



Neighborhood Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Enhancement – Virtual Zoom
630 E Hopkins, Bldg. 5, San Marcos, Texas 78666

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair, **Roland Saucedo**, at 6:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call

In attendance: Roland Saucedo, Michael Adams, Joe Cantu, William DeSoto, Robert Dudolski, Margaret Yackel & Cathy Dillon. Late arrivals are Bobbie Garza-Hernandez. Absentees are Andrew Gryce, Joel Dellinger & George S. Garcia.

III. Citizen Comment Period

None

IV. Consider Acceptance of May 18, 2022, Meeting Minutes

MOTION made by Yackel to approve. Seconded by Adams. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

V. Item up for Action/Discussion

The Commissioners discussed and reviewed keeping the Board member position of TXST Government representative. Saucedo stated that TXST has been in communication with the City Manager's Office and Council and would like to retain this position as well as regain position on the Council. The suggestion has been made that the TXST government representative continue with the addition of an Apartment representative. Saucedo recommends that the Board create a 'citizen at large commissioner' for the apartment representative this way whatever complex the representative resides in, will coordinate with the current commissioner for that sector. The apartment commissioner will not be assigned a specific sector. Carr reviewed and updated the Board on the Recommendation Resolution for the Apartment Commissioner addition to include their terms and duties. Saucedo entertained a motion to approve or deny. MOTION made by Saucedo to approve. Seconded by Dillon. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Saucedo opened the floor for discussion, questions and concerns in regard to the Recommendation Resolution. Yackel asked if there was already a person in mind for this position. Carr stated they might have a specific person and Saucedo stated that Liz Trevino, Interim City Clerk, would also start to solicit for this position after approval. Dillon asked to change the wording on the Ordinance and Recommendation Resolution from "The apartment representative shall be a resident that resides in an apartment property within the city limits of San Marcos" to "The apartment representative shall be a resident that resides in an apartment property anywhere within the city limits of San Marcos." The word "anywhere" was added. MOTION to amend and approve the change was made by Dillon. Seconded by Cantu. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Carr reviewed and updated the Board on all red-lined changes to **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01**. Dillon motioned to amend and approve Ordinance 2022-01 by adding the word "anywhere" to Summary chart to now read "The apartment representative shall be a resident that resides in an apartment property anywhere within the city limits of San Marcos". Seconded by Adams. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Dillon asked to clarify what the definition of an 'alternate member' was. Carr explained that an alternate is important as it helps us meet quorum when a quorum cannot be met with regular voting members. Also, one alternate member from TXST Government Affairs can help break a tie if needed. Saucedo asked to add to June Agenda item for clarification. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The Board discussed with possible action the STR consensus letter. MOTION made by Saucedo to approve. Seconded by Garza-Hernandez. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Garza-Hernandez discussed 312 Camacho Street. She informed the Board this is a warehouse in the Victory Gardens neighborhood that requested from the neighborhood a waiver from the buffer zone. The neighborhood with the support from the Planning and Zoning Commission opposed it. In order to meet compliance on buffer zone they would have had to remove a portion of building to be in the 500 ft requirement. Subsequently, it went to Council and the developer requested to re-examine decision. Several Council members and Mayor Hughson suggested they go back to the neighborhood for discussion. Three meetings were held, and the developer went back with an appeal. Garza-Hernandez states that shortly after that communication with the developer was lost or became hostile. Another attempt by the community was made to reach out to the developer with no avail. The request has now been pulled.

VI. Report

Saucedo gave an update on sidewalk projects. Saucedo stated that Council has decided that moving forward, any sidewalk projects that are scheduled or proposed in any neighborhood, City staff must make a presentation to the Neighborhood Commission. After presentation, the Neighborhood Commission shall now compose a Recommendation Resolution for that sidewalk project and present to Council for approval or denial. Unless sidewalk takes place in a historic division, they will go through the Historic Preservation Commission. Harris updated the Board on happenings in the community. Harris mentioned the public meeting for the Sessom Park improvements where approx. 30 people were in attendance. Harris also spoke on several future meetings including the State of the City where all city departments will have a booth to answer questions and reach out to the public.

VII. Chair/Vice Chair Nominations

Saucedo opened the floor for Chair nominations. Garza-Hernandez made motion to re-elect Saucedo as Chair. Seconded by Dillon. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Saucedo opened the floor for Vice Chair nominations. Saucedo nominated Cantu. Seconded by Garza-Hernandez. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Saucedo asked to add to June Agenda discussion with possible action on reviewing bylaws for alternate commissioners. Dillon asked to have a recap from Harris on the May 24th meeting.

IX. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public


None

X. Adjournment

MOTION was made by Dudolski and seconded by Adams to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The minutes for the May 18th, 2022, meeting of the City of San Marcos, Texas Neighborhood Commission are respectfully submitted on June 15, 2022, by Yvonne Palacios, Staff Liaison, Neighborhood Enhancement.

Approved by:


Chair – Roland Saucedo