



The City of Lago Vista

To provide and maintain a healthy, safe, vibrant community, ensuring quality of life.

**AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 12, 2016, 6:30 PM
LAGO VISTA LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
5803 THUNDERBIRD, SUITE 40
LAGO VISTA, TX 78645**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of the City of Lago Vista, Texas will hold a meeting in the Library Meeting Room, 5803 Thunderbird, Suite 40, Lago Vista, Texas, on the above date and time for discussion and possible action on the following:

CALL TO ORDER, CALL OF ROLL

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Citizens who wish to address the Committee on any agenda and/or non-agenda item will have three (3) minutes to express their position.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are to be considered routine by the Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Approval of the following minutes: September 14, 2016 regular meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion of Parks and Wildlife Grant Submission.
3. Discussion of KLVB Trail.
4. Discussion of reports from Sub-Committees.
 - A. Partners & Funding
 - B. Recreation Planning
 - C. Parks Planning
 - D. Trails planning

WORK SESSION

5. Discussion of Master Plan regarding strategies to meet community needs.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 6. Consider schedule and items for future Committee meetings.
- 7. Adjournment.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the above Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board located at all times in City Hall in said City at _____ on the 4th day of October, 2016.

Sandra Barton, City Secretary

THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA IS COMMITTED TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS AND EQUAL ACCESS TO COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.

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BULLETIN BOARD:**

Date: _____

Time: _____

By: _____

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

AGENDA ITEM: CALL OF ROLL

Comments:

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Content of Motion: _____

Vote: Dewhurst _____ ; **Hale** _____ ; **Helm** _____ ; **Panter** _____ ;

Speckmann _____ ; **Wilhow** _____ ; **White** _____

Motion Carried: Yes _____ ; **No** _____

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments:

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Content of Motion: _____

Vote: Dewhurst _____ ; **Hale** _____ ; **Helm** _____ ; **Panter** _____ ;

Speckmann _____ ; **Wilhow** _____ ; **White** _____

Motion Carried: Yes _____ ; **No** _____

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 1. CONSENT AGENDA

Comments:

Approval of the September 14, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Content of Motion: _____

Vote: Dewhurst _____ ; **Hale** _____ ; **Helm** _____ ; **Panter** _____ ;

Speckmann _____ ; **Wilhow** _____ ; **White** _____

Motion Carried: Yes _____ ; **No** _____

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
LAGO VISTA, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 14th day of September, A.D., 2016, the Parks And Recreation Advisory Committee held a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Lago Vista Library Meeting Room, 5803 Thunderbird, Suite 40, in said City, there being present and acting the following:

CALL TO ORDER

Carolina Hale	Committee Member	Sandra Barton	City Secretary
Michael Panter	Committee Member	Suzanne Bland	Council Liaison
Sheryl Speckmann	Committee Chair	Robin Smith	Assistant City Secretary
David White	Committee Member	David Harrell	Development Services Dir.
Travis Willow	Committee Member	Laura Fowler	Parks & Rec. Manager
Ross Dewhurst	Committee Member		

Sheryl Speckmann, Committee Chair called the regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced that all Committee Members were present except for Hubbard Helm.

The numbering below tracks that of the agenda, whereas the actual order of consideration may have varied.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are to be considered routine by the Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Approval of the following minutes: August 15, 2016 regular meeting.
On a motion by Michael Panter, seconded by Ross Dewhurst the Committee voted unanimously to approve the August 15, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Introduction of Councilwoman Bland as new Council Liaison.

Committee Chair, Sheryl Speckmann introduced Council Liaison Suzanne Bland to Committee and Staff. The Chair & Committee Members welcomed her. Councilwoman Bland replaced Councilman Sullivan and is very excited to work with the Committee.

3. Discussion of Parks and Wildlife Grant.

David Harrell gave a brief overview and update. The City is trying to secure a \$500,000

Grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Elaine Hughes, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director was present and stated she will be happy to write a letter in support of the grant.

