

NOTICE OF LA MARQUE PARKS BOARD BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the La Marque Parks Board will conduct a Regular meeting on **June 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM by telephone and video conference** in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19. This Notice, the meeting agenda, and the agenda packet can be found online at:

<https://ci.la-marque.tx.us/AgendaCenter>

THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO CITY HALL DURING THE MEETING.

The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided below and as permitted by the Chairman during the meeting. A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

THE PUBLIC TOLL-FREE DIAL-IN NUMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING IS:

1 (346) 248-7799

ONCE YOU ARE CONNECTED, YOU MUST ENTER THE FOLLOWING:

Meeting ID: 92887385489

Press *6 to mute or unmute your phone line. You may also connect to the meeting on your smartphone, tablet or computer by going to the following internet address:

<https://zoom.us/j/92887385489>

Once you are on the website, you may need to enter the following:

Meeting ID: 928 8738 5489

If you require accommodation to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk at 409-938-9259 or cityclerk@cityoflamarque.org at least 48 hours prior to the meeting start time.



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La Marque, Texas 77568
409-938-9202**

**Louis “Mac” McGaffey - Chairman
Al Reida - Co-Chairman
Bo Hunter - Member
Herbert Franklin - Member**

**Larry Walker - Member
Michael “Rock” Bock - Member
Tamara Smith - Member
Tonia Griffin - Member**

**CITY OF LA MARQUE
PARKS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
Of
June 17, 2021**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Marque Parks Board will conduct **a Regular Meeting via telephone/video conference hosted through Zoom as provided in the attached notice on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**, for the purpose of considering and taking action on the following agenda:

- (1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- (2) ROLL CALL**
- (3) APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF ABSENCES**
- (4) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- (5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a.** Regular Meeting Minutes 5.20.2021
- (6) APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**
 - a.** Financial Report Ending May 2021
- (7) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Comments from the Public (At this time, any person with Parks Board-related business who has signed up may speak to the Parks Board (limited to three (3) minutes). In compliance with Texas Open Meetings Act, the Parks Board may not deliberate on comments. Personal attacks will not be allowed, and personnel matters should be addressed to the City Manager during normal business hours.
- (8) OLD BUSINESS**
 - a.** Discussion/possible action regarding status of initiated Parks Board Projects, stabilize shoreline, awnings, and wild hogs. (Back up to be provided)

(9) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the feedback of the Park Master Plan public meetings.
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding marketing including, social media, park history and Website.
- c. Discussion/possible action regarding Park Board Events.
- d. Discussion/possible action regarding community support.
- e. Discussion/possible action regarding the next Parks Board Meeting.

(10) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requests by Parks Board Members for items to be placed on future agendas and announcements on city events/community interests TEX. GOV'T CODE §551.415. (b), items of community interest" includes:

- (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence;
- (2) information regarding holiday schedules;
- (3) an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutary recognition for purposes of this subdivision;
- (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body;
- (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality or county; and
- (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality or county that has arisen after posting

(11) ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on or before Monday, June 14, 2021 before 5:30 p.m.

Robin Eldridge, TRMC, City Clerk

Removed from the Bulletin Board by _____ on _____.

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This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Request for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (409) 9389259, or Fax (409) 935-0401, or e-mail cityclerk@cityoflamarque.org for further information.
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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
PARKS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Of
May 20, 2021**

Minutes of the City of La Marque Parks Board Regular Meeting held on **Thursday, May 20, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** via telephone/video conference hosted through Zoom with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Louis "Mac" McGaffey, called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Louis "Mac" McGaffey
Al Reid
Michael "Rock" Bock
Tamara Williams
Larry Walker
Herbert Franklin
Tonia Griffin

ABSENT:

Bo Hunter
Al Reid

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda Hobby, Interim Public Works Assistant Director
Venisha Henderson, Public Works Administrative Assistant

(3) APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF ABSENCES:

Board Member Walker made a motion to approve the absence of Board Members Hunter and Reid on Thursday, May 20, 2021 meeting. Board Member Franklin seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes of 4.15.2021

Board Member Bock made a motion to approve the Parks Board Regular Meeting Minutes. Board Member Williams seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(5) PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None.

(6) FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Financial Report Ending April 2021.



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Board Member Walker made a motion to approve the Financial Reports Ending in April 2021. Board Member Bock seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(7) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None.

(8) OLD BUSINESS

- a.** Discussion/possible action regarding status of started Parks Board Projects (Back up to be provided at meeting.)

Ms. Hobby stated that Mahan Park gates are in progress of being painted, and she is waiting on a 3rd quote for the awnings. Board Member Williams asked when the basketball goals will be replaced. Ms. Hobby responded that they are on back order and as soon as we get them in, they will be put back up. Ms. Hobby will add that Martin Luther King Park's basketball court be pressured washed. Board Member Griffin asked about new signage for the parks at Mahan and MLK. Ms. Hobby explained that this sign project was originally Colleen's to do but because of the cost on replacing the park signs, City Manager Tink included in the Parks Master Plan.

