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City Council Place 1



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RE: May 24th Tessera town hall

Dear Tessera Residents,

I appreciated the opportunity to join citizens and owners in Tessera for a town hall this morning. The event was well-organized and had a great turnout of owners who are making their voices heard. This is why I got into public service. When citizens let me know there is a wrong to be righted, it's time to get to work. Disclosure laws need to be followed, and we need to hear our citizens out when there are concerns over how public lands are being operated. I was happy to hear we will be discussing the public park issue at our City Council meeting on June 5th, starting at 3 p.m. I have been tasked with many items to look into, and I will begin ASAP. Please email me at shane.saum@lagovistatexas.gov with any questions or concerns.

Key Takeaways:

1. **City Council Agenda – June 5, 2025, at 3:00 PM, City Hall:**
 - o The City Council will discuss concerns regarding the dedicated parkland and the operation and maintenance of the pool. Public comments are welcomed, and I hope you join us on June 5th. You can participate in person or virtually.
 - o Our Bond Counsel will be present to address questions and explore potential solutions.
2. **Advocacy for Transparency and Disclosure:**
 - o I am committed to advocating on behalf of our community to state legislators to request a review by Attorney General Ken Paxton into potential violations of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA) concerning the disclosure of Public Improvement District (PID) amounts and the nature of amenities.
 - o Attached is my letter to Rep. Ellen Troxclair and Senator Donna Campbell.
3. **Enhancing Transparency for Future Developments:**
 - o While the City does not control closing documents, we can:
 - Update our website to list public amenities and parks in developments with City agreements.
 - Enhance search engine optimization (SEO) so potential buyers can easily access this information.
 - Require developers to share marketing materials with the City to ensure accurate disclosures.
4. **Addressing Additional Community Concerns:**
 - o **Wildfire Risks:** We will consult with Travis County Emergency Services and code enforcement regarding dead trees and limbs in greenbelt areas.
 - o **Pool Operations:** We will review the City's responsibilities concerning pool usage after public hours and the necessity of lifeguards during public hours.

- o **Safety and Maintenance:** Investigate potential code violations related to the broken playscape and surrounding fencing.
- o **Landscaping Responsibilities:** Determine if the City is responsible for mowing Right of Way areas and clarify the HOA's role in landscaping along city roads.
- o **Construction Debris:** Assess whether piles of rocks and materials near construction areas constitute code violations or fall under City responsibility.

Your active participation is vital in shaping our community's future. Thank you for the opportunity to fight alongside you to turn these wrongs into rights.

Sincerely,

Shane R. Saum

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