

**THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
MINUTE RECORD OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PARK COMMISSION**

Following notice and publication, the Park Commission convened in a regular meeting at 2:00 p.m., August 8, 2023 in the Conference Room, Santa Fe Crossing, 702 S. Chadbourne St., San Angelo, Texas.

Board Members Present were Bitsy Stone, Heidi Brooks and Allison Watkins. **Staff Members Present** were Mario De La O, Roger Havlak, and Carl White and minutes were recorded by Barbara Stallworth.

I. OPEN SESSION (2:00 P.M.)

A. Call to Order

Mr. Watkins called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

B. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approving the May 24, 2023 minutes. Ms. Stone motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brooks and passed unanimously.

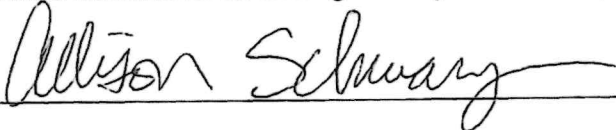
III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Discuss potential future improvements to Santa Fe Park Mr. Havlak discussed potential future ideas for improvement to Santa Fe Park. Mr. Havlak showed a presentation that included pictures and diagrams of affordable options for the 35-acre site. This presentation highlighted walking trails, additional trees, open spaces, picnic areas, seating, exercise stations, food truck areas, possible parking areas and bathroom facilities that are already established. Mr. Havlak also showed a video of a park area in San Saba for more ideas that shows a park similar to a nature walk with fishing area, bird watching area, etc.. Mr. Havlak further explained his presentation to include a 6-hole Par 3 golf course north of Beauregard Ave., with details. Ms. Brooks asked if lights can be put out for night golf. Mr. Havlak replied that this could certainly be an option for the Par 3 course. Mr. White mentioned that the idea would include working with the adjacent Central High School for use of the course. The idea of keeping a golf course in the downtown area may be important to consider. Ms. Watkins asked about what efforts are needed in raising money and suggested looking into grants. Mr. White stated that we are in the "idea" stage and we have not received any direction from City Council at this point. Ms. Brooks had questions regarding the extension of the amendment awarded to Two Pro by City Council and the appropriate process of that amendment based on details of the deed of the property. Ms. Watkins stated she wanted to make sure we understand the purpose of the Park Commission. Mr. White suggested that we meet with the City Attorney and others who may have an interest in the future to get these questions answered. Mr. Havlak, Mr. White, Ms. Brooks and Ms. Watkins discussed the areas in which the Park Commission has jurisdiction for further discussion on ideas of a larger scale. Ms. Brooks asked if the golf course area would be leased out or if it was something we will need to manage. Mr. White commented that this is also a detail that will be worked out when the time is appropriate. Ms. Stone asked if a study was done in the past that explains the cost of maintaining a golf course versus a park. Mr. Havlak replied that there was a comparison of having a golf course versus open space prior to Two Pro taking over. Mr. Havlak explained that the existing Santa Fe irrigation system was designed to be watered as a park and not a golf course, with the exception of tee-boxes and golf greens. Mr. Havlak stated that he would like a plan in place before bringing any ideas to City Council. Mr. Havlak further explained that Park's staff could maintain the site with the ideas presented if appropriate funding is obtained for improvements, equipment, and maintenance.

3. Consider future agenda items. Mr. White suggested inviting the City Attorney, as well as the Assistant City Manager to the next meeting as an item of discussion on the topic of the Santa Fe Park deed and the authority/duties of the Park Commission.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Brooks motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 2:45pm. This motioned was seconded by Ms. Stone.



Approved