(9) NEW BUSINESS

- a.** Discussion/possible action regarding placing barricades/signage at the end of Getty Road and the far-off side of the baseball field to prevent people from four wheeling.

Board Member Bock requested for "NO PASSING", "NO VEHICLES" signs be placed at the private property field. Ms. Hobby says this will be the last time the City will spend money on signage for this private property, signs will not block people from going onto the property. Chairperson McGaffey says someone will get hurt out there and the City will be liable and that is why the signs need to be out there. Ms. Hobby stated the signs will be placed next week.

- b.** Discussion/possible action regarding wild hogs destroying the big field at Highland Bayou Park.

Board Member Bock suggested that the owner whose house is on the levee at the park be allowed to place traps out at night to catch the hogs with the City's permission. Ms. Hobby will find out how to proceed with keeping the hogs out of Highland Bayou Park.

- c.** Discussion/possible action regarding the next Parks Board Meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board Members to hold the next Parks Board meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**



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(10) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

(11) ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Louis "Mac" McGaffey, Chairperson
Parks Board



	Parks			Keep La Marque Beautiful		
Total Donations Received	Correct Allocation	Actual Payment	Over / (Under) Payment	Correct Allocation	Actual Payments	Over / (Under) Payment
1,154.00	577.00	577.00	0.00	577.00	577.00	0.00
1,182.00	591.00	591.00	0.00	591.00	591.00	0.00
1,182.00	591.00	591.00	0.00	591.00	591.00	0.00
446.00	223.00	223.00	0.00	223.00	223.00	0.00
1,146.00	573.00	573.00	0.00	573.00	573.00	0.00
1,970.00	985.00	985.00	0.00	985.00	985.00	0.00
1,174.00	587.00	587.00	0.00	587.00	587.00	0.00
912.00	456.00	456.00	0.00	456.00	456.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
\$9,166.00	\$ 4,583.00	\$ 4,583.00	0.00	\$ 4,583.00	\$4,583.00	0.00

\$57,562.44

Donations	456.00
Additional donations	
Interest on Investments-May 2021	3.41
Total Revenues	\$459.41

[illegible]

\$58,021.85

ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS:

I have included the updated Ordinance No. O-2021-0004 that was adopted on May 17, 2021. - Board & Commissions

If you have any questions in reference to this ordinance please contact the City Clerk's Office, 409-938-9259.

Thank you

ORDINANCE NO. 0-2021-0004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 2.9, "ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES" OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 2.9, Establishing a policy for appointments to boards, commissions and committees," of Article I, "In General," of Chapter 2, "Administration", of the City of La Marque Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2-9. - Establishing a policy for appointments to boards, commissions and committees.

- (a) *Scope of this policy.* Standing boards, commissions and committees addressed by this policy shall be referred to as "committees", in the interest of brevity. Those committees addressed by this policy are:

Building Standards Commission (See Sec. 14.280)

Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission (See Sec. 35-45)

La Marque Economic Development Corporation

Library Advisory Board (See Sec. 2.37)

Civil Service Commission (See Sec. 2.306)

La Marque Cemetery Board (See Sec. 2.312)

Parks Board (See Sec. 2.209)

Planning and Zoning Board (See Sec. 71.24)

Board of Adjustments (See Sec. 71.25)

- (b) *Initial assignments of positions and changes.*

- (1) Each member position on each of the itemized committees are hereby assigned to a council district or the mayor as indicated on "Attachment A" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. The "city council" as used herein shall also include the position of mayor.
- (2) The city council may amend the district assignments at any time by simple motion and approval at any called city council meeting where the subject is posted as a part of the agenda according to law. District assignments and future changes to those assignments shall be maintained by and kept in the office of the city clerk.

(c) *Nominations and appointments.*

- (1) *Notice.* Ninety days prior to the expiration of an appointed term, or immediately after being notified of a mid-term vacancy on any committee, the city clerk shall notify the council member whose district is assigned the position in question, that a vacancy will be or is open on that committee. Included with that notice will be any candidates for nomination that the committee itself may have recommended, any qualifications for the position that may be established by Charter or ordinance, and the meeting schedule of the relevant committee. A copy of the notice shall be provided to all members of the city council at the same time. Further, the City Clerk shall notify the current committee member ninety days prior to the expiration of their appointed term and request the member complete a new application if they desire to continue serving in the same capacity for an additional term. The City Clerk shall provide a copy of the committee member's application, response, or lack thereof, to the council member whose district is assigned the position in question within 30 days of making the request to the committee member.
 - (2) *Nominations.* A council member shall have 60 days from receiving the city clerk's notice of a vacancy or pending vacancy for a position assigned to that council member to provide the name of a nominee to the city clerk to be presented to the full city council for consideration of appointment at the next regular scheduled city council meeting following the 60 days. The nominating council member shall provide, along with the name, the address, telephone numbers and qualifications of any nominee or nominees. If the council member assigned to a vacant committee position, or a position scheduled to be vacant because of an expiring term of appointment, fails to provide the city clerk the name and required information within the 60 days following the date of the notice or, in the case of expiring terms, 60 days prior to the term expires, nominations from any council member may be submitted for consideration before or during the meeting which appointments are to be considered.
 - (3) *Appointments.* The city clerk shall place consideration of appointments to fill vacancies or pending vacancies for the relevant committees on the next regular city council meeting agenda, following the 30 days of notice to council members. Appointments are made with a majority vote of council attending a meeting.
 - (4) *Committee chair responsibilities.* It shall be the responsibility of the chairperson of each committee to guide the committee to enforce any attendance requirements for maintaining committee membership, to notify the city clerk of any mid-term vacancies and to provide the city clerk a record of attendance of the committee members.
- (d) *Residency requirement.* All newly appointed committee members must be a resident of the City of La Marque for a period of at least twelve months prior to appointment and shall remain residents during their term; provided, however, Planning and Zoning Commissioners shall not be subject to this requirement, but shall comply with Section 71-24 of the City Code (requiring that all Commission

