

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 Special meeting on February 25, 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

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Meeting ID: 92887385489

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

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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 Williams- Member
Tonia Griffin- Member

CITY OF LA MARQUE
PARKS BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA
of
February 25, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Marque Parks Board will conduct a Special Meeting via telephone/video conference hosted through Zoom as provided in the attached notice on Thursday, February 25, 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. Special Meeting Minutes 1.28.2021
- (6) APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
 - a. Financial Report Ending January 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
(Back up to be provided at meeting)



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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
PARKS BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Of
January 28, 2021**

Minutes of the City of La Marque Parks Board Special Meeting held on **Thursday, January 28, 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 6:00 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:

Charles "Tink" Jackson, City Manager
Joe Compian, Council Member
Amanda Hobby, Interim Public Works Assistant Director
Venisha Henderson, Public Works Administrative Assistant

(3) APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF ABSENCES:

No absences.

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes of 11.19.2020

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(5) PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

There were none.



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(6) FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Financial Report Ending October 2020.
- b. Financial Report Ending November 2020.
- c. Financial Report Ending December 2020.

Board member Williams made a motion to approve the Financial Reports. Board Member Bock seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(7) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

There were none.

(8) OLD BUSINESS

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

Chairperson McGaffey gave thanks to Ms. Hobby on the benches. Ms. Hobby stated, Cowboys and Mac's bench will get repaired March 1, 2021. Board Member Williams asked why the basketball goals were removed from the parks and Ms. Hobby says she was told to by City Manager because of COVID-19 to avoid large gatherings.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding the Parks Master Plan.

City Manager says in order to move forward with the parks master plan they will need to hold a public hearing meeting for citizens to attend to give suggestions on what they would want to see in the parks. Due to COVID this has not been possible. Tink will make sure to put in the next newsletter dates to invite citizens to a public hearing possibly via Zoom. Board Member Griffin suggested posting signs with the next public hearing date at each park. Tink will look into ordering signs as well. Board Member Bock asked about a pipeline that was being placed along I-45 on City Right of Way and how the City could possibly look into getting a contract drawn up so in the future when a contractor lays any kind of pipe on City property they would have to pay a fee of about 200,000 dollars or more. Tink says this is a TXDOT project and no one has contacted him about anything and if this was to happen this decision will have to come from Council. Chairperson McGaffey asked if the 40,000 dollars could be used for the erosion at Highland Bayou Park and Tink responded with not being able to take out money from the fund because he is trying to get a bond for the parks plan and to do so there can not be a history of money being pulled out which can reduce the bonding fee. Board Member Williams asked about putting inserts in with the water bills and Tink says that could be costly but will look into that. Council Member Compian says last thing he was told about the erosion of the shoreline was the permit had stopped at Kathleen VanStavern.

(9) NEW BUSINESS



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- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the nonprofit organization, The African American Historic Preservation Committee, Inc. request to host their first Annual 1867 Settlement Historical District Trail Ride and concert at Highland Bayou Park on April 9-10, 2021.

Mr. Wayne briefly gave a summary of the organization and how he wants to Invite as many people they are allowed during Covid. The lineup will begin at 8AM on the West side Texas City off Bell Drive and it will be a 2-3-hour trail ride to Highland Bayou Park. There will be no cars, no machinery just horses and buggies. From 2-6 there will be live entertainment and should end by 7/8pm. They will have their own security. Board Member Bock asked about a traffic plan and may having to use the Lake Road entrance. Board Member Williams asked if he had a COVID plan and Ms. Hobby stated City requires to have one. Tink says there has to be a 60-day notice to reserve and send to Council. There has to be a weekly positivity rate in COVID leading up to the event. Mr. Wayne is willing to postpone if he has to, he wants citizens to be safe. Board member Bock made a motion to recommend to Council to waive the rental fees for this organization. Board Member Williams seconded.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding BigAss Crawfish Bash's request to host their 7th annual crawfish event at Highland Bayou Park on March 27, 2021. Organization wants this moved to May 7, 2021 due to COVID. Board Member Bock suggest to table discussion. Board Member Walker made a motion to table. Board Member Griffin seconded.

- 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, February 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(10) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

(11) ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Louis "Mac" McGaffey, Chairperson
Parks Board



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
PARKS FUND
JANUARY 2021**

DONATIONS

	Total Donations Received	Parks			Keep La Marque Beautiful		
		Correct Allocation	Actual Payment	Over / (Under) Payment	Correct Allocation	Actual Payments	Over / (Under) Payment
October 2020	1,154.00	577.00	577.00	0.00	577.00	577.00	0.00
November 2020	1,182.00	591.00	591.00	0.00	591.00	591.00	0.00
December 2020	1,182.00	591.00	591.00	0.00	591.00	591.00	0.00
January 2021	418.00	209.00	209.00	0.00	209.00	209.00	0.00
February 2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
March 2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
April 2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
May 2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
June 2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
July 2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
August 2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
September 2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	\$3,936.00	\$ 1,968.00	\$ 1,968.00	0.00	\$ 1,968.00	\$1,968.00	0.00

BEGINNING CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCE 12/31/2020

\$55,147.12

REVENUES

Donations	209.00
Additional donations	0.00
Interest on Investments-December 2021	
Total Revenues	\$209.00

EXPENSES

<u>Date/ Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>
Total Expenses	\$0.00

ENDING CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCE 01/31/2021

\$55,356.12

* Reconciling items: Dec and Jan interest; Donation JE's Dec and Jan