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City seeks community input for Parks Master Plan

The City of San Angelo is beginning to gather citizen input as it explores how best to improve its parks, recreational facilities and programming. Citizens are invited to come share their thoughts that will help shape a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. That plan, in addition to creating a vision for the City's parks and recreation system, will guide how the public's priorities are addressed.

The meetings will be held at the City Council chambers of the McNease Convention Center, 501 Rio Concho Drive. Meeting times and topics are:

- **Monday, Oct. 21, 4 p.m. – called meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to discuss the master plan. (This meeting is open to the public.)**
- **Monday, Oct. 21, 5:30 p.m. – meeting with the public to gather input on the master plan, including: parks; recreational facilities; recreational programming for youth, adults and seniors; fees, and reservations.**

The City will also gather public input through a month-long online survey, beginning late October. More information will be released at a later date.

The City developed a plan in 2001 that was updated in 2005. The City then created a new plan in 2012. Master plans provide direction based on public input and desires for park development and recreation programming. Some direct results of previous plans include Kirby Community Park, the River project, the dog park and a new boat ramp at Lake Nasworthy, which is currently being designed.

Having an updated master plan also allows the City to compete for grants from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. Since adoption of the 2001 plan, the City has earned nearly \$2 million from TPWD for park and trail development. To remain competitive for state grant funding, a city must adopt an updated master plan every five years.

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