Committee members discussed different organizations to reach out to for support of the grant. Committee Chair, Sheryl Speckmann will be contacting KLVB & Lions Club. David White will reach out to Sun Hardware and POA; Suzanne Bland will contact the Boy Scouts. Michael Panter will be working with the High School principal to write a letter for grant as well. The Committee will be sending all letters to David Harrell. David will send letters to Gandolph.

4. Discussion of first draft of the Master Plan.

David Harrell discussed background, history, demographics and recreation trends for the Master Plan. David handed out an updated site map of Master plan. Committee members and Laura Fowler discussed some new trends and ideas they had in mind. Committee Members discussed the need for developing trails and would like them to connect to the community with Tessera and other areas in the community.

The Committee and Staff discussed the option for City owned land that can be developed into mini parks for nearby residents. Committee would like to have a waterfront Community park with a boat launch and someday a Marina. David did suggest to the Committee to use the Comprehensive Plan and expand from it.

5. Discussion of future Sub-Committee activities.

Sub-committees were established as follows:

Partners & Funding – Speckmann and White

Recreation Planning – Panter and Dewhurst

Parks Planning – Hale and Wilhow

Trails Planning – Hale and Helm

Council Liaison Bland would also like to be involved.

Committee Chair, Sheryl Speckman spoke with Committee members about Sub-Committees. Committee Chair, Sheryl Speckman also suggested that Committee Members visit some trails and parks in surrounding areas. Each Sub-Committee to present a report at each monthly Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.

6. Discussion of membership on Task Force.

The Committee would like to form a task force that includes persons from Parks Committee, POA, LVISD, Chamber of Commerce, Professional such as Real Estate Agent, Teserra HOA, The Island, and possibly High School student.

The Task Force would need to work toward an agreement with the POA to have a Community Membership to access one or more waterfront parks with boat ramp.

7. Discussion of draft letter to Travis County.

Michael Painter will draft a letter that the Committee would like to send to Gerald Daugherty. Michael Panter will send the draft letter to Melissa and Mayor Mitchell for review. The letter will need to be signed by the Mayor Mitchell.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. Consider schedule and items for future Committee meetings.

The next Committee meeting scheduled for October 12, 2016 should have more information to discuss Task Force and Sub-Committee reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Sheryl Speckmann adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Speckmann, Chair

ATTEST:

Sandra Barton, City Secretary

On a motion by Committee Member _____, seconded by Committee Member _____, the above and foregoing instrument was passed and approved this 12th day of October, 2016.

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 2. Discussion of Parks and Wildlife Grant Submission

Comments:

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Content of Motion: _____

Vote: Dewhurst _____; Hale _____; Helm _____; Panter _____;

Speckmann _____; Wilhow _____; White _____

Motion Carried: Yes _____; No _____

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 3. Discussion of KLVB Trail

Comments:

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Content of Motion: _____

Vote: Dewhurst _____; Hale _____; Helm _____; Panter _____;

Speckmann _____; Wilhow _____; White _____

Motion Carried: Yes _____; No _____

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 4. Discussion of reports from Sub-Committees

Comments:

- A. Partners & Funding
- B. Recreation Planning
- C. Parks Planning
- D. Trails Planning

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Content of Motion: _____

Vote: Dewhurst _____ ; **Hale** _____ ; **Helm** _____ ; **Panter** _____ ;

Speckmann _____ ; **Wilhow** _____ ; **White** _____

Motion Carried: Yes _____ ; **No** _____

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 5. Discussion of Master Plan regarding strategies to meet community needs

Comments:

Draft of the Master Plan attached.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Content of Motion: _____

Vote: Dewhurst _____ ; **Hale** _____ ; **Helm** _____ ; **Panter** _____ ;

Speckmann _____ ; **Wilhow** _____ ; **White** _____

Motion Carried: Yes _____ ; **No** _____

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

- I. Introduction
- II. Background
 - A. History
 - B. Demographics
 - C. Recreation Trends
- III. Inventory of Areas and Facilities
- IV. Community Needs
- V. Prioritized Listing
- VI. Strategies to Meet Community Needs

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I. INTRODUCTION

Parks, recreation, and open space are an integral part of a vibrant community and are necessary to the economic and physical health of the city and its residents.

