



**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

Tuesday, November 30, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Boards and Commissions Room

Conference Room 1101
City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Guerrero called the board meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Board Members in attendance:

Linda Guerrero, Hill Abell, Jane Rivera, Jerry Perales, Carol Lee and Jeff Francell.

Board Members absent:

Sara Marler

Staff in attendance:

Sara Hensley, Kelly Snook, Kimberly McNeeley, Cora Wright, Tino Garcia, April Thedford, Ricardo Soliz, Chris Yanez, Marty Stump, Gilbert Hernandez, Beverly Mendez, Pat Fuller and Victor Ovalle

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of October 26, 2010 were approved with a minor correction on Board Member Lee's motion, seconded by Board Member Rivera. The motion carried 5-0 with Board Member Francell off the dais.

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

Members voting nay: None

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The following citizens were against the closing of Pease Park on December 31, 2010: Glen Schloicher, Damon Neth, Gordon Maxium-Kelley, Zac Tolbert, and James McCain.

The following citizens were opposed to the proposed disc golf coursed planned for the land adjacent to the Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park: Pam Thompson and Stefan Wray.

The following citizen was opposed to the use of parkland for the Water Treatment Plant 4 project: Joe Wheeler.

D. BRIEFINGS

2. Imagine Austin – brief highlighted the following: the Comprehensive Plan: what it is, Imagine Austin Process, Vision Statement, and the Boards/Commissions’ Participation.
3. Update on Commercial Use of Parkland – brief highlighted the concern of the growing demand for commercial use of parkland by various members. The board was informed PARD staff will be coming back in January for approval and recommendation of the revised policy.
4. Urban Park Stakeholder Group - brief highlighted the group’s draft recommendations entitled “*Striving for National Excellence*”.
5. Proposed Disc Golf Course on the property adjacent to the Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park – brief highlighted the proposed disc golf course on the property adjacent to the Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park.
6. Update on Austin Water Utility Department’s Environmental Assessment Report – staff did not provide a brief.
7. Update on the Parks and Recreation Board’s request to re-consider the mitigation calculation that includes subterranean square footage for the use of Upper Bull Creek Greenbelt requested by the Austin Water Utility – brief highlighted the 3rd party appraisal process used by the Office of Real Estate Services.
8. Brief on the Process for Naming of Parks and Facilities - after a brief discussion, Ricardo Soliz told the Board he would brief the Land, Facilities and Programs Sub-Committee in further detail regarding the process of naming facilities/parkland.

E. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Hensley updated the Board on the YMBL Sunshine Camp agreement coming before Council on December 9. She also provided an updated status on the RFP for the Boathouse at Waller Creek. Finally she discussed the upcoming construction at the ZACH Scott Theater, and the impact it will have on the Parks and Recreation Department Main Building.

F. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

9. Make a recommendation to the Director to consider adopting the City of Austin Office of Real Estate Services formula in determining the total value of dedicated parkland.

Board Member Rivera made a motion to discuss the item, seconded by Board Member Perales. After citizen comments by Manuel Garcia and Sharon Blythe, Board Member Rivera motioned to amend the posting to read “consider adopting a City of Austin...” and to send the item back to Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. Board Member Francell seconded the motion, the motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

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

Members voting nay: None

10. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the creation of Pilot Knob Municipal Utility Districts 1-5.

The motion to recommend to the City Council to deny consent to the creation of the MUDs due to insufficient information in the petitions to consent to the creation of the MUDs was made by Board Member Francell, seconded by Board Member Abell. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Members voting nay: None

11. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the installation of new storm water line under Riverside Drive; then west to an existing storm water manhole.

The motion to recommend to the City Council approval of the installation of a new storm water line, from the proposed expansion site to an existing storm water line north of the Riverside Drive section adjacent to the PARD Main Office was made by Board Member Abell, with a second by Board Member Rivera. Motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

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

Members voting nay: None

12. Support a resolution recommending that the City Council direct the City Manager to assemble a multi-disciplined team to recommend measures on comprehensive wave abatement to protect the shoreline, water quality and biodiversity of Lake Austin while also providing for safe, diverse recreational uses by the public.

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

Members voting nay: None

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

After citizen communication from Cheryl Renna and Bob Brooks against the item, the motion to recommend to the Director 1.) Approval of a structure constructed within 10 feet of a side property line [Section 25-2-1176(D)(1) and; 2.) **DENY** approval of a dock exceeding 20% of the width of a navigable waterway [Section 25-7-63(D)] and; 3.) review and comment on the proposed shoreline modification [Section 25-7-63] was made by Board Member Francell, seconded by Board Member Abell. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Members voting nay: None

14. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 1704 Ski Slope Drive.

The motion to recommend to the Director approval of a dock exceeding 20% of shoreline width [Section 25-2-1176(D)(2)] was made by Board Member Francell, seconded by Board Member Perales. Motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

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

Members voting nay: None.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Lee expressed concern about having a public discussion on the restoration of Bull Creek Park.

H. ADJOURNMENT

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