



**Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2025,**  
**2:00 p.m. | via MS Teams**

- I. Welcome**
- II. Review of December 2024 Meeting Minutes**  
1<sup>st</sup> motion: Eva Sanchez  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Aleen Gutierrez
- III. Treasurer's Report**  
Balance of \$7,119.03
- IV. Speaker/Presentation**
  - City of Laredo Parks and Recreation – Get to Know Your City Parks  
(<https://laredoparksandrec.com/laredo-parks/>)  
Speaker Tommy Ramirez, assistant director for Parks and Recreation.  
**North Central Park** is approximately 1,678 acres of developed and undeveloped land. There are plenty of facilities for the community to enjoy. It has a heated pool, playgrounds throughout the park, trees are planted along trails to provide shade for those who are walking, frisbee golf, dog park divided into two sections, murals, exercise station that will be remodeled to accommodate more features. lock of love, diamonds for softball and baseball, restroom facilities throughout, bike rack station w/ pump for tires, and skate park. In progress is a dam that will create a waterfall towards the north side of the park.  
**Divine Mercy Park** – Playground, covered and lighted basketball courts, multi-purpose field. Adding six new pickleball courts and parking lot in phase II.  
**Question:** The Healthier Texas Challenge kicked off yesterday. Will you be having any events at the city parks? Kick off was event held at Hanes Rec Center yesterday. Everyone is encouraged to attend such events in order to be healthier. No further events are on the schedule.  
**Question:** When will Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park be open? It is already open. Regular operation hours for the park are from 6am to 11pm. The park includes mini golf.  
**Tennis courts at TAMIU** – Ribbon cutting on 1/30/25. Courts do not have any pickleball at the moment.  
**Question:** Any upcoming events at the parks? Starting in March, there will be many events. Kite Festival during Spring Break. Dog parks are

cleaned daily. We do not encourage people to feed the ducks with foods that are not good for them, such as bread.

**Question:** When will pickleball courts be completed?

Pickleball courts will be completed in 2 months.

- TAMIU Rec Center - Healthy U Programs for Staff (<https://www.tamiu.edu/healthyu/index.shtml>) – Juan Perez with Rec center: Healthy-U is a full-time employee wellness initiative funded through A&M. Upcoming events:
  - Vaccine clinic on Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 11am to 1pm at STC ballroom;
  - Catapult health visit is on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> and Feb 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 3pm, appointment based. Will not count if you have previously completed this step.
  - Lunch and Learn – BCBS representative will visit and talk about Healthy Heart and Healthy You Feb 18<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 1pm. Will send out email for room number. Will feed first 25 people who sign up. Contact Juan at [healthyu@tamiu.edu](mailto:healthyu@tamiu.edu).
  - Working with rec sports to provide strength and conditioning classes. 11 slots available but we will do our best to accommodate more people. The class meets on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm and starts Jan 13<sup>th</sup>. Health release time eligible.
  - Hosting Walking Club. Health release time eligible.
  - Rec sports will be hosting Walkaholics. It starts next Wednesday, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am to 11am.
  - Health Release Time (HRT) – TAMIU has allowed full-time employees to take 30 minutes, 3 times a week, to exercise with the permission of your supervisor.

**Question:** Do you need to have gym membership? Yes, but there is a 2-week pass with access to everything. A new fitness schedule will be released Jan 21<sup>st</sup>.

## V. Staff Senate News

Please fill out a survey for the Holiday Gala. Survey closes on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Staff Recognition  
Congratulations to Vanessa Kennion and Juan M. Vazquez  
The Nomination period for employee recognition will open from February 1<sup>st</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>. The staff senate will review nominations in March. Awardees will be recognized in April.
- Book scholarship recipients for Fall 2024 were Christine Rojas, Monica Manrique, and Isabel De Leon. We will let you know when Spring 2025 book scholarships will open.
- February Fundraiser – Valentine's Day candygrams. Purchasing for candy bags will begin Monday Jan 27 through Friday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. If we need to extend the time, we will. Delivery will be on Thursday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Suggestion Box: <https://www.tamtu.edu/staffsenate/suggestions.shtml>

## **VI. TAMIU News**

- QEP: TAMIU is going through the accreditation process. Part of the accreditation process involves a quality enhancement plan. Will be back next month for a more detailed presentation. SACS will be visiting the campus between Feb 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. All employees should schedule accommodation for flex-schedule or education release times. Will have to complete a form with HR. Supervisors, make sure all timesheets are accurate, as they are state documents. No one person can authorize a person to work remotely. Must be reviewed by numerous offices. No working remotely during FMLA.
- Jan 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Jan 21: First class day  
Jan 22: January birthday celebration  
Jan 30: Tennis courts ribbon cutting ceremony
- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> through Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Registration opens for Spring 2025. HR Forms: <https://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/ohr/forms.shtml>
- TAMIU Health Release Time Application: [www.tamtu.edu/adminis/ohr/documents/hrt-form-3-4-21.pdf](http://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/ohr/documents/hrt-form-3-4-21.pdf)

## **VII. Open Floor**

- Possible snow warning for Monday Jan 20 evening and Tuesday Jan 21 morning.
- Tuition for Spring and sub-term I is due this Friday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>
- Spring permits are open to purchase.
- No announcements for delayed starts next week. If there is, it will be announced through Safe Zone.
- SBDC will be holding webinars at no cost to the public. For more information contact Sandy at SBDC.
- Payroll reminder: Timesheets are due early on Thursday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> due to early processing of payroll.

## **VIII. Door Prizes**

1<sup>st</sup> winner: Adriana Rodriguez  
2<sup>nd</sup> winner: Hilda Garcia  
3<sup>rd</sup> winner: Diana Saucedo

## **IX. Next Meeting – February 11, 2025**

## **X. Adjournment**

1<sup>st</sup> motion: Juana Villagran  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Martha Laura Medina