

**City of New Braunfels**  
**River Ad Hoc Committee**  
**Summary of Public Comment Meeting 12/5/2011**

- Would a citizen be charged to access the river for swimming or tubing from private property?
- Would Water Quality results and testing be published in the paper?
- What would be Water Quality testing schedule?
- Citizens count on free access to water recreation (rivers)
- Many citizens use the river as a park for their children
- River belongs to residents of the State of Texas
- Revenue neutral goal should also include hotels, restaurants, sales tax, etc.
- The \$5 fee is random; needs to be more thought and analysis
- What if there is a resulting fund balance or deficit
- A wristband is disposable
- How will Committee impose fee equally?
- How do you apply a reduced fee?
- Going to \$5 is too much
- Shuttle buses do not come to complete stop and speed through neighborhoods
- Consider speed bumps or humps
- Permit Parking is not enforced
- Consider parking meters in neighborhoods
- Need to be able to enforce anything that is implemented
- As a citizen, would be happy to pay to play
- River looks unhealthy
- Have to control number of people
- Boom Boxes are huge problem: vulgar, loud, and keep getting bigger
- Concerned about shuttles at Last Tubers Exit moving to opposite side of street: residential and commercial driveways
- No parking is best option for area around Last Tubers Exit
- There is no safety consideration for tubers once they pass Stinky Falls
- No lifeguards at Warnake Rapids
- Need warning signs at Warnake Rapids
- When river is unsafe, there needs to be warning signs everywhere
- Need to discourage tubers from parking at Lamar Elementary School; it is an alcohol and drug free zone
- Need to stop citizens from charging to park on their lawns
- Moving shuttles at Last Tubers Exit to opposite side of street is problem
- Permit parking should be June – Aug
- ADA ramps at Last Tubers Exit is used frequently; make ADA priority
- Need to find another exit rather than modifying Last Tubers Exit

- The public has no parking at Last Tubers Exit
- Is there going to be trash pickup? Who will conduct?
- Ropes used to tie tubes together should be required to be of X diameter
- Concerns about additional river exits further down Guadalupe: need to preserve last section of non-commercial and pristine river
- The Mill dam must be considered as it has been the location of numerous drowning
- \$1.25 to \$5 is 400% increase; what other business would be expected to accommodate
- Outfitters are willing to pay to play
- Sending all through an outfitter allows for the educational opportunity
- Park fee should equal same fee charged by Outfitters
- How would the shuttle realignment at Last Tubers work?
- Requiring PFD's is unenforceable: no drivers license or Birth Certificate
- Offsite parking does not work with existing shuttle allocation
- There is no parking and no sidewalks on opposite side of street at Last Tubers Exit
- Need PFD's, but 13 is too old
- WQ is unsafe and needs to be checked
- The Committee never voted on any recommendations
- Where did recommendations come from
- The trash boats need to be removed
- Need more trash cans on bank
- If you have river front property, what would be the access rules?
- If it is worth preserving it is not free, you pay the fee to maintain and improve
- Tennis players use Prince Solms
- System in Richardson where you sew tag/permit to bathing suit
- Fair Association heard about plans for Fairgrounds on radio, they have other clients, want to keep their grass
- Noon Lions, Leibscher Family, TPWD, and Dittlinger Family purchased Prince Solms Park for beauty and green space
- Please do not water down recommendations before presenting to Council
- No dual class system – charge same fee for all citizens and residents
- Wristband system is needed for auditing and revenue tracking
- No Boom Boxes
- Additional public exits above Last Tubers Exit should be considered
- If you consume a resource you should pay for it: Landa Golf Course, picnic table at Landa Park, Airport
- Is City still considering getting out of the Tubing business, City Tube Chute?
- Committee should consider charging for parking
- \$1.25 to \$5 represents a %400 increase
- If you take away shuttles it would be chaos
- Support a fee system that is equal for all residents and citizens

- Tourists should pay a higher fee
- Logistics Control – 100% one way streets
- Boom Box creates hostile environment
- We need family environment
- Concerned about additional river exit further downstream: it is last quiet and pristine location, used for fishing
- No Boom Boxes
- Another takeout is needed, but do not go down stream
- The Marketing is hurting us now; cannot wait until March, need to do now
- Decisions have trickledown effect to all
- Need to consider emergency phones along the river
- Is it legal for baby to be on river without PFD?
- PFD age should be less than 13
- No Boom Boxes: foul language, use headphones
- Water Quality – need to test more frequently
- Consider toll free phone line for tourists and citizens to call in and check Water Quality
- Should not swim after rain
- Shuttles should not be in neighborhoods
- It is OK for locals to pay, but need a season pass
- Downstream Exit is bad: preserve last pristine stretch
- Prince Solms is in the state that it is because of parking in the past
- Need to preserve all green space