Hubbard  
Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn

**City Councilmembers Present:**

Councilmember Tim Baney

#### Regular Agenda

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1. **Discuss a request by City of Lucas resident Tom Grisak regarding interest in adding pickleball courts to a public park.**

Tom Grisak, 1190 Ramsay Drive, spoke in favor of adding pickleball courts.

Councilmember Tim Baney indicated this is a controversial item and informed the public that no decision on this item was going to be made during this meeting.

Chairman David Rhoads stated that this item would be reviewed as part of the Parks Board matrix.

Dana Palmer, 1715 Travis Ranch, spoke in opposition of this item.

Brad King, 215 Gruene Trail, spoke in favor of this item.

Lexi Stewart, 405 Lakeview Drive, spoke in favor of this item.

Dan Stewart, 405 Lakeview Drive, spoke in favor of this item.

Rhonda Grisak, 1190 Ramsay Drive, spoke in favor of this item.

Sura Yulamuragu, 1501 Samantha Trail, spoke in favor of this item.

Vice Chairman Bill Esposito addressed the room to encourage more involvement in the community and was excited about the turnout.

Member Pam Poteete addressed the room and spoke about the importance of parks and recreation opportunities within the community.

There was no action taken on this item, it was for discussion purposes only.

**2. Provide updates regarding special events including:**

**A. Public Lands Trail Cleanup**

**B. Movie in the Park**

**C. Lucas Farmers Market**

Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak gave a presentation on upcoming special events.

Vice Chairman Bill Esposito spoke on what is happening with the Lucas Farmers Market and what events are coming up for the market.

Michelle Miller, 1200 Scarlett Drive, spoke about the possibility of starting events at the Lucas Farmers Market earlier in the day.

There was no action taken on this item, it was for discussion purposes only.

**3. Consider approving the Special Events Calendar for Fiscal Year 2022/23.**

Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak reviewed the Special Events Calendar for Fiscal Year 2022/23.

The Parks and Open Space Board spoke on this item and discussed future budget needs for special events. Mr. Souriyasak indicated the budget review process has already concluded and the proposed budget was recently presented to City Council.

The Parks and Open Space Board discussed a possible student job fair as a potential special event in May 2023.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Member Pam Poteete, seconded by Member Kenneth Patterson to approve the Special Events Calendar for Fiscal Year 2022/23. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

**4. Discuss the International City/County Management Association Local Government Excellence Award for Community Partnership recognizing the Lucas Farmers Market.**

Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak gave a presentation on this item and spoke about the importance of this achievement.

There was no action taken on this item, it was for discussion purposes only.

**5. Discuss the prioritization of future park facilities and improvements to help facilitate funding.**

The Parks and Open Space Board spoke on this item and would like to create a list of updates and improvements to present to the City Council in the future. There was also discussion on creating a list to enhance the parks in the City and creating a survey that can provide the Parks Board with more data on what citizens want. The Parks Board also spoke about using the matrix to provide guidance on what the Parks Board needs to do. The Parks Board would like to have a workshop to further discuss the creation of a possible survey.

Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak indicated he will coordinate with the Parks Board regarding a date for the workshop.

Councilmember Tim Baney reminded the Parks Board that their purview is to make recommendations to City Council regarding parks-related items.

There was no action taken on this item, it was for discussion purposes only.

**6. Discuss potential landscape projects to be considered for the Governor's Community Achievement Awards Program.**

Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak gave a presentation on this item and answered questions from the Parks Board about potential locations for projects that can be reviewed when utilizing the Governor's Community Achievement Awards funding.

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn and Management Analyst Patrick Hubbard answered questions from the Parks Board regarding TxDOT right-of-way and fencing.

The Parks Board agreed that the corner of Estates Parkway and Angel Parkway would be the best location for the landscape project.

There was no action taken on this item, it was for discussion purposes only.

**7. Consider approval of the minutes of the May 24, 2022, Parks and Open Space Board meeting.**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Bill Esposito, seconded by Member Kenneth Patterson to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022, Parks and Open Space Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously by 5 to 0 vote.

8. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Bill Esposito, seconded by Member Pam Poteete to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. The motion passed unanimously by 5 to 0 vote.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



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David Rhoads, Chairman



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Kent Souriyasak, Assistant to the City Manager