The goal of this plan is to present strategies for parks, trails, and recreational facilities that will providing a diversity of settings for Lago Vista citizens, tourists, and follow-on generations to enjoy the outdoors.

This plan incorporates the contents of the Lago Vista Comprehensive Plan as pertains to open space and developing a city-wide park and trail system that allows access to all major destinations in Lago Vista. It has been prepared to guide the City of Lago Vista as it moves forward in the development of the city.

There are several unique considerations that should be taken into account when developing recreation for Lago Vista. First is the extreme topography. With very little flat land in this hill-country community, topography will affect decisions. In addition, the median age of almost 50 years makes planning for senior citizens an important factor.

II. BACKGROUND

History

As early as the 1950's, land sales on the north shore of Lake Travis began to make the area a vacation-style community. In 1969, developers purchased land that now makes up the City of Lago to create a desirable resort/retirement community. A Lago Vista Property Owners Association (LVPOA) was established and incorporated to meet the recreational needs of residents of the community.

Waterfront parks, a marina, and other recreational facilities were developed during that time. In 1984 the City of Lago Vista came into existence. With the exception of a few isolated homes, the citizens of this new city were also a part of the property owners association and had use of the private parks and recreational facilities.

By 1990 the city had grown to about 2,000 residents. The City took action to address recreational needs of all the residents (not just those within the LVPOA).

Here should go info regarding 2001 Pks and wildlife grant – ordinances of 1987 and 2000 regarding funds for recreation – 1998/2010 master plans

II. BACKGROUND

Demographics

At the end of the 1900's, Lago Vista's population was just under 3,000. By 2010 the population was 6,041. The estimated population in 2015 was 6,617.

The expected growth rate will be largely dependent upon whether and how many subdivisions are added to the city. With increased building evident since the lean years of 2007-2009, it is certainly expected that the population would reach about 10,000 by 2030.

The age distribution in Lago Vista is a consideration. With the high median age of almost 50, recreational needs must address high numbers of senior citizens as well as young families. The age distribution was as follows in 2015:

<u>AGE</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0-14	15%
15-19	6%
20-24	3%
24-44	22%
45-64	34%
65+	20%

II. BACKGROUND

Recreation Trends

Surveys conducted in the last 30 years have shown a shift from active, traditional team sporting activities to more individual and passive outdoor activities. Simply stated, people are riding bicycles and hiking more and playing baseball and volleyball less. In 1997, the National Sporting Goods Association survey about recreation showed that walking for exercise, swimming, camping, exercising with equipment were the top four activities. At the bottom of the list were volleyball, softball, baseball, soccer, touch football, mountain biking, etc.

The Recreation Management Magazine annual survey in 2011 revealed park facility managers were most likely to be planning nontraditional facilities, such as splash pads, trails, playgrounds, disc golf.

The increasing number of “baby boomers” retiring is creating a need for senior programming in outdoor recreation. Additionally, the numbers of single and childless adults who would benefit from adventure recreation are also increasing.

The study, “Parks & Recreations Trends in California”, suggested that the following would dominate the future in recreation: walking, picnicking,

swimming, camping, visiting natural/historic sites. It also found that several recreational types were beginning to increase: canoeing/kayaking, caving, personal watercraft. The study suggested that recreation programming for students after school and for senior citizens would continue to be important.

The 2013 Virginia Outdoors Plan shows that over the last 16 years activities with the highest growth rates were walking, jogging, and hiking. Additionally, the 2012 Outdoor Foundation report cited statistics that showed national estimates of 45% for women and 55% for men enjoying outdoor recreation. Lastly, the 2010 report of the Outdoor Recreation Foundation stated that when trails are located close to residential areas, they have a 20% higher rate of use.

III. INVENTORY OF AREAS AND FACILITIES

Two classes of facilities exist within the City of Lago Vista: private and public.

The large majority of outdoor facilities belong to the Lago Vista Property Owners Association and are for the use of their members only.

