



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
PARKS BOARD
SPECIAL AGENDA
of
February 26, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the Parks Board of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a **Special Meeting** on **February 26, 2025**, beginning at **6:00 PM** in the **Council Chambers** at **1109-B Bayou Road La Marque, Texas as well as via video-conference hosted through Zoom (bczoom.cityoflamarque.org)**. In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Local Government Code the presiding officer and a quorum of the La Marque Parks Board intend to be and will be physically present at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas. This location will be open to the public.

The Board will meet for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PRESENTATIONS
 - 4.I. Award: Highland Bayou Park All-Inclusive Playground, National Demonstration Site (NDS) Project of Excellence
5. REPORTS
 - 5.I. Financial Reports
 - 5.II. Parks and Natural Areas 2024 Awards Ceremony
6. MINUTES
 - 6.I. Regular Meeting Minutes - 01.16.2025
 - 6.II. Regular Meeting Minutes - 11.21.2024
7. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON

Comments from the public will be heard at this time. Any person with city-related business who has signed up may speak to the Board (limited to three (3) minutes). If

wishing to speak give the Chair or presiding officer your full legal name and the item you wish to speak about. In compliance with Texas Open Meeting Act, the City 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. *Press *6 to mute or unmute if you are participating by telephone, press the unmute button if attending via zoom on a smartphone, tablet or computer, or stand if attending in person, and the presiding officer will call on you in turn.*

8. OLD BUSINESS

Items presented to the Board for discussion and possible action:

8.I. Reviewing Saltgrass Subdivision's recommendations to update the West Side City Park master plan

8.II. Appointing a Parks Board liaison for the Coca-Cola grant in partnership with Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission

9. NEW BUSINESS

Items presented to the Board for discussion and possible action:

9.I. Finalizing a Calendar of Events for 2025

9.II. Partnering with the La Marque Library for Movie Night

9.III. Approving purchase of supplies for Movie Night not to exceed \$150.00

9.IV. Partnering with La Marque Library for Earth Day Celebrations

9.V. Approving purchase of supplies for Earth Day Celebrations

9.VI. Applying for the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Innovation in Conservation Award

9.VII. Applying for the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Innovation in Park Design Award

10. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.I. The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2025

11. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on February 20, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

Kierra K. Nance, TRMC
City Clerk



PARKS BOARD AGENDA FORM

Meeting Date: February 26, 2025

Prepared by: Alice Ashley

Department: Administration

Agenda Item: 4.I.

Reviewed by: _____

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

STAFF BRIEFING:

The all-inclusive playground at Highland Bayou Park has been officially recognized as a National Demonstration Site (NDS) Project of Excellence. This prestigious designation is a testament to our commitment to innovation, community impact, and the enhancement of quality of life for our residents.

HISTORY:

FISCAL IMPACT:

None-this is a National Recognition

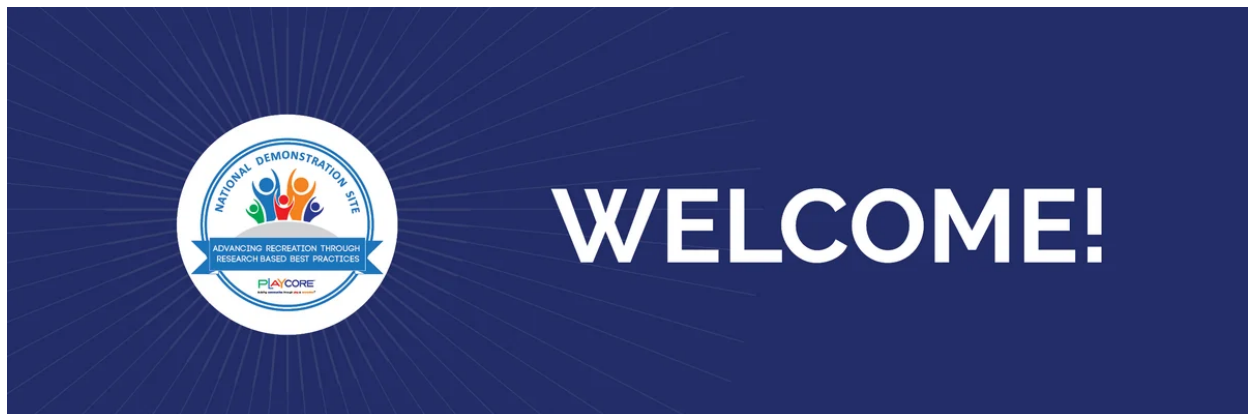
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Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2024 10:48 AM

To: Cesar Garcia <c.garcia@cityoflamarque.org>

Subject: Access the National Demonstration Site (NDS) Web Portal

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Hello,

Congratulations on your new National Demonstration Site (NDS) project of excellence! As part of the NDS network, you have access to data reports and tools, in a personalized NDS Portal, through the CORE Data Service Lab. Be sure to check out the welcome video in the portal to navigate all your tools and data reports.

[CLICK HERE to set up and](#) access your (NDS) Web Portal

Each National Demonstration Site is eligible to receive 3 reports:

1. **[Initial Impact Report is Available Now!](#)** This report highlights local data points that describe the potential impact your site will have on the surrounding population.
2. Baseline Outcomes Report [Request this in the Portal](#) 60+ days after your NDS is open. This report shares mobility data that describes pre- and post-usage outcomes and estimated health savings.
3. Visitor Outcomes Report is available [once your site receives 50 survey completions](#) using the QR code on the onsite signage or through other digital links. It summarizes self-reported user sentiments and usage outcomes about how visitors use the NDS.

Your joining link expires in 5 days. After that, log on to <https://app.coredataservicelab.com> and select Forgot Password.

