

Jill Shelton

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To: Jill Shelton
Subject: Letter for submission to record for next council meeting

Ms. Shelton,
I would appreciate your assistance in submitting the below letter for record at the next council meeting.

Howdy Council,

I'd like to elaborate on, and propose a solution for, the Bandera City Park gate closure after rain issue; and then touch on a few more topics of interest.

Should the city park be closed after rain because a misdemeanor may occur, as the public works rep described last council meeting? Closing the city park gates after rain is a tourism deterrent. Numerous times, I've seen and helped visitors confused on the rules as they're feeling confused and uncertain whether or not they are permitted in the park, when they've come here to relax. It does not rain very often, making the occasion even more majestic; a special time to express gratitude for the Lord's gifts. One of my favorite things to do in life is go check the river after rain; I love to see that river up, as does our whole community! The city stance is conflicting; the city states publicly that the park is open after rain, but there is no way to enter without hopping a fence, which obviously isn't an option for every human. I propose this solution: Keep the gates open after rain effective immediately and become inclusive. Then, place signage on where it is and is not appropriate to drive, and contact law enforcement regarding any misdemeanors.

Next, I did not take note of the name of the city employee I spoke with on the phone regarding an inquiry on the appropriate person to talk to about stop sign installation, but the experience felt like being run off rather than serviced. "We don't do that here. Have you tried calling the Marshal's office?" were the responses I received along with an undertone of annoyance as I asked more questions for guidance. So, I begin this inquiry again. Cars are speeding down Cypress st., a high pedestrian area, with the 11th street cowboy bar, city park, playground and boys and girls club entrances, and golf carts, etc. an additional stop sign around ninth and Cypress area would be a good move for safety; this is the consensus amongst my neighbors. I have seen more marshal cars down that way, which is a great start, but the stop sign would slow the roll when they can't be there.

Next, Bandera has microbusiness with golf carts, horseback riding, and carriage rides dependent on "trails" which should be taken into consideration by council and public works; I feel like this project aligns with the way-finding agenda item and call for committee, on which I would like to serve. Horseback riders come up 9th st., from Cypress to Cedar, navigating small water erosion canyons I've tried to fill in with yard dirt and rocks to fill the space and make the "trail" nicer. I think rustic cedar post signs pointing in the direction of the trail ride routes would be fitting and could even be made into an activity for kids to participate in the making and installation. Maybe add one in the city park to point to our awesome frisbee golf course some of our residents and one council member didn't know existed; a treasure for locals and tourists alike. The frisbee golf course could double as a golf cart route; open the end entrance of the city park with a painted crossway to the frisbee golf course. Additionally, other tourism based cities, like Port Aransas, have legal crossways over the highway for golf carts; that would be helpful here; this could also serve a horse crossing. "Horse & Golf Cart Crossing", HA! Only in Bandera. This sign would also have high value for marketing, tourism etc. We are famous for "horspitality" after all, it reigns!

Thank you for your time and consideration.