

**PARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS
APRIL 11, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 11th day of April 2024, at 6:30 p.m., at the Leon Valley Ranches Park, 6208 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

LEON VALLEY PARK COMMISSION MEETING, 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine if Quorum is Present.

Chair Roger Christensen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with following Park Commissioners in attendance: Elaine Valdez, Thomas Benavides, Joyce Trent, Diane Frazer, and Nancy Marrufo. Absent were Vice-Chair Danielle Bolton, and Commissioners Ann Sawyer and Julie Carreon-Martinez. Also present was Staff Liaison Melinda Moritz and several residents of the El Verde neighborhood, including Mr. Matt Hodde, Mr. Evan Hodde, Mrs. Loretta Hodde, Mr. Jesse Barrera, Mrs. Cindy Henley, Mr. Christian Jarboe, and Ms. Abigail Flores. A letter was also received from Mr. Robert Harrison who also lives on El Verde Road.

2. Review and Approval of the March 14, 2024 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Maruffo made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2024 Regular Park Commission meeting. Commissioner Valdez seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard.

A general discussion was held with the residents of El Verde Road regarding the proposed Leon Valley Ranches Park improvements. Concerns were centered around the possibility that homeless people might make use of a park as a sleeping area and that they might perpetrate crimes at the homes along El Verde. They further mentioned that there were very few children living in the area and that the City really needed more natural areas. The consensus was to leave the park as is, with some seeding for wildflowers. A request was made to remove the existing concrete slab, leave a trail wide enough for an ATV or city truck for maintenance of the trail, and install fencing to the fire station fence and at the end of El Verde next to the soccer field.

4. Old Business.

a. Discussion – Park Survey

Staff Liaison Moritz gave the Commissioners a copy of the revised Park Survey and asked for their review and approval. The Commissioners requested that a QR

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code be inserted at the bottom, so that the survey could be answered online and informed staff that one of the numbers was wrong. The Commissioners recommended approval of the survey with these changes.

b. Discussion – Revising the Park Master Plan.

Staff Liaison Moritz directed the Commissioners attention to the document in their packet, with the proposed changes to the first 18 pages of the Master Plan. She then stated that Commissioner Valdez had submitted some changes as well and that those changes would be incorporated into the Plan. She then asked if the Commissioners would review one chapter of the plan at a time. The Commissioners noted their approval of both the style of the plan and the review period.

5. New Business.

a. None

b. Reports – Subcommittees

1. Pool Subcommittee - Commissioner Valdez stated that they had nothing to report.

2. Tree Subcommittee – Commissioner Benavides explained that the annual Arbor Day event that was typically held around Halloween needed to be solidified. A general discussion was held, and it was decided that Mr. Benavides should contact the librarian and find out what day the library events would be held, as well as the annual Trash and Treasure event hosted by the Northwest Senior’s Club.

6. Commissioner’s and Staff Comments.

Commissioner Valdez noted her enthusiasm for revising the Park Master Plan, as her background and work experience was in parks.

Commissioner Trent noted that she had been birdwatching and had noticed 28 different species in her backyard.

Commissioner Maruffo noted her appreciation for the neighborhood’s participation in the meeting and that she was glad for their input.

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Commissioner Benavides noted that the old Oak tree next to the Hike & Bike Trail had died and needed to be removed.


Chair Christensen stated that he was also glad for the turnout from the neighbors.

7. Adjourn.

Commissioner Maruffo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Roger Christensen - Chair



Date