

Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 9th day of January 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at Conference Center, 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238 for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

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

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with the following members in attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Danielle Bolton and Commissioners Diana Frazier, Elaine Valdez. Absent were Commissioners Ann Sawyer and Joyce Trent.

Also present were Staff Liaison David Dimaline, Public Works Assistant Director and Kathy Hill, President of the Leon Valley Historical Society (LVHS).

2. Review and Consider Approval of the December 12, 2024, Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Vice-chair Bolton made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, which was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard.

Ms. Hill spoke, thanking the Park Commission for their work on the Park Master Plan and noted that the LVHS was very concerned with the erosion occurring along the banks of Huebner Creek directly behind the Huebner-Onion Homestead, the Triangle Park, and within the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park (HONAP). She explained that the continuing erosion was alarming, as after each rain event, the banks eroded more, and the LVHS would like to preserve as much of the park as possible. She stated that she wanted to make sure the concern was addressed in the Park Master Plan. She then stated that their other concerns included the SAWS water line that crosses the creek near the Huebner-Onion Homestead and the erosion occurring closer to the Bandera Rd. bridge.

Chairman Christensen thanked Ms. Hill for her input. He stated that the Plan adoption had already occurred, and that the last remaining piece of the Plan was to adopt a Foreword, but that he looked forward to working with the LVHS on addressing plans for the drainage within the HONAP.

Mr. Dimaline provided handouts from the Park Master Plan that highlighted community recommendations to address Huebner Creek. He explained that items in the Plan included repairing erosion along Huebner Creek, adopting an annual

maintenance plan, and addressing drainage issues. He also provided copies of the current plan for the Huebner Creek Drainage Project and noted that the project called for concrete riprap on the south side of the creek and an earthen channel that would vary in width. He explained that approximately 404 trees would need to be removed, however, there could be an opportunity to replant native trees with the Bexar Branches Alliance.

4. Old Business

a. Discussion and Recommendation – Final Draft Park Master Plan

Mr. Dimaline reported that a draft Foreword had been written by Public Works Director Melinda Moritz and was included in everyone's packets. Commissioner Elaine Valdez stated that she had also written a Foreword and that it had been copied and handed out. The Park Commission was directed to review both and decide if they preferred one over the other, or a combination of the two.

Chairman Christensen recommended that Commissioner Valdez work with Public Works and the consultant to finalize the Foreword, and to bring the final version back to the next Park Commission meeting for approval.

b. Reports - Tree and Swimming Pool Subcommittee

Mr. Dimaline said there was nothing to report at this time.

5. New Business

a. None

6. Commissioner's and Staff Comments

Mr. Dimaline said he looked forward to working with everyone in the new year, and to please let him know if there are any concerns that Public Works could address.

Commissioner Frazier asked if the Park Master Plan had been posted on the City's web site. Commissioner Bolton said that after the final draft was completed, the Park Master Plan would be uploaded to the City's web site.

Chairman Christensen said job well done to the Public Works Department on the Holiday lighting.

7. Adjourn.

Chairman Christensen asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bolton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Valdez. The vote carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.