Questions? Contact us: support@coredataservicelab.com

Claim Account

If your link has expired, please select the forgot your password option to reset your account. Your username will be your email address. If you run into further issues, email us at support@coredataservicelab.com.



Please feel free to contact us at any time, and again thank you for your leadership in turning research into practice.

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Recognizing Communities for Turning Research Into Practice

High-quality outdoor play and recreation environments are essential to community health and wellness. Research indicates that when stakeholders are engaged in the planning process, evidence-based design best practices are implemented with the built environment, and supplemental programming is offered to further enhance user experiences, then positive outcomes occur.

PlayCore's Center for Outreach, Research, and Education (CORE) leads the National Demonstration Site (NDS) Network as an important effort to raise national awareness, recognize projects of excellence, and help local communities demonstrate the positive impact they are making on Community Vitality. National Demonstration Sites use comprehensive and validated research to provide a unique way to organize and report the indicators of a vital community.

There are five design best practice programs that help communities turn research into practice. Choose to utilize one or a combination of National Demonstration Site designations to thoughtfully advocate for inclusive play, youth physical activity, adult outdoor fitness, nature play, and playful pathways.



OUR UNIQUE APPROACH

Ensure that your community can maximize the value of your investment by implementing scholarly best practice design research to activate play and recreation destinations. With evidence-based best practices to design and implement high-quality play and recreation environments, National Demonstration Sites receive recognition, demonstrate impact through data services and site-specific reports, and are able to share and showcase the impact on community health and wellness.

IMPLEMENT DESIGN BEST PRACTICES



Create high-quality environments.

RECEIVE RECOGNITION



Celebrate your leadership and commitment to play and recreation.

DEMONSTRATE IMPACT



Receive one-of-a-kind data services and site-specific reports that capture the impact and outcomes of your NDS.

SHARE & SHOWCASE



Advocate the positive impact high-quality destinations have on your community health and wellness.



NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION SITE BENEFITS

As part of your commitment to advancing play and recreation, as a National Demonstration Site (NDS), you will receive complimentary benefits, including:



Receive Recognition



Recognition on the **National Demonstration Site Map** (www.playcore.com/NDS/map), an online resource to help others find meaningful play and recreation spaces in their community.

A **Welcome Kit** that includes a National Demonstration Site **project of excellence award** for display and a **Marketing Toolkit** with digital assets to help you promote your site and support data collection.



Demonstrate Impact

A **dedicated portal** provided by the CORE Data Service Lab for your community's site-specific NDS **tools and reports**.



On-site signage with a research QR Code will promote your commitment to best practices and direct visitors to share their experiences and report Community Vitality outcomes.



Share & Showcase



Site-specific Reports provided by CORE Data Service Lab that aggregate local and site-collected data to demonstrate site impact, engagement, and park user sentiments. Each report aligns to the 7 indicators of Community Vitality to provide a holistic view of the health and wellness outcomes your site contributes to the community.



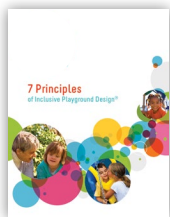
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Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Human Services
Institute for Disability Research, Policy & Practice
UtahStateUniversity.

INCLUSION

The purpose of PlayCore's comprehensive inclusive play programs and unique design philosophy is to provide high-quality outdoor play experiences for people of all ages and abilities that develop the whole child, address the whole environment, and ultimately, benefit the whole community.



PlayCore is proud of our national partnership with leading experts at the Institute for Disability Research, Policy & Practice of Utah State University which has led to championing thousands of inclusive play initiatives across the world.

Our evidence-based design and programming best practices innovate outdoor environments where both physical and social inclusion can occur. The **7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design®**, is a one-of-a-kind resource to help communities move beyond minimum accessibility guidelines to intentionally create destinations that are more usable, by more people, to the greatest extent possible. These principles are the industry's only evidence-based guidelines that are tailored specifically to address childhood experiences in outdoor play environments.

Inclusive play is our passion and purpose. Together we can turn research into practice and advocate for inclusive, intergenerational play destinations across our nation.

Best Practice Implementation:

- Address local priorities, create awareness, and enlist community partners that share your mission and goals.
- Provide a developmentally robust and balanced assortment of playground activities that meet the diverse physical, social-emotional, sensory, cognitive, and communicative needs of all children, including those with disabilities.
- Apply the 7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design® to the overall environmental design.
- Offer programming, activities, special events, and/or other initiatives to further create awareness and foster friendships.



Providing intergenerational, inclusive play ensures that all people experience the satisfaction of contributing to meaningful play and reap the lifelong developmental, physical, and social benefits of inclusion."

- Keith Christensen, PhD, Institute for Disability Research, Policy & Practice of Utah State University

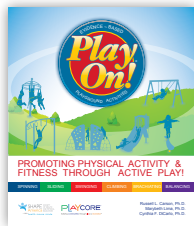


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YOUTH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The purpose of **Play On!** is to promote physical activity and fun by designing outdoor environments for active play and implementing playground learning activities. The Play On! program provides educators and recreation professionals with evidence-based design best practices to promote fitness and health — maximizing the value and potential of school and community playgrounds.



PlayCore is proud to partner with physical activity experts, SHAPE America, to provide a valid solution for intentionally increasing physical activity on playgrounds through six key elements of play to promote fitness. Play On! can be used to enhance recess, physical education, before/after school programs, special events, camps, and other programming efforts to combat sedentary lifestyles and childhood obesity.

The Play On! Program contains 125 activities for grades PreK-5 that align with national physical education standards. The program includes assessment tools, equipment lists, playground funding opportunities, send-home family resources, and design best practices.

Play On! can become a vital component to strengthen, educate, and build healthier, happier communities through active play.

