



## **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 - 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 Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

#### Board Members in Attendance:

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

#### Staff Members in Attendance:

Sara Hensley, Cora Wright, Kim McNeeley, April Thedford, Chris Yanez, Walter Passmore, Charles Vaclavik, Ricardo Soliz, D'Anne Williams, Sharon Knotts, Joe Diaz and Bart Jennings.

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

1. Board Member Osgood made a motion to approve the minutes, with corrections, of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of December 6, 2011. Board Member Lee seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0-2, with Vice Chair Francell and Board Member Abell abstaining.

### **C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Gavino Fernandez, Jr.; Marcus DeLeon; Jose Quinterra and Leela Castro all spoke in opposition to the Donley Museum project.

Del Goss requested support for a new Montopolis Recreation Center.

Joe Leonard requested a place for teenagers to recreate in Southeast Austin.

Becky Gallogly spoke about the continued partnership between the Austin Parks Foundation and the Parks and Recreation Department.

### **D. BRIEFINGS**

No briefings were scheduled.

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

Director Sara Hensley covered the following items:

- The City website is currently going through some upgrades
- The Heritage Society of Austin sent a letter regarding cemeteries
- PARD is working with Public Works & Austin Independent School District on the Turner-Roberts Recreation Center
- Staff will bring a briefing to the Board in February regarding the status of off-leash at Yett Creek and Mabel Davis Parks
- PARD is working with the Austin Water Utility to bring gray water to the Hancock Golf Course
- PARD is working with Watershed Protection and the Sustainability Office on Land Management Practices
- PARD is working with Austin Transportation Department on improving the parking situation at Red Bud Isle Park

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

### **2. Action Item      Approve the revised schedule for the 2012 Parks and Recreation Board Meetings.**

Staff: April Thedford, Austin Parks and Recreation Department

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the revised schedule. Board Member Perales seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a vote of 7-0.

### **3. Action Item      Make a recommendation to City Council regarding Municipal Utility Districts**

Staff: Chris Yanez, Austin Parks and Recreation Department

Request: Make a recommendation to the City Council on consent agreements for the Pilot Knob and South East Travis County Municipal Utility Districts.

Board Member Perales made a motion to recommend to Council to enter in to consent agreements for Pilot Knob and South East Travis County Municipal Utility Districts with the understanding that the City will not be responsible for the private maintenance or other associated costs related to the facility. Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. Board Member Osgood offered a friendly amendment by adding the Municipal Utility Districts must meet the City's goals of having access to parks within 0.25 mile & 0.50 mile. Also, that any private facilities are open to the public for a pay for use option. Board Member Perales accepted the amendment. The amended motion passed on a vote of 6-1, with Board Member Lee voting against.

### **4. Discussion      Bond Needs Assessment Item**

This item was not discussed at the meeting.

**5. Discussion            Annual Reports for the Navigation Subcommittee and the Land,  
Item                      Facilities and Programs Subcommittee**

This item was not discussed at the meeting.

**G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Lee requested an update on the Creativity Club being removed from AISD after-school programs and relocated to recreation centers.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.