



2010 Annual Report
Navigation Committee
of the
Parks and Recreation Board

Part I - Annual Review (January – December 2010)

1. Provide a brief summary of the work of the board during the past year including a list of their activities and achievements.

- (23) Review and Recommendation of Site Plan cases
 - (4) More than 2 residential docks on a single lot [25-2-1173(D)]
 - (4) A dock extending beyond 30 feet from the shoreline [25-2-1176(B)(2)]
 - (11) A structure constructed within 10 feet of a side property line [25-2-1176(D)(1)]
 - (10) A structure greater than 20% of the shoreline width of the lot [25-2-1176(D)(2)]
 - (10) Shoreline modifications or dredging in or along the lake [25-7-63]
 - (6) A dock extending beyond 20% of the width of a navigable waterway [25-2-1176(B)(1); 25-7-63(D)]
 - (4) Fill placed in Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake and Lake Walter E. Long.
 - (2) Recommendation to the City Manager on placement of navigational buoys [8-5-3(A)]
- (7) Staff Briefings
 - (3) Chris Yanez; Principal Planner, Parks Department
 - Wave abatement strategies for Lake Austin Marina
 - COA cleanup efforts for Lake Austin after storm events
 - Boat dock ID tag/registration work
 - (2) Deborah Thomas; Division Chief, Legal Department
 - Appeal process for Parks Board decisions on boat dock site plans
 - Revised appeal process for Parks Board decisions on boat dock site plans
 - (1) Andrew Clamann; Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department
 - Proposed code changes for trams and bulkheads

- (1) Sgt. Louis Candoli; Lake Patrol Officer, Austin Police Department
 - Buoy placement at Loop 360 boat launch
- (1) Items from Board Members
 - (5) Sara Marler; Chair
 - COA cleanup efforts for Lake Austin after storm events
 - Staff comments on Board Member Lee's resolution for wave attenuation team
 - Austin American Statesman article on legal decision for Texas coastline
 - Legal opinion on land capture
 - Distribution of newly adopted tram/bulkhead ordinance
 - (1) Jeff Francell
 - Approval and adoption of the proposed tram/bulkhead ordinance
 - (8) Carol Lee
 - Coordination between City Departments for lake development issues
 - Action on proposed tram/bulkhead ordinance amendment
 - Presentation on volumetric study of Lake Austin and Lady Bird Lake
 - Locate database of boat docks referenced by Phil Moncada
 - Resolution on multi-disciplined team for wave attenuation recommendations
 - Outreach and education for the Lake Austin drawdown
 - Status and methodology for numbering of docks on Lake Austin
 - Boat dock database status
 - (1) Linda Guerrero; Ex Officio
 - Possible transfer of boat dock authority to Development Review Department, Environmental Board and Land Use Commission
- (13) Scheduled Navigation Committee Meetings
 - (3)Cancelled Meetings
 - January 11, 2010
 - March 8, 2010
 - August 9, 2010
 - (1) Special Called Meetings
 - January 25, 2010
- Annual Report compilation

Part II – Annual Evaluation

(3) Evaluate committee actions throughout the year to determine compliance with the mission statement.

The actions by the Navigation Committee are in compliance with the mission statement as the committee is charged to review docks and shoreline modifications on Lady Bird Lake, Lake Austin and Lake Walter E. Long. The committee also will comment on the navigational safety of a proposed development and the effect the development will have on the recreational and natural character of the lake

(4) Summarize input from staff and citizens assessing committee's success in complying with their mission statement.

Staff and citizen assessments during 2010 have been positive that the committee strives to comply with its mission statement.

(5) Recommendations on whether:

- a. **The committee should continue operation or be dissolved:** *The Navigation Committee of the Parks and Recreation Board believes that the committee's operations should continue as its responsibility for reviewing docks, shoreline modifications, navigational safety, and how a proposed development will affect the recreational and natural character of the lake is unique among the boards and commissions.*
- b. **The committee's functions should be modified, including the transfer of function(s) to another committee; and** *The Committee recognizes an existing lack of cohesion, support, and funding for the process of reviewing, permitting, and inspecting docks and shoreline modifications, and for obtaining data required to assess the navigational safety and the recreational and natural character of the public waterways. The Committee is reviewing the problems and intends to propose changes in 2011 that may include modifying or transferring function(s) to another committee, board, or commission.*