

February 18, 2026

Wednesday, 6:30p.m.

I. Call to order TIME: 6:30p

II. Roll Call

Present:

Adriana Arrington- Calk, President

Nicol Schriener, Vice President

Alli Welch, Secretary

Kyle McVay- Member

Stephen Dauphin- Member

Vacant- Alternate

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Jonah Chang, Director of Parks and Recreation

David Merz, District 4 City Council Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT:

Helen Delevan- Friends of the Parks

Patrick Connor- Friends of the Parks

Cody Price- MVSC

III. Citizen's comments

None

IV. Consent Agenda:

Motion: Accept minutes from last meeting.

Motion By: Kyle 2nd By: Nicol

Vote: Yes# 4 No# 0 Pass

V. Presentations

a. Medina Valley Soccer Club presentation by League President, Cody Price

Soccer Program Update

- Approximately 750 participants currently enrolled, with about 1,500 total registrations annually (some players participate in both fall and spring seasons).
- Ages 3–18.
- Approximately 90% of participants are from Medina County, primarily MVISD, with a small number from Hondo.

The recreational program has evolved into a more competitive/select-style league, allowing athletes to compete at a higher level. The program has seen success in athletes transitioning into strong high school teams.

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Practice & Game Schedule:

- Practices held Monday–Friday, typically 5:30 p.m. to dusk.
- Rec season is currently busier than club season.
- Games held Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Seasons run 10 weeks in the fall and 10 weeks in the spring.
- No soccer activities in July, August, January, and February.

Field Usage & Park Impact Discussion

Kyle asked whether the group had considered utilizing alternative areas to reduce impact on the park. Price stated they have explored other options, but costs are prohibitive. He emphasized that soccer contributes approximately \$23,000 in revenue to the park, in addition to increased weekend traffic benefiting the city.

Kyle also noted that on event days (e.g., Boo Bash), it can be difficult to conclude games and transition the park for scheduled events.

Alli asked about field rest and rotation. Price responded that soccer cleats should not cause significant turf damage requiring extended rest. He compared the park fields to high school fields, which are only rested on Sundays and remain in good condition due to proper aeration and watering.

Jonah explained that the fields are irrigated using effluent water, which requires significant pumping efforts. He noted that watering occurred last weekend and stated that additional watering prior to the season may help improve field conditions.

Price added that fields can be rearranged or rotated to allow certain sections additional recovery time. Patrick Connor asked whether relocating for 3–6 months would allow grass to reestablish. Price stated this would be possible, noting that portable lighting would allow games to shift to different areas while grass regrows.

Parking & Facility Concerns

Alli asked about parking management, table usage, and communication with parents. Price stated that moving younger age groups to the upper fields improved traffic flow. Nicol suggested assigning personnel to assist with parking direction and prevent vehicles from being blocked in during overlapping programs. Helen stated that the biggest recurring complaints are: difficulty finding parking on Saturdays, field/grass conditions, and perception that soccer monopolizes park space. She expressed hope that these concerns will be addressed.

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Registration Cap & Residency Considerations

The program is approaching capacity and may soon need to cap registration. Price indicated a likely cap of approximately 800 participants, while Jonah suggested a more manageable range of 700–750 participants. The board discussed potential strategies to address growth and related concerns, including designating parking spaces tied to specific field reservations (which would require coordination and planning by the Parks Department), limiting participation to MVISD students, and implementing additional fees for non-residents. Price noted that Hondo currently charges additional fees for non-citizens; although this would impact only a small number of participants locally, it could serve as a starting point.

VI. Discussion and Action Items

- a. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Parkland Dedication ordinance updates (board packet page 12)

Jonah noted that maintenance of a small park (approximately one-quarter acre) would be manageable and feasible. Adrianna discussed FILO and the current 5% allocation, asking whether the board wished to recommend a higher percentage. Nicol commented that setting the percentage higher could make it less desirable for developers which could be beneficial for the city because ultimately, we would like land over FILO. Kyle expressed a desire for the board to have input on park matters within new developments.

MOTION- Adopt and recommend the parkland dedication ordinance with the edits provided during the meeting.

Motion Alli Second Kyle
Pass 5-0

- b. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Community Center Policy (board packet page 16)

Kyle complimented Jonah and the policy. Board indicated that it was very thorough.

Motion by Kyle to accept policy.
2nd by Stephen
Pass 5-0

- c. Discuss and take possible action on the Medina Valley Soccer Association presentation and their usage at Regional Park

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Discussion above under presentation. No formal action taken.

