



Parks and Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
September 28, 2010

Board Chair Guerrero called the board meeting to order at 6:07 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, Cora Wright, Jenna Neal, Robert Brennes, Kimberly McNeeley and Tino Garcia.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2010 were approved with minor corrections on Board Member Rivera's motion, seconded by Board Member Abell. The motion carried 6-0 with one abstention.

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

Members voting nay: None

Members abstaining: Board Member Perales

2. Citizen Communication

Charlie McCabe, Executive Director, Austin Parks Foundation, updated the Board on the Zilker trees and the Barton Creek Greenbelt.

Roy Waley, Vice-Chair, Austin Sierra Club, requested an update on the assessment of the sewage overflow at Bull Creek Park. Staff will prepare a response and forward to Mr. Waley as well as to the Friends of Bull Creek Park.

3. Briefs

- a. Update on the installation of new storm water line under Riverside Drive; then west to an existing storm water manhole. The new line is part of the new storm water system for the ZACH Theatre Project.

The brief was presented by Nick Naccarato, Redevelopment Project Manager.

Mr. Naccarato explained that the 350 foot storm water line is on parkland but outside the current lease line. The area is question will not shut down the trail. Safety fencing will be put in place for safety concerns. The trail will be widen at the connection point to the existing line. Mr. Naccarato indicated that the project will take approximately 30 days to complete.

- b. Update on the Green Roof Advisory Group final report to Council regarding incentives and credits for Green Roofs in Austin.

The brief was presented by Eleanor McKinney, Chair, Green Roof Advisory Group.

Ms. Mckinney explained that green roofs can conserve energy, mitigate stormwater runoff, and reduce the urban island effect. She provided examples of current green roof buildings throughout the city. Since the brief was not posted for action, she requested Board support to move the project forward. Board Chair Guerrero indicated that the Board would provide a letter of support to the Mayor and Council.

4. Director's Report

Assistant Director Cora Wright reported on the following:

- There will be a meeting regarding Commercial Use of Public Parkland at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center on October 4, 2010 from 6-8 p.m. The meeting will be held to solicit input from the public.
- The Trial of Lights will not be held this year, however the department will sponsor a Holiday Arts Contest as well as the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Citizen Communication (cont.)

Scott Johnson reported on a PARD project that has transitioned into buying janitorial supplies that are less harmful to humans and the environment. He also mentioned a project with PARD to post signs on the trail on Ozone Action days. The signs will alert trail users to limit or cut back their exposure to the sun and to think about limiting their exercise.

5. New Business and Action Items

a. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding the Parks and Recreation Department's Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs.

Jenna Neal, Parks and Recreation Department, updated the Board on the Land, Facilities and Programs Long Range Plan. The plan, a guide for future growth and development of the department, was developed addressing citizen needs and concerns and utilizing best management practices.

The motion to recommend to the City Council approval of the Long Range Plan was made by Board Member Marler, seconded by Board Member Perales. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Members voting nay: None

b. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding Holly Power Plant Decommissioning and Demolition.

Rose San Miguel, Austin Energy, requested board support for approval of mitigation for permanent use not to exceed 3,000 sq. ft. and temporary use not to exceed 31,861 sq. ft. and 730 calendar days in the amount of \$262,886.12.

The motion to recommend to the City Council the recommendation regarding the Holly Power Plant Decommissioning and Demolition was made by Board Member Abell, seconded by Board Member Rivera. Motion carried 6-0.

Vote count:

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

Members voting nay: None

Members off the dais: Board Chair Guerrero

c. Rescind original action regarding 2105 Big Horn Boat Dock.

The motion to rescind the original action regarding 2105 Big Horn Boat Dock was made by Board Member Abell, seconded by Board Member Perales. Motion carried 4-3.

Vote count:

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

Members voting nay: Board Members Guerrero, Lee and Rivera.

d. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 2105 Big Horn Boat Dock.

The motion to recommend to the Director the applicant's request regarding 2105 Big Horn Boat Dock was made by Board Member Francell, seconded Board Member Abell. Motion carried 6-1.

Vote count:

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

Members voting nay: Board Member Lee

e. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 3107 and 3109 Westlake Drive.

The motion to recommend to the Director the applicant's request regarding 3107 and 3109 Westlake Drive was made by Board Member Marler, seconded by Board Member Abell. Motion carried 7-0.

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

G. Future Items From the Board

Board Member Lee requested information regarding the design specifications for the bridge at Bull Creek Park and the status of the restoration of the creek bed and grounds. Additionally, she asked what action would be taken to protect the tree with the exposed root system.

Board Member Abell requested information regarding the westbound lane of Barton Springs Road closed after the festival.

Board Chair Guerrero requested information regarding: 1) who is responsible for cleaning Lake Austin after major flooding; 2) the status of projects previously approved by the Board.

Due to the anticipated length of next month's meeting, there was discussion to start the October 29th Parks Board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