Best Practice Implementation:

- Incorporate six key elements of play that promote physical activity — balancing, brachiating, climbing, spinning, sliding, and swinging.
- Provide a developmentally appropriate progression of skill opportunities through beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels of challenge.
- Design the layout of the space to encourage movement through running, chasing, and exploring.
- Program the environment utilizing Play On! learning activities and additional loose parts to encourage active play and social interaction.



It is critical to advocate for play initiatives, effectively communicate the developmental benefits of playgrounds, and demonstrate how investing in play can result in healthy outcomes."

- Russ Carson, PhD, Co-author of Play On!



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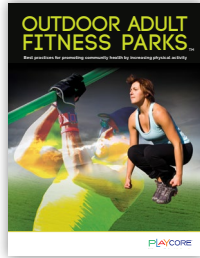
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OUTDOOR ADULT FITNESS

Research demonstrates that **Outdoor Adult Fitness Parks** provide a variety of healthy outcomes to communities by offering new ways to make physical activity more available, accessible, affordable, and enjoyable.

PlayCore partnered with Dr. Gary Liguori, past Department Head Health and Human for Performance University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Dr. Michael Suk, Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery at Geisinger Health System; and Dr. Thom McKenzie, Professor Emeritus, San Diego State University to develop evidence-based design best practices for community outdoor adult fitness destinations.

This designation recognizes communities that advocate for and utilize Outdoor Adult Fitness Parks as a critical solution for improving health and overall wellness. National Demonstration Sites align to health benefits and total body fitness by offering visitors of all levels a well-rounded workout. Together, these elements can help people adhere to routines that develop overall health and wellness, and engage participants in substantially more moderate to vigorous physical activity.



Best Practice Implementation:

- Identify user groups, location/context, site-specific amenities, and programming opportunities.
- Select a design typology that meets the space requirements, usage goals, and site-specific needs.
- Offer a variety of aerobic, muscle/strength, core, balance, and flexibility equipment to provide a well-rounded fitness routine.
- Adhere to safety and industry standards in regards to surfacing, accessibility, signage, and equipment configuration.



As our country continues to struggle with obesity and chronic disease, outdoor adult fitness parks are a sustainable option with measurable impact across the broad spectrum of adult health and wellness."

- Gary Liguori, PhD, University of West Florida



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NATURE PLAY

The purpose of **NatureGrounds** is to create a dramatic shift in the standard playground development process by deliberately designing nature back into the everyday spaces of childhood, not only to benefit children's play, but also to engage communities in working together to deliver high-quality play experiences across generations. Research has proven that designing play environments that integrate the living landscape with manufactured equipment results in increased play value, higher levels of physical activity, social interaction, and improved environmental sustainability.



PlayCore has partnered with the Natural Learning Initiative, College of Design, NC State University, to help professional and community champions bring "nature to people" in an effort to reconnect children to nature to support healthy human development. NatureGrounds play and learning environments positively impact play value, child development, health and wellness, and environmental sustainability.

Naturalized playgrounds have become sought out destinations that provide visual interest, shade, and comfort resulting in sustained repeat visits, a relaxed and playful social atmosphere, and growth of community social capital. These well-designed playgrounds offer rich outdoor education and programming opportunities for both schools and parks.

Best Practice Implementation:

- Locate playground in relation to existing site features and surroundings such as mature trees and topography.
- Design entrances, pathways, and boundaries to enhance naturalization and connectivity.
- Integrate planting pockets (trees, shrubs, grasses) into the play environment as part of the play experience.
- Select child-friendly plants to provide additional play value using the Plant Database at playcore.com/plants to offer variety, seasonal change, wildlife enhancement, and/or play props.

A generation ago playing outdoors in nature was usually taken for granted, but times have changed. Now, nature must be deliberately designed back into children's lives."

- Robin Moore, DiplArch, MCP, Hon. ASLA



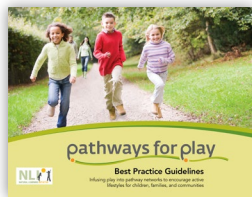
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PLAYFUL PATHWAYS

The purpose of **Pathways for Play** is to intentionally integrate play — critical for children's health — into walkable, bikeable, shared use community pathway networks.

Research shows that playful pathways attract children and families and can dramatically increase frequency and duration of use.



PlayCore has partnered with the Natural Learning Initiative, College of Design, NC State University, to help professionals and community champions create opportunities to “bring people to nature” by creating playful routes for families to explore, discover, learn, and be physically active together surrounded by nature. Pathways for Play National Demonstration Sites infuse play into trails, greenways, and shared parks to motivate children, families, and youth organizations to get outdoors and engage in healthy, stimulating activity in nature.

Best Practice Implementation:

- Assess form, location, access, usability, safety, and regulations when evaluating an existing or planned pathway.
- Connect pathways to meaningful destinations in locations where children live to support their independent mobility.
- Promote environmental literacy and learning by integrating play pockets along the path. Play pockets include themes for learning, educational signage, and playful activities that enhance the overall play value.
- Integrate at least three play pockets at appropriate distances apart to encourage movement and discovery.



It is clear that there is no other choice but to discover new ways to deliver high-quality outdoor environments for children compelling enough to motivate them to acquire healthy, fearless, outdoors-in-nature, active lifestyle habits."

- Robin Moore, DiplArch, MCP, Hon. ASLA



JOIN THE NETWORK

Data collected across the National Demonstration Site Network demonstrate that evidence-based design positively impacts visitors and promote healthy communities. Through our research, we have learned that National Demonstration Sites:

ENCOURAGE REPEAT VISITATIONS

97% of site visitors say they will return again in the near future.

DEMONSTRATE HEALTH & WELLNESS

99% of site visitors were active.

PROMOTE RECOMMENDED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

96% of site visitors are active at the site for 30 minutes or longer.

