



## **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

Tuesday, August 23, 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**

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

#### Board Members in Attendance:

Linda Guerrero, Chair; Lynn Osgood, Jane Rivera, Carol Lee, Hill Abell, and Jerry Perales

#### Staff Members in Attendance:

Kimberly McNeeley, Kelly Snook, April Thedford, Chris Yanez, Marty Stump, Ricardo Soliz, Angela Means, Sharon Knotts, Chris Herrington and David Smythe-Macaulay

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

1. Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of July 26, 2011 were approved on a motion by Board Member Rivera and seconded by Board Member Abell. The motion carried 4-0-2, with Board Members Perales and Osgood abstaining and Board Member Francell off the dais.

### **C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Karen McGraw – In favor of keeping Dottie Jordan Recreation Center and Austin Recreation Center open.

Susan Moffat - In favor of keeping Dottie Jordan Recreation Center and Austin Recreation Center open.

Jean L. Hughes - In favor of keeping Dottie Jordan Recreation Center open.

Mary Gay Maxwell - In favor of keeping Austin Recreation Center open.

Myron Lasher – In favor of keeping Balcones Pool open during the winter.

### **D. BRIEFINGS**

2. Barton Springs Salamander Endangered Species Permit Renewal Process – Chris Herrington, PE, Watershed Protection Department, presented the permit process and timeline.

Robin Cravey spoke in favor of moving the permit process forward.

3. MACC Parking Evaluation Update – David Smythe-Macaulay, Public Works Department, presented the current finding of the parking study for the MACC and the Rainey Street District.
4. Repurposing Austin Recreation Center and Dottie Jordan Recreation Center – Kimberly McNeeley, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, presented the budget reductions associated with the repurposing of the recreation centers.

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

5. Walsh Boat Landing Update – Assistant Director Kelly Snook informed the Board that a Surveyor was looking at both lots of the Walsh Boat Landing to maximize parking options. The survey should be complete by the first week in September.
6. AISD Soccer Field Use at Oak Hill Neighborhood Park – Division Manager Ricardo Soliz informed the Board of an upcoming partnership between Austin Independent School District (AISD) and the Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC), which would allow AISD to build soccer fields on parkland.

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

7. Action Item: Make a recommendation to the Director approving the Hart Residence boat dock. Board Member Perales made a motion to approve the recommendation. Board Member Rivera seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a vote of 6-0, with Board Member Francell off the dais.

Phil Moncada spoke in favor of the recommendation.

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

Board Member Perales requested an update on the Texas Theatre and the Grande Communication proposal of adding wireless internet to Republic Square Park.

Board Member Lee requested an update on the inventory of historical/cultural items within the Austin Parks and Recreation Department. She also requested information on the revenues at Emma Long Park, specifically if revenues have gone down due to the Burn Ban that is currently in effect.

Board Member Rivera requested an update at a future meeting on the status of the repurposing of Dottie Jordan Recreation Center and Austin Recreation Center. She also requested an update of the MACC parking study at a future meeting.

Chair Guerrero appointed Board Member Lee as the Interim Chair of the Navigation Committee. She also appointed Board Member Osgood to the Navigation Committee.

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.