

August 19, 2010

City of Lago Vista
P.O. Box 4727
Lago Vista TX 78645

Re: Community Parks and Facilities

Dear Mayor, City Council Members, and City Manager:

The Members of the Lago Vista Property Owners Association (LVPOA) Board of Directors have reviewed the City of Lago Vista (COLV) Parks and Recreation Master Plan as drafted and presented to the City Council on August 5, 2010.

The Board requested that I present to you their concerns about the Plan that they believe need to be addressed before its adoption. The Board plan to share their response with the community as a whole as well as the LVPOA membership, both local and non-local.

The LVPOA Board has concerns about the inclusion of private property in an inventory of COLV parks and the statistical insignificance of the survey numbers among other issues which are more fully described in the attached Power Point slides.

Further, the Board would like a copy of the survey questions which were presented to those surveyed. Without this information, it remains unclear how relevant the survey results are to the current and future population of Lago Vista.

The LVPOA Board urges the City of Lago Vista to consider the objections and requests for clarification presented herewith by the LVPOA before the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is adopted.

The LVPOA board is willing to engage in both public and private, but above all, transparent discussions, with the COLV in an attempt to find possible solutions to the ever growing need for city parks, facilities and lake access. Anything short of this does not represent the interests of our member shareholders.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards

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Review & Feedback

on the

**City of Lago Vista's
Parks & Recreation Master Plan**

submitted by

The LVPOA Board of Directors



Overview

Firstly, we are very pleased to see the COLV is addressing the issue of city parks and recreation facilities.

For many years the LVPOA has been, and still is, the primary provider of private parks and recreation facilities to our members from all over the world as well as those living in the City of Lago Vista (COLV). We consider the members, no matter where they reside, to be shareholders invested in the properties and facilities of the LVPOA.

In an effort to work with the COLV and community entities, the LVPOA has also on special occasions allowed limited access by the public to our private property for community events. These public events held on private LVPOA property have been enjoyed by our shareholders and area residents while benefiting all COLV residents and the commercial community, and bringing financial benefit to the City of Lago Vista. However, these efforts created polarized opinions by our LVPOA shareholders. As a result, we see a need to develop equitable solutions which address the needs of our growing community, while protecting the assets of our LVPOA shareholders, the largest majority of whom do not live inside the city limits of Lago Vista.

Expansion of city boundaries, incorporating new developments, will bring many new residents to the City of Lago Vista. Residents in these new developments need to understand they may only gain access to LVPOA parks and facilities under the LVPOA Buy In policy.



Requests for Clarification

- How did the committee determine that 250 phone numbers called would provide sufficient responses to make a statistically significant survey?
- The Parks and Recreation Master Plan does not include a discussion of the need for public access to Lake Travis. Why was that not included in the Plan?
- The Parks and Recreation Master Plan does not include a discussion of the need for public marinas on Lake Travis. Why was that not included in the Plan?
- The Parks and Recreation Master Plan does not include a discussion of the need for public facilities. Why was that not included in the Plan?
- On page 13, the statement is made that for purposes of inventory of areas and facilities, churches were not inventoried or included as these are not open to the general public; as LVPOA properties and facilities are not for use by the general public, why were LVPOA parks and properties included?



Requests for Clarification (continued)

- On pages 40-41, there is a discussion of Hiking/Biking/Walking Trails, with a suggestion that a trail be developed between the Campground and the LVISD; the Campground is private property and non-members are not permitted to access the property. The discussion further recommends land swaps with the LVPOA in order to connect trails with LVPOA facilities. As the LVPOA facilities are private property, why would there be public trails to those properties?
- On page 46 there is a map of COLV, LVPOA and LVISD property. The Legend is unclear about which properties are LVPOA properties, and that needs to be specifically clarified prior to approval and publication of this Plan.
- On page 60, under the discussion of how the survey was done, there is a statement that the survey instrument is attached. No survey instrument was attached to the copies provided to the LVPOA; we would like to know what questions were put to the 84 people who spoke to the surveyors.
- On page 61, the statement is made that for each lot in new developments, \$500 is assessed per dwelling; previously we were told the amount is \$50. Is it \$50 or \$500?



Recommendations

- The Parks and Recreation Master Plan does not include a discussion of the need for public access to Lake Travis, marinas on Lake Travis or facilities for public use/meetings. We recommend a revision to the Plan to include discussion of these needs and inclusion of these as part of the survey questions.
- Remove “City of Lago Vista Parks Inventory” from the pages from pages 14 through 22, as those parks are not part of the City of Lago Vista and are not open to the public.
- The Parks and Recreation Master Plan does not include a statistically significant number of responses for the number of actual COLV residents. The committee called 250 phone numbers and received responses from 84 people who picked up the phone. The LVPOA has had 12% and 9% returns on surveys when sent with annual statements or annual newsletters. We recommend a revision to the survey to include a statistically significant number of residents surveyed through the inclusion of the survey questions in the monthly utility bill from COLV.