



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MINUTES
of
July 31, 2025**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Deputy City Clerk Lott called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Keith Bell	Mayor
Joe Compian	Mayor Pro Tem, District B
Daniel Guidry	Committee Member
Re'chard Loftis	Keep La Marque Beautiful Vice Chairperson
Lyndsey Gonzales	Keep La Marque Beautiful Chairperson (alternate)
Michael "Rock" Bock	Parks Board Chairperson
Agueda Jimenez	Communications Coordinator
Galilea Barrera	Executive Assistant
Monica Veliz	Budget Coordinator

ABSENT:

Tracie Steans	Economic Development Corporation Representative
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CITY OFFICIALS / STAFF:

Kasey Lott	Deputy City Clerk
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3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No one spoke during citizen's participation.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Electing Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Mr. Bock expressed interest in being the chairperson. Mr. Loftis nominated Mr. Bock as chairperson. Ms. Gonzales seconded.

Mayor Bell nominated Mr. Loftis to be the Chairperson. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded.

Mayor Bell shared his concern with behavioral issues on boards that he wanted to address, specifically the levels of bickering and fighting. He requested to have someone that does not have "an axe to grind" and can lead with an open mind. Executive Assistant Barrera asked the two nominees about their current roles and whether chairing two committees would be an issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian noted that the two nominees are qualified individuals.

All members cast their votes individually for Chairperson. **THE VOTE FOR MR. LOFTIS TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON WAS UNANIMOUS.**

Ms. Gonzales made a motion to nominate Michael "Rock" Bock as Vice Chairperson of the committee. Ms. Barrera seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Gonzales posed a question about having more than one representative from the Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission on this committee. It was clarified that she would be an alternate, as Mr. Loftis was voted to be the Chairperson. Discussion regarding alternates and specific functions ensued. Mayor Bell made a motion to send a request to the Council for clarity on active and alternate members and board functions. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.II. Reviewing current Special Events

Mayor Pro Tem Compian stated that the committee should focus on events that we have created or are considered primary hosts. All members agreed.

Mr. Bock shared his concern about Fair on the Square and the need to establish dates. He recommended the second weekend in October as it is close to Founder's Day. He also stated that he is in favor of a pilot program of starting small with a late afternoon and evening event over the course of two days.

Ms. Jimenez noted that the Texas City La Marque Chamber of Commerce has an event scheduled for October 11th, which may interfere with the Fair on the Square event.

Mr. Guidry suggested a "divide and conquer" method as October and April are the two busiest months for festivals and keep the second weekend of October. He also stated that prior administration had worked on this event for months, including a plan to host a gumbo and/or chili cook-off. He also has contact with UpAbove - a group that can help with finding Tejano bands as well as to get a stage, lights, and overall costs - but needs a date in order to move forward. A discussion ensued regarding the creation of a subcommittee to include the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Mr. Guidry to review the details of previous plans already in motion.

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to have the Fair on the Square event on October 11, 2025. Ms. Barrera seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The committee then discussed the Cinco de Mayo celebration. Mr. Guidry presented the idea of having a street taco competition. He suggested either setting it up downtown or at Highland Bayou Park on a weekend.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to host a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Sunday, May 3rd, 2026. Vice Chairperson Bock seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.III. Scheduling next meeting

Vice Chairperson Bock questioned if a subcommittee would need to have a notice due to the Open Meetings Act. It was determined that 51% constitutes a quorum and this board has at least nine members at this time. As long as quorum is not met, then the subcommittee could meet without the 72-hour meeting notice. It was also questioned if this committee would be subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Bell made a motion for Deputy Clerk Lott to get an opinion rendered from

the City Attorney. Mayor Pro Tem seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vice Chairperson Bock made a motion to schedule the next Special Events Committee meeting for August 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Jimenez seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.IV. Requesting items for future agendas

Ms. Jimenez requested a subcommittee recap as well as further discussions and planning for Fair on the Square, Theme for Christmas Parade 2025, and Trunk or Treat.

5. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No one spoke during requests and announcements.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairperson Bock seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.*