



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

5:00 PM

Council Chambers
200 West Walker Street

Council Work Session

The City Council of the City of League City, Texas, met in a work session in Council Chambers at 200 West Walker Street on the above date at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor:

Nick Long

City Council Members:

**Andy Mann
Tommy Cones
Tom Crews
Courtney Chadwell
Justin Hicks
Chad Tressler
Sean Saunders**

City Manager:

John Baumgartner

Assistant City Manager:

Rick Davis

Assistant City Manger-CFO:

Angie Steelman

Interim City Attorney:

Michelle Villarreal

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Chief of Police:

Cliff Weitena

Executive Director of Capital Projects

Ron Bavarian

Executive Director of Development Services:

Christopher Sims

Director of Finance:

Kimberly Corell

Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

James Brumm

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

Director of Public Works:

Jody Hooks

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Long called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present. Andy Mann arrived at 5:04 p.m.

Present 8 - Mayor Nick Long, Mr. Andy Mann, Mr. Tommy Cones, Mr. Tom Crews, Mr. Courtney Chadwell, Mr. Justin Hicks, Mr. Chad Tressler and Mr. Sean Saunders

- 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 3. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Chien Wei, Director of Parks & Cultural Services, gave a presentation.

Tonight's Agenda

Welcome

Chien Wei – League City Director of Parks and Cultural Services

Katie Golzarri – Clark Condon

What is a Parks & Trails Master Plan?

Goals and Process

Targets established in the 2017 Plan

A Look at League City Today

City Park and Trail Stats

Projects completed in the last 5 years

Programming added since 2017

Projects in Process

Overall Parks and Trails Maps

Demographics Update

Updating the Parks & Trails Master Plan (5 years)

Public Input

Project Priorities

Immediate Needs

Next Steps

What is a Parks & Trails Master Plan?

Goals

- **Develop a comprehensive vision**
- **Address current and future needs**
- **Re-evaluate goals**
- **Assess current condition and level of service**

- **Understand costs – construction and maintenance**
- **Guide future decision making**
- **Identify priorities and establish phasing plan**

2017 Plan Targets

- **Preserve & Enhance Natural Areas**
- **Develop “Great Places”**
- **Increase Recreational Opportunities**
- **Improve Connectivity**

League City Today**608.66 Total Park Acres****21 Park Facilities – 19 City – 2 County****Acquired Lobit Park****Paddle Trail – 6.5 Miles****28 Miles of Trails****League City Population Projections:**

- **2006 – 60,657**
- **2016 – 97,741**
- **2036 – 160,620**
- **2023 Population – 115,000**

Projects Completed Since 2017**26 Total Projects****5 Existing Park Improvements****4 New Facilities****2 Existing Trail Improvements****5 New Trail Projects****8 New Rec Programs*****See Slide #10 for Project List****Hike and Bike Trails Wayfinding Signage Phase 1****Claremont Trail Extension****Mountain Bike Trails Chapter****FM 518 Bypass Hike and Bike Trail****East Side Dog Park****League Park – Renovation completed in 2021****Playground Updates – Renovation completed in 2022**

- **Bayridge Park**
- **Countryside Park**
- **Newport Park**

- **Rustic Oaks Park**
- **Sportsplex**
- **Bay Colony Park – Master Plan finalized in 2022 – 106 Acre undeveloped park**
- **Hometown Heroes Park – Completed in 2022**
- **5K Loop – Completed in 2022**
- **East Side Dog Park – Completed in 2022**

New Programming Added Since 2017

Adult Fitness

- **Power Yoga**
- **Kickboxing**
- **Tennis**
- **High-Lo Fitness**
- **Tai Chi**
- **Men’s Basketball**
- **Men’s Volleyball**
- **Martial Arts**

Senior Adult Fitness

- **Strength and Conditioning**
- **Walk with Ease**
- **Instructional Pickleball**
- **Pilatai**
- **Social Dance**

Environmental Education

- **Nature with Kristine**
- **Astronomy in the Park**
- **Gardening**

Aquatics

- **Stroke Clinics**
- **Private Lessons**
- **Water Aerobics**
- **Junior Guard**