VII. General Updates

- a. Friends of Castroville Regional Park General Update by FCRP Representative

Meeting Sunday, February 22nd @ 1p at RV Park Rec Hall
Friday March 20th annual meeting and pot luck supper

- b. Update on September Square by Chairperson Adrinna Arrington-Calk

The current status of September Square includes ongoing efforts to secure and allocate funding for needed improvements. Priscilla Garrett is working to transfer funds between non-profits to support repairs to the Square. The Guzman family has not yet presented plans for the new memorials and entrance to City Council, nor have they confirmed that funding for those improvements has been secured. Meanwhile, the Active Transportation Committee is developing recommendations to improve accessibility and safety within the Square. There have also been several requests for additional pathway bricks, which the Parks Department can manage, along with refurbishment of existing bricks. The goal is to obtain the Active Transportation recommendations in the coming months and combine them with the Master Plan concepts to ensure non-profit funds and donations are used efficiently and strategically.

The board discussed the potential pursuit of future grant opportunities to support the project as well as current budget constraints. Members also reviewed ways to improve safety for pedestrians in both the Square and along Fiorella, as well as the possibility of adding additional parking along Lafayette to help address access and congestion concerns.

- c. Update from the Parks & Recreation Director. The following report topics may be discussed and acted upon:
Staff Report (work orders, reservations, operations)

Community Center construction
Construction is still underway. Overall, the project is 57% complete. Currently a delay in re-mobilization due to subcontractors moving equipment and staff to other active jobs. Substantial completion is projected for May 15th with owner move in on May 29th.

Reviewed presentation given to council February 10th, 2026.
(Attachment #1 in board packet)
BMA agreement for walking trails

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At the January 27th Council meeting, council discussed the updated contract and the expending of funds not to exceed \$15 thousand dollars to install automatic gate openers, trail material, and signage. Parks staff will meet with BMA staff to finalize & discuss the logistics.

Splashpad repairs

Repairs are still underway; the sewer line has been repaired (Attachment #2) and some internal components along with the main water supply line are currently being re-plumbed. Once the plumbing has been repaired, a pressure test will be conducted to ensure no other leaks are hidden further down the lines. After a successful pressure test, the backfill process will begin. These repairs are projected to be done before summer 2026.

TPWD Grant Update

At the January 22 meeting, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commissioners unanimously approved the Lions Park Project. The project includes \$469,000 in grant funding from TPWD and requires a dollar-for-dollar match from the City. While the Commission has approved the grant, City Council has not yet formally accepted or committed the matching funds.

Jonah reiterated the extensive process leading to this award. Following City Council's initial approval to pursue the opportunity and fund the grant writer, the grant was completed and successfully secured a highly competitive dollar-for-dollar matching grant — a funding structure that is typically viewed favorably by Council. If the City declines to approve the matching funds and the grant must be turned down, it could negatively impact future grant opportunities.

Board members were encouraged to reach out to City Council to express support for the project and highlight the benefits it would bring to the city, residents, and visitors.

Alli noted that at last week's Council meeting, members spoke favorably about allocating funds for projects such as pool bathroom and shower improvements, as well as other capital needs like this project.

Feedback on the January 29th CIP presentation to City Council
During the January 29 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) presentation to City Council, several Parks & Recreation projects were discussed, with primary emphasis on funding the Lions Park playground and swing set. Staff emphasized that many Parks & Recreation projects are grant-eligible, and actively pursuing those opportunities would benefit the department, City Council, and the community. A key strategy moving forward is prioritizing projects that offer dollar-for-dollar matching

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opportunities, such as the Lions Park Project, to maximize available funding.

Mountain laurel removal from in front of city hall

The area had not been properly maintained and had become overgrown. Staff are currently gathering citizen input regarding potential replacement options; in the interim, the space has been mulched to improve appearance and manage growth. Power washing of the building has been recommended, but this will be postponed until drought restrictions are lifted.

- d. Next Regular Called Meeting: March 18, 2026 Council Chamber at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

- a. Lions Park shade recommendation at the entrance of the Splashpad pending repair decision
- b. Update the Master Plan for the Regional Park- Swimming Pool to include possible programming, additional changing areas, showers, restrooms, and handicap accessibility

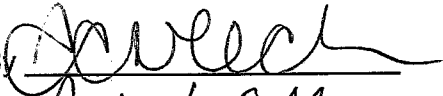
IX. Adjourn TIME 8:10p

Motion: To Adjourn

Motion By: Kyle 2nd By: Nicol

Vote: Yes# 5 No# 0 Pass

Prepared By



Approved By

