



Parks and Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
August 24, 2010

Board Chair Guerrero called the board meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Board members in attendance:

Board Members Linda Guerrero, Sara Marler, Hill Abell, Jane Rivera, Jerry Perales, Carol Lee and Jeff Francell.

Board members absent: None

Staff in Attendance: Ricardo Soliz, Chris Yanez, Kelly Snook, D'Anne Williams, Marty Stump, Robert Brennes and Tino Garcia.

1. Approval of Minutes – Amended

The minutes for the regular meeting of July 27, 2010 were approved with the following amendment on Board Member Rivera's motion, seconded by Board Member Abell. The motion carried 5-0 with two abstentions. The amendment was to edit the document as follows: Insert [Board Member Abell] in lieu of [Board Member Hill].

Vote count: Members voting aye: Board Members Abell, Francell, Lee, Rivera and Perales.

Members voting nay: None

Members abstaining: Board Chair Guerrero and Board Vice-Chair Marler.

2. Briefs:

a. Bull Creek Park, restoration, general maintenance and water quality issues

The brief was presented by Chris Herrington, Watershed Protection Department. Mr. Herrington reported on the current park restoration plan, including the on-going water quality issues at the park. Continued monitoring for bacteria levels will continue. All restored areas of the park will also be monitored. Findings will be presented to the public in January 2011.

Gary Prant announced that better communication is needed among all parties involved and called for the development of creative solutions.

b. Off Leash Advisory Board Committee

The brief was presented by Ricardo Soliz, Parks and Recreation Department, Bern Abplanalp, Chair, Off Leash Advisory Board Committee and Bill Fraser, member of the Off Leash Committee.

The overview consisted of a review of the committee goals as well as information regarding the upcoming election of new members. A new messaging component will be introduced at each off leash site location.

c. Master Planning process in general/Holly Shores, Festival Beach Master Plan.

The brief was presented by Ricardo Soliz, Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Soliz reported on the re-issuing of a new request for qualifications that is more specific in scope than the last bid request. The re-bid will be re-issued in September and October 2010. The selected agency will then conduct public meetings starting in January 2011.

3. Director's Report

Kelly Snook, Assistant Director, reported on an upcoming public meeting that will be held August 31, 2010 to update the community on the construction of the Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park. The meeting will be held at the Montopolis Recreation Center from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

4. New Business and Action Items

a. Approve the revised Parks and Recreation Board Bylaws

The motion to recommend approval of the Parks and Recreation Board Bylaws was made by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member Francell. Motion carried 7-0.

Vote count:

Members voting aye: Board Members Guerrero, Marler, Francell, Abell, Lee, Perales and Rivera.

Members voting nay: None

b. Election of Officers

The motion to elect Linda Guerrero as Chair and Sara Marler as Vice-Chair was made by Board Member Lee, seconded by Board Member Rivera. Motion carried 7-0.

Vote count:

Members voting aye: Board Members Guerrero, Marler, Francell, Abell, Lee, Perales, and Rivera.

Members voting nay: None

c. Bulkhead and Tram Ordinance Amendment

Andrew Clamann requested Parks Board support of the proposed changes to the Land Development Code. The recommendation would go to the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Vance Naumann, Friends of Lake Austin, urged the Board to vote against the approval of the proposed code changes.

Clint Small suggested that the Board look for further options.

John McIntyre requested further study and asked for additional time to review the proposed city standard recommendations.

Rusty Signor requested further professional study.

Jeff Walker expressed concern about the lack of public input and that a more in depth study of bulkheads should be conducted.

Sam Crowther requested further study.

Terry Irion suggested that the Board consider a peer review by professional engineers.

Bruce Aupperle availed himself to answer questions relevant to draft code changes.

Phil Moncada suggested that the Board postpone approving the code changes until more information has been provided to all interested parties.

The motion to recommend to the Planning Commission and the City Council the proposed code changes to the Land Development Code, as presented, as long as the proposed code changes are not in place until the public has a chance to review and

comment on the language of the Environmental Criteria Manual, was made by Board Member Francell, seconded by Board Member Perales. Motion carried 5-1 with Board Member Rivera abstaining.

Vote count:

Members voting aye: Board Members Guerrero, Marler, Perales, Lee and Francell.

Members voting nay: Board Member Abell

Members abstaining: Board Member Rivera

d. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding proposed code changes to the Community Gardens Resolution.

The motion to recommend to the City Council the proposed code changes to the Community Gardens Resolution was made by Board Member Marler, seconded by Board Member Abell. Motion carried 6-0.

Vote count:

Members voting aye: Board Members Guerrero, Marler, Abell, Perales, Lee and Francell.

Members voting nay: None

Members of the dais: Board Member Rivera

e. Renaming of the Central Austin Neighborhood Park adjacent to the Zilker Park Elementary School.

Jeff Jack urged the Board to keep the park named “Little Zilker Park”.

Kim McKnight, Friends of Zilker Neighborhood Park, speaking on behalf of the neighborhood process for name selection, indicated a preference for two names: Bluebonnet Park or Little Zilker Park.

Lorraine Atherton supports the official name of the Zilker Neighborhood Park to Little Zilker Neighborhood Park.

The motion to recommend the Central Austin Neighborhood Park adjacent to the Zilker Park Elementary School to be named Bluebonnet Park was made by Board Member Abell, seconded by Board Member Francell. Motion carried 5-0.

Vote count:

Members voting aye: Board Members Guerrero, Francell, Abell, Marler and Perales.

Members voting nay: None

Members abstaining: Board Member Rivera

Members off the dais: Board Member Lee

f. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding Commodore Riverboat Piling & Buoy.

The motion to recommend to the Director approving the Commodore Riverboat to moor at Oyster Landing was made by Board Member Francell, seconded by Board Member Abell. Motion carried 5-2.

Vote count:

Members voting aye: Board Members Francell, Abell, Perales and Marler and Rivera.

Members voting nay: Board Members Guerrero and Lee.

A second motion was made by Board Member Francell to recommend to the City Manager the proposed navigational buoys in Lake Austin, seconded by Board Member Rivera. Motion carried 6-1.

Vote count:

Members voting aye: Board members Francell, Guerrero, Abell, Rivera, Perales and Marler.

Members voting nay: Board Member Lee

g. Future Items from Board Members

Board Chair Guerrero announced that she would forward to Board Member Abell, Chair of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee, a request by a neighborhood group to have an event at their neighborhood pocket park. She requested that it be discussed at the next Land, Facilities and Programs Committee.

Ms. Guerrero also requested additional information regarding the ACWP mitigation at Norwood Park. Specifically she requested that staff address the following concerns: 1) timetable/schedule of the project; and 2) the installation of a fence and a sewage vent pipe installed around the manhole cover.

Board Vice-Chair Marler suggested that a multi-jurisdictional team look into options on Lake Austin and other water areas as well.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

