



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Michelle Fischer, City Administrator

Council Meeting Date: August 18, 2020

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider possible action regarding the Appointment of the City's Representative to the Greater San Marcos Partnership Board.

Agenda Item Requestor: Sara Ibarra, Greater San Marcos Partnership Nominating Committee

Summary/Background: The Greater San Marcos Partnership (GSMP) is a public-private partnership that serves as the regional economic development organization for the City of San Marcos, Hays and Caldwell Counties, and the other cities in those counties. Its mission is to “promote smart and sustainable economic growth by promoting the Greater San Marcos value proposition, supporting quality job growth in export-oriented target sectors, optimizing the local talent base, accommodating and managing natural resources & quality growth, and creating community appeal.”

The 37-member GSMP Board is made up of Institutional members which include the City of San Marcos, Hays County, Caldwell County, regional communities investing at least \$5,000 annually, Texas State University, Gary Job Corps, Christus Santa Rosa and other partners and stakeholders.

Through outreach by the Board's Nominating Committee, the institutional members name their respective Board Member representatives. The Nomination Committee reviews and recommends a slate of Directors and a slate of Officers to the Board each fiscal year. The Committee has asked the city to appoint its representative. In the past, the city's representative has been a City Council Member. It is not required that the city's representative be a Council Member, but it is a common practice for board representation.

The city contributes \$5,000 annually to the GSMP.

Recommended Council Actions: Appoint a city representative to the GSMP Board.

Attachments: Overview of GSMP Board, Current Board Members, Board Bylaws.

Next Steps/Schedule: Notify Nominating Committee of the city's appointment.