



Parks and Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
October 28, 2010

Board Vice Chair Marler called the board meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Board Members in attendance:

Board Members Sara Marler, Hill Abell, Jane Rivera, Jerry Perales, Carol Lee and Jeff Francell. Board Member Guerrero in attendance at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members absent: None

Staff in attendance: Ricardo Soliz, Chris Yanez, Kelly Snook, Cora Wright, Jenna Neal, Robert Brennes, Kimberly McNeeley, Victor Ovalle, Greg Montez, Marty Stump and Tino Garcia.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 26, 2010 were approved with a minor correction on Board Member Rivera's motion, seconded by Board Member Abell. The motion carried 6-0 with Board Member Guerrero off the dais.

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

Members voting nay: None

2. Citizen Communication

Alan Roddy expressed concern regarding trash on Lake Austin and asked the City to help clean up the lake during the winter months.

3. New Business and Action Items

a. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 3106 Edgewater.

The motion to recommend to the Director the applicant's request regarding 3106 Edgewater specifically approving a site plan that: 1) clusters more than two residential docks on one lot and; 2) approval of a dock exceeding 20% of shoreline width and; 3) recommendation to the City Manager on placement of navigational buoys in Lake Austin and; 4) review and comment on a shoreline modification subject to Watershed Protection Department was made by Board Member Francell, seconded by Board Member Lee. The motion also includes comments on restrictions of overnight boat storage on the facility and comments on the site plan. Motion carried 6-0 with Board Member Guerrero off the dais.

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

Members voting nay: None

b. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding Richards Dock.

The motion to recommend to the Director the applicant's request to receive board approval of a structure constructed within 10 feet of a side property line and approval of a dock exceeding 20% of the width of a narrow waterway was made by Board Member Francell, seconded by Board Member Perales. Motion carried 6-0 with Board Member Guerrero off the dais.

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

Members voting nay: None

c. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 2900 Westlake.

Board Member Francell requested that this item be pulled and sent back to the Navigation Committee for further review.

d. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding Bonita Vista Boat Dock.

The motion to recommend to the Director the Board's review and comment on a shoreline modification at 8116 Big View Drive was made by Board Member Hill, seconded by Board Member Francell. Motion carried 6-0 with Board Member Guerrero off the dais.

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

Members voting nay: None

e. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding Payne Boat Dock.

The motion to recommend to the Director the approval of a dock that extends a maximum of 48 feet from the shoreline at 8818 Big View Drive was made by Board Member Francell, seconded by Board Member Perales. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Members voting nay: None

f. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding Gregory Boat Dock.

The motion to recommend to the Director approval of a dock at 2939 Westlake Cove extending beyond 30 feet from shoreline not to exceed 55 feet and exceeding 20% of shoreline width not to exceed 27 feet with a commitment for shoreline modification approved by the Watershed Protection Department was made by Board Member Francell, seconded by Board Member Rivera. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Members voting nay: None.

4. Briefings

Joe Wheeler expressed concern that the Water Utility Department did not do everything possible to minimize the environmental impact to the Upper Bull Creek Greenbelt.

Sharon Blythe, Spicewood Springs Coalition, briefed the Board on the history of the Upper Bull Creek Greenbelt, from the 1950's to the present day. The overview consisted of information on neighborhood

activities including opposition for use of the park for other than its intended use and trails plan for the use of the park. She asked the Board to postpone the decision until December 2010.

Linda Strickland also presented slides and requested additional information from the Water Utility before making a recommendation.

Warren Johnson expressed concern for the construction of the tunnel. He cited that advantages to the Alternative # 6, a drill in and through tunnel, that has a smaller shaft and would not impact parkland. He also requested to continue dialogue with all parties and to delay the decision until December 2010.

g. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the section of the Upper Bull Creek Greenbelt located at Spicewood Springs Road and Old Lampasas Trail.

Greg Meszaros, Director, Austin Water Utility, addressed the board on a request for permanent and temporary use of parkland located at the corner of Spicewood Springs Road and Old Lampasas Trail for the installation of retrieval shaft for the Water Treatment Plant – 4 Jollywood Transmission Main.

-Sharon Bythe spoke in opposition to the applicant's request.

-Jill Rowe requested legal descriptions, environmental surveys and to follow state and local codes. She requested the Board to vote no on the request.

-Richard Pope expressed concern with trash, fluids from trucks, dynamite blasts, noise, shock waves and traffic safety.

-Warren Johnson wants the committee to look into Alternative 6.

-Mimi Lawrence is opposed to the applicant's request and to protect Bull Creek.

-Phil Bautista requested Board support to deny the request to drill and to evacuate city parkland.

-Mary Arnold suggested that action to this item be postponed until a later time in the process when the overall impact of the entire Jollyville TM can better be evaluated.

-Austin Kessler asked the Board to deny use of parkland for the shaft.

-Dr. Craig Nazor asked the Board to not approve the use of parkland for the retrieval shaft.

-Bill Bunch expressed opposition to the applicant's request.

-Jan Moorman indicated that the issue is not about the environment but rather about time and cost.

-Linda Lipsinger expressed concern about the safety of Spicewood Spring Road.

-Greg Dettman expressed concern about the speed the city is going on this issue.

-Roy Waley wants the Board to reject the use of parkland for construction purposes in the environmentally sensitive; and area that has federally protected endangered species.

-Dale Bulla expressed dissatisfaction with the questions he has been asking. No real answers have been given.

The motion to bring back to the Parks Board, with a completed environmental assessment report and a directive to staff to reconsider the mitigation amount was made by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member Abell. The motion carried 7-0.

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

Members voting nay: None.

5. Director's Report

Assistant Director Snook introduced Pat Fuller, Division Manager, Park Ranger Program.

6. Future Items From Board Members

The next meeting of the Board will be held November 30th instead November 23rd.

Board Member Lee expressed concern with the tree with the exposed roots at Bull Creek Park. Assistant Director Snook indicated that staff would look into the matter.

Board Chair Guerrero reminded all that a briefing on a resolution regarding wave abatement strategies on Lake Austin should be held soon.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.