members “be residents and real property taxpayers of the City of La Marque, and none of whom shall hold any other position in the city government”). Committee nominees shall submit an application prior to being appointed or reappointed to a committee and shall swear under penalty of perjury on their application that they are a resident of the City of La Marque and shall provide at least 2 forms of proof of residency at the time the application is submitted. “Resident” as used in this Section 2.9 shall mean “a person living at a full-time, permanent residential address located inside the City limits of La Marque.” The City Council, upon receipt of a written complaint may require any committee member to provide proof of residency in or all but not limited to the following forms: (i) ownership or lease documents, (ii) copies of active utility accounts, (iii) vehicle registration, (iv) voter registration and/or (v) homestead exemption; provided, Council may elect to utilize a third party investigation, however, no committee member shall be required to provide proof of residency more than three times during the same term, or twice per twelve-month period for any term longer than two years. Council shall be the judge of the qualifications of committee members.

- (1) Non-resident committee members as of the date of adoption of this ordinance may serve out their current term, but may not be appointed to an additional term unless approved as a non-resident non-voting member.
 - (2) Upon the written request and nomination of the Board or Committee Chairperson, a non-resident may be appointed to serve a one-year term as a non-voting member with unanimous approval of council. Committees may not have more than one non-resident non-voting member at a time. To be qualified as a non-resident non-voting member of a committee, the person nominated must have a demonstrated interest and/or subject matter expertise on the work of the committee. A non-resident may be appointed to serve a one-year term as a non-voting member with unanimous approval of council. Non-resident non-voting members must be appointed annually by Council.
- (e) *Term limits.* All appointed committee members may continue to serve as a committee member as long as they complete a new application prior to appointment or reappointment pursuant to this ordinance and are approved by a majority vote of council. Economic development board members are limited to two consecutive six-year terms.
- (f) *Absences.* Four absences within a twelve-month period shall cause removal of the Member as a regular member and the member shall become an alternate; further, the first alternate on the committee shall automatically replace the committee member removed for absences,
- (g) *Committee membership limits.* A person can serve on only one committee at a time but may also serve as an alternate member of another committee. Current members serving on multiple boards as of January 14, 2019 will be allowed to complete current terms for each board served. For appointments to preferred board, members must declare to city which multiple boards will be dropped upon completion of term.

- (h) *Alternates.* "Alternate" committee members shall be members appointed to serve as voting members of the committee in the absence of any regular member. Alternates may, and should, attend all meetings of the committee to which they are appointed and shall be allowed to vote when any regular member is absent. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, each Council member may nominate one alternate committee member for each committee member position they are assigned; provided, however, alternates to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment shall be appointed in accordance with Chapter 71 of the City Code, and alternates to the Building and Standards Commission shall be appointed in accordance with Chapter 14 of the City Code.
- (i) *Ex-officio members.* One Council member or the Mayor may be appointed by City Council to each committee as an ex-officio non-voting member for purposes of providing a liaison between Council and the committee. Ex-officio appointments are made by virtue of the Council member or Mayor's elected position and shall terminate automatically if any ex-officio member ceases to hold an elected position."

Section 2. Effective Date and Publishing. This ordinance shall be effective immediately, except where a later date is expressly provided, upon adoption on second and/or final reading after publication and hearing, as provided in Sections 2.17-2.19 of the Charter of the City of La Marque, and publication in accordance with Section 52.013 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Section 3. Conflict and Repeal. This ordinance is intended to be cumulative and shall not repeal any previous ordinances except to the extent of an irreconcilable conflict.

Section 4. Severability. In the event any clause, phrase provision, sentence, or part of this ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this ordinance as a whole or any part of the same, notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

PASSED, AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of La Marque on First Reading this 29th day of April 2021.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of La Marque on Second and Final Reading this 17th day of May 2021.

CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS:



Keith Bell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robin Eldridge

Robin Eldridge, TRMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Derra Purnell

Derra L. Purnell, City Attorney