Projects in Process

- **FM 270 Public Boat Ramp Renovations (Design Phase)**
- **Mountain Bike Course Phase 2 – Lynn Gripon at Countryside Park (Design Phase)**
- **Clear Creek Connections Paddle Trail & Kayak Launches**
- **Wayfinding Signage Phase 2 (Design Phase)**
- **Bay Colony Park (Design Phase)**

- **Gilmore Elementary/Claremont Connector Trail Bridge Project (Design Phase)**

2023 Parks and Trails Master Plan

***See Slide #18 for Plan Drawing**

Updated Population Trends

+17K More people than previously projected

Children population projected to decrease slightly

65+ population projected to increase by 12%

SW portion of city expecting large population increase

***See Slide #19 for Demographic Profiles table and 2023 Projections table**

5 Year Update – Public Input

Top 10 Preferred Future Projects

- **Preservation of critical wildlife habitat areas**
- **Large parks dedicated to passive use**
- **Preservation of historic sites/museums**
- **Off-street paths for hiking/jogging/biking**
- **Acquisition of open space lands for preservation/conservation**
- **Large parks dedicated to both active and passive uses**
- **Remodel/Expand existing park facilities**
- **Environmental center**
- **Acquisition of open space lands for future parks**
- **Expansion of existing recreational programs**

High Priority Needs

Outdoor Recreation

- **Community Gardens**
- **Community Parks**
- **Neighborhood Parks**
- **Mountain Bike Trails**
- **Pickleball Courts**

Indoor Recreation and Programming

- **Adult Fitness and Wellness Programs**
- **Senior Adult and Fitness Programs**
- **Indoor Swimming Pool**
- **Environmental/Nature Education Programs**
- **City Sponsored Special Events**
- **Community Theatre**

Medium Priority Needs

Outdoor Recreation

- **Adventure Facility**
- **Splash Pad**
- **Ornamental/Interpretive Gardens**
- **Disc Golf Course**
- **Bike Park**
- **Off-Leash Dog Parks**
- **Game Tables**

Indoor Recreation and Programming

- **Aquatics Programming**
- **Culinary Arts**
- **Multi-purpose Library/Community Center**
- **Dog Training**
- **Cultural Arts Programming**
- **Performing Arts Center**
- **Programs for Individuals with Disabilities**
- **Teen Programs**
- **Adult Sports Programs**
- **Youth Summer Camp Programs**
- **Youth Fitness and Wellness Programs**
- **Before and After School Programs**
- **Multi-generational Programming**
- **Inter-generational Programming**
- **Youth Sports Programs**
- **Outdoor Skill/Adventure Programs**

5 Year Update - Project Priorities

- **Upgrade Newport Park**
- **Renovate City Boat Ramp**
- **Renovate Lobit Park**
- **Chester L. Davis Field Conversion**
- **Hometown Heroes Park – East Side Access**
- **Nature Center Improvements**
- **Westover Park Community Ctr/Pool**
- **Develop HCFCF Park**
- **Develop Bay Colony Park**
- **Develop Kilgore Tract Phase 1 Trail**
- **Extend Paddle Trails to Nature Center**
- **Extend Paddle Trails to Kansas Ave**
- **Extend Claremont Trail to Gilmore Elementary**
- **Extend Webster Trail to League City Intermediate School**
- **Develop Heritage Signature Trail**
- **Develop Hike & Bike Trail Wayfinding Signage Phase 2**

- **TxDOT Trail from FM270 to SH146**
- **TxDOT Trail from Hwy 3 to Walker St**
- **TxDOT Trail from Ross Elementary to Palimino Road**
- **Develop Mountain Bike Course at Lynn Gripon Park Phase 2**
- **Acquisition of 100 Acres**
- **Acquire Additional Parkland**

5 Year Update – Next Steps

- **Finalize Plan and City Adoption**
- **Progress Projects in Process Already**
- **Begin Design on Additional Priority Projects**
- **Future Development and Improvements > 5 Years**
- **Complete Plan Update in 5 Year**

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:36 p.m. Mayor Long said, there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

NICK LONG
MAYOR

DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY

(SEAL)

MINUTES APPROVED: May 14, 2024