CLAIM VISITOR SATISFACTION

98% of site visitors are satisfied with their visit.

Visit playcore.com/nds to learn more.

Turn Research Into Practice & Become a National Demonstration Site

1 Design

Work with a local, National Demonstration Site trained representative to design your site to implement evidence-based design best practices. Choose one, or a combination of designations, to address the goals and priorities of your community.

2 Collaborate

Identify a Key Informant that will serve as the primary contact and champion to utilize the Marketing Toolkit and NDS resources to help create awareness, promote the site, and encourage community members to share their experience using onsite data collection methods.

3 Share & Showcase

Create positive attention through collaborative marketing and/or programming, and use your destination to demonstrate impact to your stakeholders.



**Join us in our mission to build healthy
communities through play and recreation
and turn research into practice.**

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Get active and help defend vibrant, public spaces at our National Demonstration Site!

What is it?

The [playground or adult fitness site] located at [park name address] was designated a National Demonstration Site by PlayCore

What does that mean?

The site was recognized for use of design best practices and is entitled to take part in data collection to demonstrate the value of the site on our community health and wellness.

How do I participate?

Go enjoy the space, then scan the QR code on the nearby sign and answer a short survey about your experience. If you've already visited but didn't take the survey, you can find it here www.playcore.com/nds-survey.

What happens with the data?

Your { park dept, or fill in team} will receive a report that documents activity levels, demographic data, health contributions and other important info to help us defend the importance of active shared outdoor sites on our community!



NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION SITE NETWORK



Congratulations!

Thank you for your commitment to advancing play and recreation and turning research into practice.

WELCOME!

Congratulations on becoming a PlayCore National Demonstration Site! Let's talk about your benefits!

PlayCore's Center for Outreach, Research, and Education (CORE), in collaboration with leaders and scholars, is committed to turning research into practice by researching, sharing knowledge, and advocating for the positive impact of play and recreation on a community's vitality.

CORE provides communities with evidence-based best practices to design and implement high-quality play and recreation destinations - National Demonstration Sites (NDS.) The NDS program uniquely allows data collection and translation opportunities that document and demonstrate NDS outcomes aligned to the 7 Indicators of Community Vitality. As part of your commitment to advancing play and recreation, CORE is thrilled to recognize your project as a National Demonstration Site and share the many benefits that NDS network members receive:

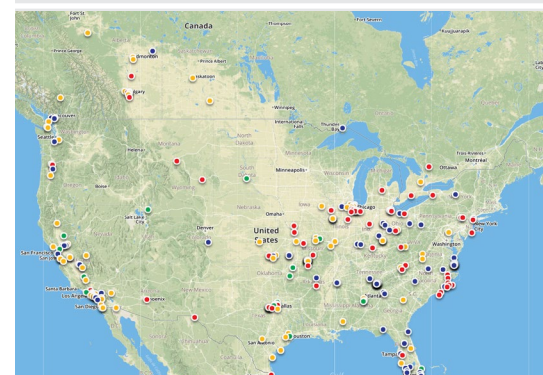
RECOGNITION & ADVOCACY

- Your NDS also receives **recognition on the NDS Map** (www.playcore.com/NDS/map), an online resource to help others find meaningful play and recreation spaces in their community.
- Your organization receives a National Demonstration Site **project of excellence award** for display.
- We've included a **Marketing Toolkit** full of ideas to help you promote your site and data collection.

DATA COLLECTION AND OUTCOMES SHARING

- Complimentary **on-site signage** with a research QR Code will promote your commitment to best practices and **direct visitors to share their experiences** and report Community Vitality outcomes.
- CORE's Data Service Lab will **aggregate local and site-collected data to prepare complimentary reports** (see page 4) to demonstrate site impact, engagement, and park user sentiment. Each report aligns to the 7 indicators of Community Vitality to provide a holistic view of the health and wellness outcomes your site contributes to the community.
- The CORE Data Service Lab will create a **dedicated portal** for your community's site-specific NDS **tools and reports**.

Learn more about CORE and the CORE Data Service Lab on the last page.



See the entire NDS Network at
www.playcore.com/NDS/map

YOUR REPORTS & STEPS FOR DATA COLLECTION SUCCESS

What reports do we receive?

As a National Demonstration Site, you have access to up to three complimentary site-specific NDS Reports to provide rich data-driven insights and outcomes for the investment you have made. By varying the reporting periods and data sets, you are able to share and showcase your benefits on an ongoing basis.

Where do I access our reports?

Access your **complimentary NDS reports** by logging in to your NDS Portal at app.coredataservicelab.com.

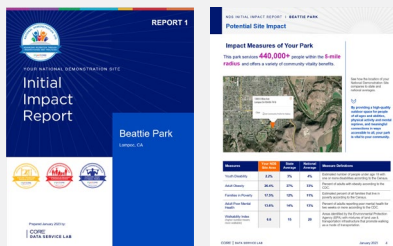
Activate your portal using the link you received in your Welcome to the NDS Network email.

Can't find it? Contact us at support@coredataservicelab.com.

1

Initial Impact Report

Receive before opening



Learn WHO the site impacts.

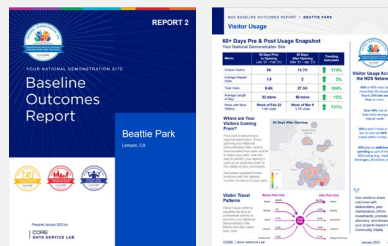
Local data points in the report describe the impact your NDS will have on the area drawing population.

We automatically upload your Initial Impact Report to the NDS Portal after your NDS is ordered through your local representative.

