



Parks and Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
June 22, 2010

Board Chair Guerrero called the board meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Board members in Attendance:

Board Chair Guerrero, Board Vice-Chair Sara Marler, Hill Abell, Carol Lee, Jerry Perales and Jane Rivera.

Board members absent: Jeff Francell

Staff in Attendance: Sara Hensley, Ricardo Soliz, Chris Yanez, Robert Brennes, Cora Wright, Kelly Snook, Gina Saenz, Kimberly McNeeley, Victor Ovalle, Marty Stump and Tino Garcia.

1. Approval of Minutes – Amended

The minutes for the regular meeting of 06/22/10 were approved with the following amendment on Board Member Perales motion, seconded by Board Member Rivera. Motion carried on a vote of 6-0. The amendment was to edit page four, paragraph B. replacing an aye vote from Board Member Lee (counted twice) to Board Member Hill.

2. Briefs:

a. Seaholm Intake Structure

The brief was presented by Council Member Chris Riley. A Power Point presentation and handouts was provided.

3. New Business and Action Items

a. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding a Lease and Parkland Improvement Agreement between Austin Independent School District (AISD) and the City of Austin for the construction and operation of a parking lot in Kennemer Swimming Pool Lot.

The motion to recommend to the City Council supporting a Lease and Parkland Improvement Agreement between Austin Independent School District (AISD) and the

City of Austin for the construction and operation of a parking lot in Kennemer Swimming Pool Lot was made by Board Vice-Chair Marler, seconded by Board Member Rivera. Motion carried 6-0.

Vote count: Members voting aye: Board Chair Guerrero, Board Vice-Chair Marler, members Hill, Perales, Lee and Rivera.

Members voting nay: None

4. Citizen Communication

Phil Burns addressed the Board with concerns about Red Bud Isle.

5. Briefs

a. Private Gain on Public Properties

The brief was presented by Gina Saenz, Acting Financial Services Manager.

b. Boardwalk Update

The brief was presented by David Taylor, Public Works Department.

Griffin Davis, Past President, The Trail Foundation, urged the Board to support the Boardwalk design.

Susan Rankin, Executive Director, The Trail Foundation, also urged the Board to support the Boardwalk design.

c. Update on Eilers Park

The brief was presented by Brenda McGahagin, Friends of Eilers Park.

6. Director's Report

Director Hensley reported on the following:

- Kelly Snook and Kimberly McNeeley, newly hired Assistant Directors are now on board.
- There will be a community meeting to discuss the design and landscaping for the new Mueller Substation that is to be located at the Morris Williams Golf Course on Manor Road. The meeting will take place on Thursday, July 1, 2010 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the East 19th Street Missionary Baptist Church, 3401 Rogge Lane, Austin, Texas.

- City officials have received numerous letters and recommendations from the public in support of the parks in Austin and their value to city residents.
- Ricardo Soliz reported that there will be a stakeholder meeting regarding the Bartholomew Master Planning Meeting on June 23rd from 6-8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Dottie Jordan Recreation Center.

7. New Business and Action Items (Cont.)

a. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 2700 Edgewater. A request to: approve a dock that exceeds 20% of the shoreline width (Section 25-2-1176 (D) (2); approve a shoreline modification (Section 25-7-63); approve to place fill in Lake Austin (Section 25-8-652).

Chris Yanez, Principal Planner, Parks and Recreation Department, reported that the applicant decided to reconfigure the dock and that a variance to approve exceeding 20% of the shoreline was no longer needed.

Bruce Aupperle, representing the applicant, presented the technical aspects of the bulkhead.

Nathan Chelstrom, applicant, provided a timeline for 2700 Edgewater Drive beginning in May 15, 2006.

Farah Chelstrom reiterated that she and Mr. Chelstrom have followed all the rules established by the City and urged the Board to allow them to build on their property.

Amy Rodewald urged the Board to reject the applicant's request because the bulkhead is illegal.

Jeanie Youngblood also opposes approval of the dock permit as proposed.

Ann Finch, Edgewater Neighborhood Association, requested that the Board deny the applicant's request and require the applicant to remove the new bulkhead.

Nathan Chelstrom responded to questions raised about the bulkhead, the number of trees that were cut down in the lot, and the concern about the house being a 2-story house instead of a 4-story house.

Mr. Terry Irion reported that in 2007 the City reviewed various citizen complaints about the development and determined the case to be closed. He urged the Board to rule on fairness and equity. He announced that the Chelstrom's are willing to redesign the bulkhead but with the stipulation that the movement of the bulkhead will not be required.

David Rodewald reported that the Chelstrom's were in violation of city code and that two previous owners were unable to build on the lot. Also, that other neighbors are not in favor of the project.

After a 5 minute recess, a motion was made to recommend postponing action and to direct staff to work with the Legal Department, Watershed Protection Department, the Parks and Recreation Department as well as with the applicant and to bring back to the Board a comprehensive recommendation. The motion was made by Board Member Lee, seconded by Board member Rivera. Motion carried. 6-0.

Vote count: Members voting aye: Board Chair Guerrero, Board Vice-Chair Marler, Hill, Perales, Lee and Rivera.

Members voting nay: None

b. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding Montopolis Reclaimed Water Main.

The motion to recommend approval of permanent use, not to exceed 8,068 sq. ft. and temporary use for work area of 36,032 sq. ft. not to exceed 180 calendar days and temporary use for staging/access of 104,946 sq. ft. not to exceed 547 calendar days, in the amount of \$108, 096.73 was made by Board Member Marler, seconded by Board Member Hill. Motion carried. 6-0.

Vote count: Members voting aye: Board Chair Guerrero, Board Vice-Chair Marler, Rivera, Hill, Lee and Perales.

Members voting nay: none

G. Future Items from Board Members

Board Member Hill requested information on the land adjacent to the Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park. Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager, Planning, responded to Board Member Hill's question.

Board Member Lee requested that the Watershed Department and the Parks and Recreation Department work at improving interdepartmental processes.

Board Vice-Chair Marler requested a briefing on Disc Golf in August 2010.

Board Member Hill requested a policy that clarifies swimming just below the Barton Springs Pool.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