The following tables and maps show the facilities in existence as of 2016. In addition to the City of Lago Vista, both LVPOA and LVISD school facilities are included in the inventory. The LVISD has an interlocal agreement that allows youth sporting associations/teams to use school facilities for a fee to cover operational expenses. Also, the Travis County park as well as the federal wildlife preserve lands have been listed.

Tables printed in 2010 plan will be duplicated and inserted here.

IV. COMMUNITY NEEDS

The 2015/2016 Comprehensive Planning Group did an extensive job of identifying outdoor and open space needs. The majority of this section are those goals identified by that group. While some items can be accomplished within a year or two, some of them must be incorporated into a bonding for Capital Improvement Projects sometime into the future.

- I. Community Need for Recreational Facilities and a Multipurpose Sports Complex
- II. Community Need for System of Trails
- III. Community Need for Small Parks as well as a Larger Community Park that Serves Citizens and Visitors
- IV. Community Need to Collaborate with other Organizations to Increase Access to Parks and Recreation for Citizens

V. ACTION PRIORITIES

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VI. STRATEGIES TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS

1. Community Need for Recreational Facilities and a Multipurpose Sports

Complex

- 1A. Strategy 1-A: Conduct feasibility study for a multipurpose sports complex to identify the highest demand sports for Lago Vista.
- 1B. Strategy 1-B: Research funding sources partnerships for the multipurpose sports facility.
- 1C. Strategy 1-C: Identify/acquire land needed for a large, multipurpose sports complex.
- 1D. Strategy 1-D: Use recreational facility standards when developing recreational facilities.
- 1E. Strategy 1-E: Insert smaller recreational facilities in pocket/mini parks as desired by residents living near small parks.
- 1F. Strategy 1-F: Implement recreational programming to include team sports, environmental/ecological projects for children, fitness education, et.al.
- 1G. Strategy 1-G: Apply for grant funding.

2. Community Need for System of Trails

- 2A. Strategy 2-A. Apply for grant funding.
- 2B. Strategy 2-B. Use trail standards when developing trails.
- 2C. Strategy 2-C. Work with developers to donate trail easements.
- 2D. Strategy 2-D. Using list/map of specific roads to be vacated, develop trails at those locations that are feasible for conversion.
- 2E. Strategy 2-E. Coordinate with the electrical utility company to explore the possibility of adding trails to existing utility easements.
- 2F. Strategy 2-F. Plan for a system of trails that connect destinations Within the community.
- 2G. Strategy 2-G. Identify small trails that can be connected to pocket and neighborhood parks.
- 2H. Strategy 2-H. In coordination with Golf Course management, formalize use of golf course cart paths as trails.

3. Community Need for Small Parks as well as a Larger Community Park that Serves Citizens and Visitors
 - 3A. Strategy 3-A. Identify small parcels of city-owned land that can be developed as mini-parks to serve near-by residents.
 - 3B. Strategy 3-B. Enlist participation by citizens to help develop and maintain mini-parks near their home.
 - 3C. Strategy 3-C. Work with developers to donate park land during the initial phases of development.
 - 3D. Strategy 3-D. Apply for grant funding for park development.
 - 3E. Strategy 3-E. Assess park level of service annually.
 - 3F. Strategy 3-F. Begin acquiring land for a waterfront community park.
 - 3G. Strategy 3-G. Explore the feasibility of developing a public boat ramp.
 - 3H. Strategy 3-H. Explore the feasibility of developing a commercial Marina and pursue partners for development

4. Community Need to Collaborate with Other Organizations to Increase Access to Parks and Recreation for Citizens
 - 4A. Strategy 4-A. Establish a task force to work toward an agreement with all POAs to purchase access to private facilities.
 - 4B. Strategy 4-B. Reach out to other organizations for help in funding and recreational programming (for example, County Commission, Balcones Wildlife Refuge, LVISD, Austin area outdoor recreation groups, etc.).
 - 4C. Strategy 4-C. Research partnerships to assist in development of recreational facilities.

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 6. Future Agenda Items

Comments:

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Content of Motion: _____

Vote: Dewhurst _____; Hale _____; Helm _____; Panter _____;

Speckmann _____; Wilhow _____; White _____

Motion Carried: Yes _____; No _____