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Baseline Outcomes Report

Request 60+ days post-opening



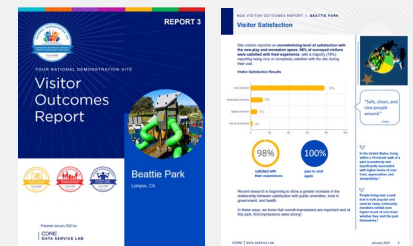
Discover WHAT is happening at the site. This report will describe pre and post usage outcomes and estimated health savings.

Request your Baseline Outcomes Report at least 60+ days after your grand opening by submitting a request through your NDS Portal. Once we hear from you, we will upload it to your Portal's Share File.

3

Visitor Outcomes Report

Receive after 50+ scans and/or visitor survey completions



Learn HOW park users are responding. Data sets in this report will summarize users' self-reported sentiments and usage outcomes.

We automatically upload your Visitor Outcomes Report to your NDS Portal once 50+ surveys have been completed using either onsite signage or through the provided survey link.

How can we collect more data from park visitors?

To maximize the data you receive and increase visitor sentiments, use the strategies outlined in your NDS Marketing Toolkit, found on the following pages, to promote user scans of the QR code located on the sign on site installed at the site and through your community engagement and marketing campaigns.



YOUR MARKETING TOOLKIT

Utilizing the marketing ideas below with templates available at your portal to promote your National Demonstration Site is a great way to share your dedication to supporting community health and wellness, encourage scans of your onsite Research collection sign, and share outcomes from your reports! Here are a few easy ideas to try!

Press Release: Feel free to use templates to announce to your community your participation in this unique initiative and commitment to health and wellness.

Email: Connect with your community with an email blast to subscribers..

Social Media: Use these sample posts (or create your own!).

Help us collect data about our new [playground / adult fitness space] located at _____. Scan the QR code on the sign by the entrance to the space and make your opinion count!

You can be part of a national initiative on the community value of play & recreation! Scan the code on the sign by the [playground / adult fitness space] at _____ and share your thoughts!

What does the new [playground / adult fitness space] at _____ mean to you? Your participation in research told us that _____.

Can you guess the top three reasons our community visits the [playground / adult fitness space]. Reply below, and we'll post the responses on [date]!

Our community is part of a nationwide data collection project on the value of play and recreation! Here is what we've learned!

Posters: Request an editable flyer to add your site name and information and spread it around the community to promote your NDS and the Data Collection opportunity!

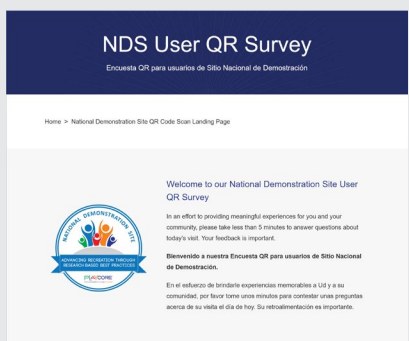
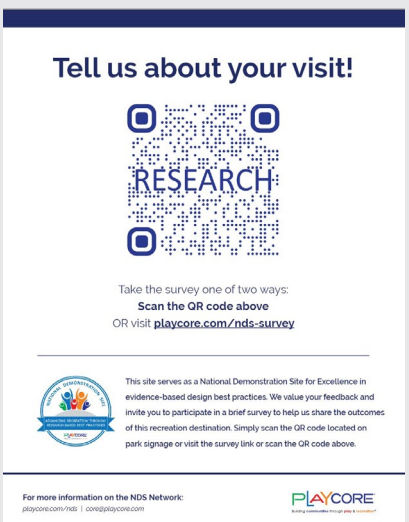
Broadcast: Do you create videos, podcasts, offer webinars, or host community events? All of these are great opportunities to share updates, research reports, and encourage sign scans!

Link to the survey: Use any of the above to share a link to the research survey connected to the sign's QR Code to encourage previous visitors to participate (available in English and Spanish): <https://www.playcore.com/user-reflection-survey>

Resources

All of these resources are available to download at your NDS Portal at app.coredataservicelab.com.

Activate your portal using the link you received in your Welcome to the NDS Network email. Can't find it? Contact us at support@coredataservicelab.com.



YOUR MARKETING TOOLKIT

Plan a grand opening: Invite the community to be a part of a ribbon cutting and explore the park through a fun celebration of the space.

Host a healthy play city employee day: Invite city employees to bring their families to the playground (or have a field day with adult employees at the fitness space) with instructions to complete the QR survey.

Promote Event Rentals: If the National Demonstration Site is available for event rental, include instructions on how to scan the QR Code/ provide data in the rental agreement. Utilize the flyer at playcore.com/NDS-Files (or create your own!) to send to area schools, daycares, family fun centers (for playgrounds) or gyms, businesses, and community centers (for adult fitness sites) to increase awareness of event rental and participation in the survey.

Ask about programming for your NDS: Both the 7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design and Play On! Youth Physical Activity Designations have evidence-based programming that aligns to your NDS design. Consider recruiting your park program leaders or local naturalists, fitness instructors or similarly qualified professionals to host special events at the site to promote usage and healthy activity, and sign scans!

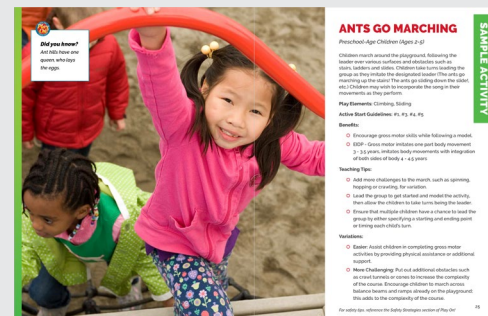
Get great photos for marketing: Do you want some quality photos of your site? Capture engaging photos of users enjoying the site by coordinating a photo shoot to celebrate the new space and bring your community together. Be sure to get photo releases signed! (And share your photography with PlayCore so we can include the best images on the NDS map!) *Learn more about photo releases and build one for your park:* <https://legaltemplates.net/form/photo-release-form/>

Stay Connected: As part of the National Demonstration Site Network, we want to help you maximize data collection at your NDS. Sign up for emails at playcore.com/connect and follow us on social media! We are @playcorenews on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

Questions?

