



Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 12th day of February 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at Conference Center, 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238 for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine if Quorum is Present.

Park Commission Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., with the following members in attendance: Commissioners Elaine Valdez, Ann Sawyer, Jennifer Pecina, and John Hoyt. Absent were Commissioners Joyce Trent, Terra Patterson, Nancy Marufo, and Tiffany Bradfield. Also present was Staff Liaison David Dimaline.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the January 8, 2026 Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner John Hoyt amended the meeting minutes to provide clarity on the location of the Veterans Memorial location. Commissioner Valdez made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended, which was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard.

Mr. Dustin Nieto introduced himself and thanked the Park Commission for their work. He spoke in favor of developing the park land located at Poss and Peachtree where the Community Pool was located. He expressed his support for a Zen garden, splash pad, and/or keeping it as an available green space. He does not support utilizing the space for a dog park.

4. Old Business

a. Discussion – Update on Hike and Bike Trail Segment 3

David Dimaline updated the Park Commission on the Huebner Creek Greenway Hike and Bike trail Segment 3, and provided a map of the project alignment. The City will apply through the Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program call for projects in the fall of 2026. Commissioner Sawyer stated she was against the trail project and expressed concerns about crime, security and the floodplain. Chairman Christensen stated the hike and bike trail would be an attractive use within an existing flood plain. Commissioner Valdez expressed her support for connectivity of the trails.

b. Discussion – Update on the Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant Award for the Forest Oaks Pool

David Dimaline provided an update on the Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant for the Forest Oaks Pool. The project cost is \$1,451,704 and the grant is a 50% match or \$725,852. The existing pool footprint will remain but includes re-plastering, new pool equipment. The baby pool will be demolished, and ADA compliant decking and sidewalks will be constructed. The existing facility will be demolished, and a new clubhouse, restrooms, mechanical building, storage and lifeguard office will be constructed. The grant Agreement is scheduled to be issued in early fall.

c. Discussion – Update on the 1/24 – 1/25 Weather Event

David Dimaline provided a briefing of Public Works operations during the ice event that occurred on January 24th and January 25th. The Public Works Department used de-icing agent on approximately ten bridge/hill locations throughout the City. Water was shut off to the park restrooms, and community garden during the freeze. Water was restored on Sunday afternoon when temperatures rose above freezing. Both water wells were winterized months ago. There were no reported leaks during the weather event.

d. Reports – Subcommittees – Tree and Swimming Pool

No report.

5. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action – Bexar Branches Alliance Tree Planting at Raymond Rimkus Park

David Dimaline presented the item and explained that Bexar Branches Alliance received a grant to plant 50 trees in Raymond Rimkus Park. They are working with arborists to finalize plans to add trees along the trail and tennis court area. They would like to have the tree planting either Thursday, March 19th or Thursday, March 26th.

A discussion was held and Commissioner Hoyt made a motion to approve the tree planting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Commissioner's and Staff Comments

Commissioner Sawyer wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Commissioner Hoyt shared information on the Heart of Texas East Wildlife Trail Program through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The Raymond Rimkus Park is included within the Alamo Loop. There is a sign located on Poss Rd.


identifying the Heart of Texas East Wildlife Trail. Raymond Rimkus Park is listed on the Alamo Trail as providing habitat for migrating songbirds, ducks, other nesting birds. Commissioner Hoyt also spoke in favor of the City acquiring the property on Poss Rd. that is adjacent to Rimkus Park.

Chairman Christensen is looking forward to planning an upcoming Park Commission meeting in one of the City's pocket parks.

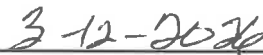
David Dimaline announced that the Earthwise Living Day event is scheduled for March 7, 2026, and the City in partnership with CPS Energy will again provide 300 trees—up to two trees for each participant starting at 9:00 a.m.

7. Adjourn.

Chairman Christensen asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Valdez made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Pecina. The vote carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Roger Christensen, Chairman



Date