



## **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

### **Boards and Commissions Room**

City Hall, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Austin, Texas 78701

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## **MINUTES**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Marler called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### Board Members in Attendance:

Sara Hatfield Marler, Vice Chair, Hill Abell, Jeff Francell, Jerry Perales, and Jane Rivera

#### Staff Members in Attendance:

Sara Hensley, Kelly Snook, April Thedford, Chris Yanez, Gregory Montes, Ricardo Soliz, Charles Vaclavik, Marty Stump, Troy Houtman, Cheryl Bolin, Elizabeth Richard, Wayne Simmons, and Gabby Leibbrant

### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board special called meeting of November 30, 2010 were approved.
2. Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of January 25, 2011 were approved.

### **C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Charlie McCabe from the Austin Parks Foundation spoke to the Board about *It's My Park Day* to be held on March 5, 2011.

### **D. BRIEFINGS**

3. Waller Creek Tunnel Project – Gary Jackson, Public Works Department, gave a briefing about the Inlet at Waterloo Park, including the project timelines and scope.

### **E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Hensley introduced new staffers Cheryl Bolin, Division Manager and Gabby Leibbrant, Intern. She also passed out the 2010 Annual Report for the Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

Director Hensley informed the Board that due to a structural engineering problem at the Turner-Roberts Recreation Center, the gym will be closed to the public until further notice.

Director Hensley informed the Board of upcoming items staff will be bringing to the Board. The policy on commercial use of parkland will come before the Board in March, and a briefing on the Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant will happen in April. Also, the Communications & Technology Management (CTM) Department is looking to provide the Board with E-Readers for the monthly meetings. CTM and PARD hope to have these in place by the March 2011 Board meeting.

Finally, April Thedford, Program Coordinator, informed the Board about the reason for committee not meeting in February. The Audit and Finance Committee must first approve the Parks and Recreation Board By-laws, and then Parks and Recreation Board committee can begin meeting. The Office of the City Clerk will notify the liaison (April Thedford) when the by-laws have been approved.

#### **F. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Action Item      Make a recommendation to City Council regarding the naming process for City parks and facilities**

Board Member Rivera made a motion to recommend approval to council of the naming process for City parks and facilities, with changes. Board Member Francell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**5. Action Item      Make a recommendation to the Director regarding Dow Boat Dock**

Board Member Francell made a motion to recommend approval to the Director for the Dow Boat Dock. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Abell expressed concerned about citizens parking on parkland, specifically at Zilker Park. Director Hensley informed the Board to dial 311, or email her directly, when they see cars parked on parkland.

Board Member Francell inquired about the Barton Spring Pool Flood Debris Removal Project. Director Hensley reported that the project is on-time and is set to be complete for the March 12 opening.

Board Member Rivera requested an update on the trees at Zilker Park. Charlie McCabe with the Austin Parks Foundation reported on a proposal he's working on with the PARD CIP group to treat 17 trees at Zilker Park. He also reported on Austin Parks Foundation's effort to plant more trees, add more irrigation, and remove invasive species from Zilker Park.

Vice Chair Marler requested to be kept updated regarding the combined forces of Austin Independent School District and the City of Austin, specifically relating to PARD facilities and parks.

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Marler adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.