For NDS questions contact core@playcore.com

For Report or Portal questions contact support@coredataservicelab.com



The CORE Data Service Lab's Community Vitality Framework is an evidence-based perspective, grounded in comprehensive and validated research, that provides a holistic approach to understand and implement the seven evidence-based indicators of a vital community. This framework is an innovative and powerful resource for validating the critical role you play in community vitality. It can help you organize and frame a multitude of purpose and data-driven stories to make your case in meaningful ways.

Grounded in Evidence

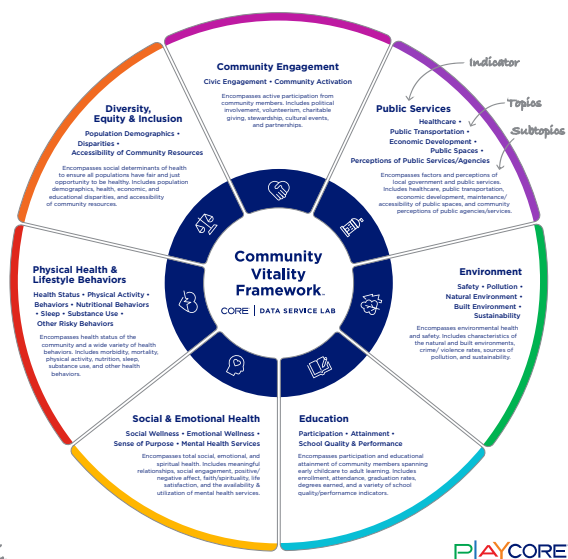
Developing a validated community vitality framework

FORMULATED FROM:
139 Topic Areas
856 Descriptors
using 17 measurement tools

VALIDATED BY:
44 Leading Experts
across the indicators

RESULTING IN:
7 Unique Indicators
that help narrow the focus area
28 Topics
71 Subtopics
that further clarify data measures

*evidence-based information
that you own, turn into action*



The CORE Data Service Lab aligns research-based data to the Community Vitality Framework to help you effectively identify areas of need, guide community decision making, promote priorities, and track outcomes by translating data into actionable and personalized recommendation and support.

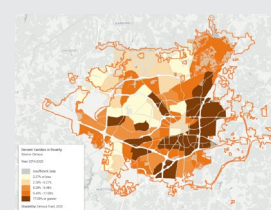
From assessment and planning to implementation and measuring results, this data maximizes positive impact for communities and empowers them to strengthen their community's vitality.

Learn more about the CORE Data Service Lab's comprehensive suite of research-based data tools, to provide insight and data translation to help you make efficient, data-driven decisions, translate your data, and support case making for positive community impact.

National Demonstration Sites are just one of the CORE Data Service Lab's data-centric tools! The CORE Data Service Lab Subscription includes resources that can:



Connect your local data to the Framework to highlight strengths & opportunities and help shape a roadmap for telling your unique data story.



Provide 1200+ curated metrics with the ability to build and overlay custom mapping visualizations to support your goals.

Oakland County Recreation Grants

\$100,000,000

5/4/2022 MICHIGAN, US

The OCP Grant Programs were created to assist local communities with planning, preliminary engineering/design ...



Offer a robust database of bonds and funds aligned to the framework to help you align to a Funder's "why."

\$185,369

Annual Total Health Savings

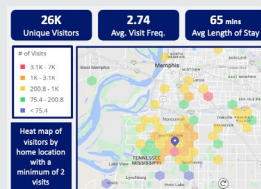
\$109,844

Annual Physical Health Savings

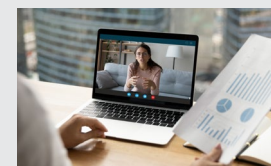
\$75,525

Annual Mental Health Savings

Calculate the impact of your local outdoor settings to demonstrate how investments in infrastructure contribute to annual health savings.



Track usage analysis at your sites to help you measure and share utilization trends and community impact.



Provide personalized training sessions with a data coach.

Additional services include strategies to develop a data driven culture and explore custom data projects. Learn more by contacting support@coredataservicelab.com



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
PARKS DONATION FUND 81
December 2024**

	Donations			Parks	
	Total Donations Received	50% PARKS Donation Allocation	50% KLMB Donation Allocation	Interest	Expenses
October 2024	1,310.00	655.00	655.00	38.57	42.35
November 2024	418.00	209.00	209.00	33.28	300.26
December 2024	2,144.00	1,072.00	1,072.00		
January 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00		
February 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00		
March 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00		
April 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00		
May 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00		
June 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00		
July 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00		
August 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00		
September 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	\$ 3,872.00	\$ 1,936.00	\$ 1,936.00	\$ 71.85	\$ 342.61

BEGINNING CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCE 11/30/2024

\$23,456.84

REVENUES

Donations	1,072.00
Additional donations	0.00
Grant proceeds	10,000.00
Interest on Investments - December 2024	45.44
Total Revenues	\$11,117.44

EXPENSES

<u>Date/ Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	
12/05/2024 Amazon	Christmas-tinsel and snowflakes	73.55
12/12/2024 Lowe's	Christmas-zip ties and paint	60.70
12/19/2024 Amazon	Christmas-supplies for letters to Santa	364.40
12/19/2024 Amazon	Christmas-supplies for letters to Santa	20.99
12/31/2024 Lowe's	Christmas- Paint	22.74
12/27/2024 JP Morgan	Wal-Mart & Sam's- Christmas Parade-cany	492.60
Total Expenses		\$1,034.98

