

## 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 September 16, 2021, at 6:00 PM. In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Government Code 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 and the meeting will be broadcast at this location and via YouTube. This Notice, the meeting agenda, and the agenda packet can be found online at:

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

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>

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



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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

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CITY OF LA MARQUE  
PARKS BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
AGENDA  
of  
September 16, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Marque Parks Board will conduct a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road **as well as via videoconference hosted through (ZOOM)**. In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Government Code 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 and the meeting will be broadcast at this location and via YouTube. The council will meet for the purpose of considering the following agenda: for the purpose of considering and taking action on the following agenda:

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

(2) ROLL CALL

(3) 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. **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 Chairperson will call on you in turn.**

(4) MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes 7.15.2021





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**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
PARKS BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Of  
JULY 15, 2021**

Minutes of the City of La Marque Parks Board Regular Meeting held on **Thursday, July 15, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** at 1109-B Bayou Road for the purpose of considering and taking action on the following agenda:

**(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson, Louis "Mac" McGaffey, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Bo Hunter

**OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:**

Mayor Keith Bell  
Chaise Cary, Interim City Manager  
Venisha Henderson, Public Works Administrative Assistant

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes 6.17.2021. Board Member Walker made a motion to approve the 6.17.2021 meeting minutes. Board Member Franklin seconded.  
**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(4) APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a. Financial Report Ending June 2021

Chairperson McGaffey stated that former City Manager Charles Jackson explained to the parks board that the City will match the Parks Board \$15,000 dollars to put towards the Parks Master Plan and then once the plan is ready for review the City Manager Jackson would bring to Parks Board for approval or disapproval. Chairperson McGaffey says the Parks Board never seen anything regarding the Parks Master Plan from anyone. Board Member Griffin asked if there was a separate line item that shows what is deducted from the Parks Board Fund or



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what the City pays for. Chairperson McGaffey requests to get updated on what the citizens are paying the park user fee for. Chairperson McGaffey and the Parks Board wants to be able to explain to the citizens where the money is going. Mayor Bell stated that Council did approve for the idea of the Parks Master Plan and to get feedback from the community but after that nothing Council never discussed or seen anything after that meeting. Board Member Bock made a motion to approve the June 2021 financial report. Board Member Walker seconded.  
**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(5) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Jared Williams requests to be placed on the next Park's Board Agenda to receive permission to rent the pavilion at Highland Bayou Park for his Back to School Drive event.

**(6) OLD BUSINESS**

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

Some of the projects on the spreadsheet will not be able to wait for the Parks Master Plan. The replacement of the awnings and stabilizing the shoreline will have to be done now per Chairperson McGaffey. Mayor Bell stated that if the contractor The City hired to replace the awnings do not proceed than we must find another one. Chairperson McGaffey stated that he wants to go before Council to ask for approval to stabilize up to 40 feet of shoreline without a permit since this is considered an emergency, according to the E-Mail from the Corps of Engineers.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding the Parks Master Plan.  
Per Mayor Bell no Parks Master Plan.

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding Marketing: Social Media Website and Facebook.

Board Member Griffin brought to the Parks Board information from the meeting she had with Public Relations Specialist, Ms. Martin, Ms. Hobby and Ms. Henderson. The information provided gave detail on what the City's website had for the City's parks and history of the parks. Board Member Bock wanted to see a link at each park to where citizens can submit requests for any parks that may have problems or concerns and to add a calendar that showed community events and if the pavilion is being rented or not. Board Member Griffin asked if there were other ways to donate to the parks other than the donation of the water bill. Having a central Facebook page for all the parks and a Facebook page for Bayou Fest.



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- d. Discussion/possible action regarding Parks Board Events/Board Shirts.  
Board Member Griffin stated that now that everything is back open maybe the boards can work together and participate in different events. Chairperson McGaffey stated they always allowed the community to come to the Parks Board Events. Board Member Griffin asked about the Parks Board hosting events and trying to revise some events that they can start doing. Board Member Williams says the Police Department used to host the movie in the park. Board Member Griffin stated there was no history on the bird sanctuary on the City's website and Bobby Beach was not listed as well. Chairperson McGaffey stated that park is not owned by the city and it is a privately owned park. Board Member Griffin will get with Ms. Henderson on the shirt order.
- e. Discussion/possible action regarding Community Support.  
Board Member Griffin says there needs to be more active community events and Information given out to the community about our parks. Have the community start attending events at our parks and volunteering.

**(7) NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the approval of Parks making the Back to School Drive an annual occurrence- Galveston County Youth Trailriders Coalition.  
Board Member Griffin says she served on the board for 3 years and everything went smoothly and they gave away over 350 backpacks. Board Member Williams made a motion to approve the Galveston County Youth Trailriders Coalition organization to have their back-to-school drive annually. Board Member Bock seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding the next Parks Board Meeting.  
Special Parks Board Meeting to be held on July 19, 2021 @ 4:30pm with the approval from the City Clerk, Ms. Eldridge.

**(8) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**(9) ADJOURNMENT**

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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Louis "Mac" McGaffey, Chairperson  
Parks Board