



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, April 26, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

Boards and Commissions Room

City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street

Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Linda Guerrero, Chair; Sara Hatfield Marler, Vice Chair; Hill Abell; Jeff Francell; Carol Lee; Jerry Perales and Jane Rivera

Staff Members in Attendance:

Sara Hensley, Cora Wright, Kimberly McNeeley, April Thedford, Chris Yanez, Gregory Montes, Ricardo Soliz, Gilbert Hernandez, Beverly Mendez, Angela Means, Victor Ovalle, and Troy Houtman

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of March 22, 2011 were approved on a motion by Board Member Rivera and seconded by Board Member Perales. The motion carried 5-0, with Vice Chair Marler and Board Member Francell off the dais.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No citizen communication.

D. BRIEFINGS

2. Southern Walnut Creek Hike & Bike Trail Update – Mary Mazzei with HALFF and Associates presented the Board with an overview of the project, including a timeline with a construction start date of early 2012.

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hensley reviewed memos sent to Mayor and Council regarding the Norwood House, Austin Girls Fast Pitch Association, the fire ban, the landscape at the Elizabet Ney Museum, and the Youth Hostel located on Lakeshore Drive.

Assistant Director, Kim McNeeley, reviewed the Advisory Board Summit meetings. She discussed the process of engaging the community, as well as the current advisory board members.

F. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Action Item: Make a recommendation to the Director supporting the Commercial Use of Parkland Policy. Board Member Francell made a motion to support the policy with the condition the revenue collected go directly into the Parks and Recreation Department budget, and not the City's General Fund. Board Member Rivera seconded. The motion was approved on a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Matt Knifton spoke in favor of the policy.

4. Action Item: Make a recommendation to Council authorizing staff to support prepositioning contract terms with Austin Rowing Club. Board Member Francell made a substitutive motion, *"Make a recommendation to City Council that Council direct staff to restart the process for deciding the best method of operating the Waller Creek Boathouse in a manner that maximizes the programmatic and financial benefit to the City"*. Board Member Abell seconded. The substitutive motion was approved on a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Camille Jobe spoke in favor of the posted motion.

Mr. Joe Kendall, Mr. Matt Knifton, and Mr. Alvin Cantu spoke in opposition of the posted motion.

5. Action Item: Make a recommendation to City Council approving the naming of the new Chestnut House. Board Member Hill made a motion to approve recommending the name *"The Britton, Durst, Howard, & Spence Building at 1183 Chestnut"*. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion was approved on a vote of 6-0-1.

Mr. Kenneth Thompson spoke in favor of naming the new Chestnut House *"The Britton, Durst, Howard, & Spence Building at 1183 Chestnut"*.

6. Action Item: Make a recommendation to the Director approving the Tarrytown Boat Club. Board Member Francell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Board Member Rivera seconded. The motion was approved on a vote of 7-0.
7. Action Item: Make a recommendation to the Director approving the Bull Creek PUD Residence Boat Dock. Board Member Francell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion approved on a vote of 6-0, with Vice Chair Marler off the dais.
8. Action Item: Make a recommendation to the Director approving 3961 Westlake. Board Member Francell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion was approved on a vote of 4-1-1, with Vice Chair Marler off the dais.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Hill wants to see better enforcement by APD in regards to people parking on parkland at Zilker Park.

Board Member Lee requested information regarding the Walsh Boat Landing.

Board Member Rivera requested an update on the legal status of ensuring entry fees collected at the parks goes directly back into the Parks and Recreation Department budget and not into the General Fund.

Chair Guerrero requested staff look at the parking issue at Barton Springs Pool.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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