ENDING CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCE 12/31/2024

\$33,539.30



CITY OF LA MARQUE
PARKS SURCHARGE FUND 66
December 2024

BEGINNING CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCE 11/30/2024		\$822,069.51
PARKS SURCHARGE RECEIVABLE		\$47,155.61
REVENUES		
Parks Surcharge		17,829.52
Total Revenues		\$17,829.52
EXPENSES		
<u>Date/ Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	
		0.00
Total Expenses		\$0.00
ENDING CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCE 12/31/2024		\$839,899.03



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
PARKS BOARD
REGULAR MINUTES
of
January 16, 2025**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Bock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mike "Rock" Bock	Chairperson
Tonia Griffin	Vice Chairperson
Mary Limones	Board Member
Mike Wev	Board Member
Tamara Smith	Board Member

CITY OFFICIALS / STAFF

Amanda Hobby	Assistant Public Works Director
Shirley Trahan	Public Works Administrative Assistant
Roy Robinson	Parks Foreman
Kierra Nance	City Clerk

3. REPORTS

3.I. Financial Report

Chairperson Bock questioned the fluctuations of the donation fund and requested Ms. Trahan to work with the finance department regarding these fluctuations. The board also requested that the hotel and per diem charges for Mayor Pro Tem Joe Compian's attendance at the TRAPS Conference in Dallas in October 2024 be removed from the Board's expenses. Board member Smith made a motion to approve the finance reports. Board member Wev seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3.II. City Manager Report

No report was made.

3.III. Public Works Report

Assistant Public Works Director Hobby discussed the following items with the Parks Board:

1. Chairperson Bock questioned the bid for the boat ramp and why there was an extra cost for cement. Assistant Director Hobby to contact ADICO for a report for

the next meeting.

2. The city received a donation from West University Baptist Church for a Game Time Climber and a turtle to be placed in Walter Fiegle Park with the assistance of the Library Director, Amy Miller.

3. Vice-Chairperson Griffin asked about the additional equipment and when it would be placed. Amanda, Assist. PW Director responded, that the fitness equipment will be placed at Westlawn Park when other ongoing projects are completed as well as when the equipment operator can be utilized for this project.

4. Assistant Director Hobby discussed the damaged painting at Bayou Park and requested a recommendation from the board. The board elected to remove it instead of repair it.

4. MINUTES

4.I. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2024

Board member Smith made a motion to make corrections to the November 2024 minutes. Vice-Chairperson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Agatha Jimenez of the City of La Marque Public Relations Department spoke about the Trash Bash event that will be held in March.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.I. Approving the surveying/engineering for possible reconfiguration of Mahan Park ball fields

Board member Wev made a motion to decline the process to the Mahan Park ball fields. Board member Smith seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.I. Electing a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the 2025 calendar year

Board member Limones made a motion for all chairs to remain the same for 2025. Board member Wev seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7.II. Creating and scheduling the 2025 Calendar of Events

A calendar of events will be presented at the next Parks Board meeting. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

7.III. Approving annual of Twin Cities Storage payment in the amount of \$780

Board member Limones made a motion to approve the payment to Twin Cities Storage. Board member Wev seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7.IV. Scheduling site visits in January with the Wildlife Habitat Federation (WHF)

The Wildlife Habitat Federation will make a site visit to Highland Bayou and Mahan Park on January 29, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. They will review our wetlands and all the native plants that are habituated in the parks and will come back to share the assessment at a later date. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

7.V. Attending the Parks and Natural Areas Awards Celebration on February 21, 2025
Vice-Chairperson Griffin will attend the Parks and Natural Areas Awards
Celebration on February 21, 2025.

7.VI. Considering Saltgrass Subdivision's recommendations to update Saltgrass Park
master plan

Board member Smith made a motion to table this item for February. Board
member Wev seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7.VII. Naming the Park located in the Saltgrass Subdivision

Board member Smith made a motion that the Parks Board recommend that
council evaluate the plat and consider naming the park West Side City Park. Vice-
Chairperson Griffin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Bock made a request for the financial report for fund 66.

Board member Limones requested to have the Pledge and Prayer back on the agenda.

Vice chairperson Griffin requested the Highland Bayou Park All Inclusive Playground
National Demonstration Site be added to next month's agenda concerning an
award. She also gave an update on three conservation projects-the Tree City
certification, the Mayor's Butterfly pledge, and the Bird City Certification - that were
approved but still need requirements to be met before moving forward.

8.I. The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled on February 20, 2025

9. ADJOURNMENT

**** Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
PARKS BOARD
REGULAR MINUTES
of
November 21, 2024**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Bock called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Meeting was conducted in the community room with no video.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mike "Rock" Bock	Chairperson
Tonia Griffin	Vice Chairperson
Mary Limones	Board member
Tamara Smith	Board member

ABSENT:

Mike Wev	Board member
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CITY OFFICIALS / STAFF:

Joe Compian	Mayor Pro Tem, District B
Cesar Garcia	City Manager
Shirley Trahan	Public Works Administrative Assistant

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

***This item was skipped.*

4. REPORTS

4.I. Financial Reports

Board member Smith made a motion to table the discussion of financial reports. Board member Limones seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.II. City Manager Report

City Manager Garcia discussed the following items with the Parks Board:

1. Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission applied and received a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) Coca-Cola grant to add recycling bins and can crushers to the local parks. This will be a joint project between the Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission and the Parks board, and this project must be completed within the next 9 months. A liaison from both the board and commission needs to be selected to work on this project.

