# City of Fredericksburg

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020 ~ 4:00 P.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL COMMENT FORM SPREADSHEET**

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I would like to comment on Agenda Item #: Budget Process - Historic Preservation Grant

COMMENTS: Dear Mayor Neffendorf and City Council members,
I would like to encourage you to approve and continue funding the Historic Preservation Grant to help preserve historic properties in Fredericksburg for the 2021 budget year. My 82 year old mother, Margaret Parks-Payne, has lived in Fredericksburg for 31 years in a Sunday Haus in the historic district on W. Peach St. Over the years, Mom and my stepfather, Larry Payne, managed to do some repairs to help preserve their home, but Larry passed away in October, 2017, and my mother is now on a fixed income, and she cannot do the needed preservation work herself nor can she afford to hire someone to help preserve it.
Last year, my mother and I both spoke to Historic Preservation Officer, Anna Hudson, about mom's home and the work that needs to be done and Anna told me that my mother is an ideal candidate to benefit from the Historic Preservation Grant. I know the City is currently in their budget process, so I urge you to give serious consideration to continue funding this grant so widows like my mother can benefit from those funds and make the needed repairs to preserve the house for future years.
Thank you very much.
Brenda Lessor

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Shelley Goodwin

From: Timothy Riley
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:21 PM
To: Shelley Goodwin
Subject: Public Comment: Budget Workshop 7/22/2020

Good Afternoon,

Shelley, thank you for submitting my comments.

I am glad to see “The Path to the Future” document linked on the homepage. Thank you to those involved. I would still ask again the 2019 Annual Report be linked as well. And in honor of today’s workshop, perhaps a link to the current budget proposal, so that those interested have quick and easy answers to the questions they may have. After reading the “The Path to the Future” document, one would logically want to see a report of progress, followed by how we are planning to budget the money to accomplish the goals set forth. The current 2019 Annual report does a good job of painting a broad stroke picture, with some specifics, but does not compare those successes well with the progress of the “Path to the Future” document.

After looking over the initial budget, we need to evaluate any city service that doesn’t allow us to save money/make a profit. Just because it is a city service, doesn’t mean we should be losing money. (Swimming pools, Golf Course, Recycling etc.)

We need to find a way to devote more money to Health Care, Development Services and Parks. Parks, after the last city council meeting, showing their essential nature and how maintaining and preserving the Hill Country starts with a commitment to the land, water and all that makes 78624 a destination. However, parks are usually the first to get cut. Parks can bring great revenue to our city. The 2019 Annual report shows great potential in investing more into parks. These are the items we can do now, not later.

If I had one thing to ask for, I would ask that you put a line item in the budget specifically dedicated to establishing teams to accomplish the goals set forth in “Path to the Future.”

There are many foundations and companies suited to make these ideas a reality and within the next two years. (Mandated in the document for specific items.) Collaborating with a land trust and investing in the land that is in our city (Peanut Factory), along with the land surrounding us, seems like a good one to start with. Ideas like these, itemized in the document, can create additional income and revenues for the city, and help guarantee our place here for hundreds of year to come. These ideas also help our citizens be secure in the amount of taxes they pay and how that money is spent to not only make their own lives better, but better our Region, our State, our Country and even reach over to our sister city Verbeinsgemeinde Montabauer and beyond.

I look forward to today’s workshop and anticipate thoughtful questions, dialogue and inquiry into how to make this budget stand for our city’s path to the future.
Thank you,

Timothy Ellis Riley