2. Trash Bash will be held on March 29, 2025. The clean-up will be on a larger scale throughout the county. The city will be partnered with the Houston-Galveston Council with the location point being Highland Bayou Park.
3. Dura Edge Ballfields traveled to Highland Bayou Park and Mahan Park and will be submitting quotes for a clover field.
4. Chris Lane is the new board member for Bobby Beach Park and the city will conduct discussions with Mr. Lane about the city maintaining that ballpark.
5. Select board members and the City Manager attended the Homeowners Association meeting in the Saltgrass Subdivision and submitted several plans for a newly developed city park and requested community input for the park's master plan.

4.III. Public Works Report

National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Conference will be held on September 16-18, 2025, in Orlando, Florida.

Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS) Conference will be held on February 24-28, 2025, in Dallas, Texas.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5.I. Approving a budget not to exceed \$800.00 for "Letter to Santa" project
Vice-Chairperson Griffin made a motion to approve a budget not to exceed \$800.00 for the "Letters to Santa" project. Board member Smith seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.I. Approving a request not to exceed \$200.00 for Christmas decorations for Christmas Parade
Vice-Chairperson Griffin made a motion to approve a request not to exceed \$200.00 for Christmas decorations for the Christmas parade. Board member Smith seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Bock requested a clear amount of how much is obligated for projects in the parks.

- 7.I. The next Parks Board meeting will be January 16, 2025

8. ADJOURNMENT

*****Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.***

Chairperson
Parks Board

Pickleball
+
Soccer
field
away from
the homes
that back
up to the
property



Wants
Swings
Pickleball
Soccer / basketball (vacant)
walking paths
playground sets
*seesaw * merry go round *
* monkey bars *
* slides *
covered pavilion w/ tables
lights - (on timers)
ADA compliant
benches
drinking fountain
trash cans

- NOTES
- A. SMALL COVERED PICNIC AREA
 - B. PUBLIC ADA ACCESSIBLE ROUTE
 - C. FITNESS EQUIPMENT STATION
 - D. WALKING TRAIL
 - E. PARKING
 - F. SOCCER FIELD
 - G. PICKLEBALL COURTS

- LEGEND
- REINF. CONCRETE WALK
 - PAVED AREAS
 - COVERED BENCH



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INTERIM REVIEW
Not to be used for construction,
bidding or permit purposes.

Engineer: DINH V. HO, P.E.
PE License No.: 93895
Date: XX-XX-XXXX

NO.	DATE	REVISION

PROJECT OWNER:
CITY OF LA MARQUE

PROJECT LOCATION:
SALTGRASS SUBDIVISION
750 SALTGRASS POINT RD
LA MARQUE, TEXAS 77568

OPTION 2

ALLC PROJECT NO. 23100-06	SHEET NO.
DRAWN BY: BB	2 of 3
CHECKED BY: XX	
DRAWING SCALE:	
HORIZ. N.T.S.	
VERT. N.T.S.	
DATE PLOTTED:	
May 23, 2024 - 11:55am	



Parks Board
CALENDAR of EVENTS 2025

January 2025

- 5 National Bird Day
- 15 National Wildlife Federation Photo Contest Opens
- 16 Parks Board Monthly Meeting 6pm
- 29 Wildlife Habitat Federation Conservation Assessment Site Visit

February 2025

- 14-17 Great Backyard Bird Count
- 20 Parks Board Monthly Meeting 6pm
- 21 Houston Galveston Area Council – 2025 Park and Natural Area Annual Summit and Awards
- 28 Texas Fish Art Contest Closed

March 2025 – Spring Break

- Art in the Parks (Pavilion Mural, 4 Square, Sensory Sidewalks, Trash Barrels)
- 20 Parks Board Workshop
- 20 Parks Board Monthly Meeting 6pm
- 22 **Movie Night (LMPL)**
- 23 National Wildlife Federation Photo Contest Closed
- 29 **Trash Bash Event (KLMB)**

April 2025

- Hurricane Huddle**
- 17 Parks Board Monthly Meeting 6pm
- 22 **Earth Day – Mayor’s Monarch Butterfly Pledge (LMPL)**

May 2025 – Bicycle Safety Month

- Servolution Mainland Volunteer
- 10 World Migratory Bird Day*
- 15 Parks Board Monthly Meeting 6pm

**Spring Migration Dates*

Full Spring Migration Period: March 1 – June 15

Texas Critical Spring Peak Migration Period: April 22 – May 12

June 2025

- Summer Camp (LMPL)**
- Wildlife Marine Fish Hatchery Stock Enhancement**
- 19 Parks Board Monthly Meeting 6pm



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Parks Board CALENDAR of EVENTS 2025

July 2025 – Parks and Rec Month, City Budget Workshop, National Fishing Month

Life, Liberty La Marque

- 17 Parks Board Monthly Meeting 6pm
National Parks and Recreation Professionals Day

August 2025 – School Starts, Monarch Butterfly Migration, Dog Month

- 21 Parks Board Monthly Meeting 6pm
Community Health Resource Fair

September 2025

- Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz
18 Parks Board Monthly Meeting 6pm
30 Texas Fish Art Contest Opens

October 2025

- 11 World Migratory Bird Day
16 Parks Board Monthly Meeting 6pm
Bayou Fest Event
Trunk or Treat Event (La Marque Public Library)

Fall Migration Dates

Full Fall Migration Period: August 15 – November 30

Texas Critical Fall Peak Migration Period: September 6 – October 29

November 2025

- 2 Texas Arbor Day
20 Parks Board Monthly Meeting 6pm

December 2025 – NO BOARD MEETING

- 2 **Christmas Parade Event**
5 **Letters to Santa**
15 **Boards and Commissions Volunteer Appreciation**

LEGEND

Parks Board Meetings

Parks Board Events

City Events

