



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, February 28, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

Boards and Commissions Room

City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street

Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:05 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, David Juarez, April Thedford, Chris Yanez, Ricardo Soliz, D'Anne Williams, Greg Montes, Terry Jungman, Marty Stump, Robin Vietz, LeAnn Ishcomer, Beverly Mendez, Angela Means, Cheryl Bolin, Bryon Johnson and Derek Martinie.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Member Lee made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting of January 24, 2012. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Board Member Guerrero off the dais.
2. Board Member Perales made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Special Called Meeting of January 24, 2012. Board Member Abell seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0-1, with Board Member Lee abstaining and Board Member Guerrero off the dais.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Emily Schwartz requested the Board to commission a professional survey of central Austin residents to ascertain what use should be made of Hancock Golf Course.

Helen Miller requested a full investigation into the Centralized Programs Division of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Bill Fraser provided an update on the Off-Leash Area Advisory Committee.

Mary Ingle asked the Board to consider the cost to the City to co-sponsor the Trail of Lights.

D. BRIEFINGS

3. Marty Stump presented on the PARD Bond Development Process.
4. LeAnn Ishcomer presented on a code amendment change regarding weeds and grasses.

E. COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORT

5. Carol Lee, Chair of the Navigation Committee, provide an update on the current status of the Hydrilla in Lake Austin.
6. Carol Lee, Parks and Recreation Board representative to the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Committee, provided a status update regarding of the Friends of Turkey Creek.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

7. Assistant Director Kimberly McNeeley provided a status on the future of the Austin Recreation Center.
8. Director Sara Hensley provided the Board with an revised organizational chart and introduced David Juarez as the Department's Acting Assistant Director of Operations.

Director Sara Hensley covered the following items:

- The contract for the Rowing Dock Concession will be going to the Land, Facilities, & Programs Committee in March, then on to the full Board in April
- It's My Park Day will be held on March 3rd
- There will be an item on the March 1st Council Agenda regarding the Trail of Lights
- There will be an item on the March 1st Council Agenda regarding the Youth Hostel
- The Department is looking into the future use of the Seaholm In-take Structure
- The Department is working with Public Works and Austin Independent School District to complete the new multipurpose facility and gymnasium at the Turner Roberts Recreation Center
- The Department is working with Travis County to brings improvements to Woolridge Square
- Staff will be looking at options to keep the Springwood MUD pool open this season

G. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

9. Discussion & Action Item Approve the 2012 Parks and Recreation Board Annual Report

Item pulled off the agenda by Chair Rivera.

10. Action Item Approve the 2012 Parks and Recreation Board Navigation Committee Annual Report

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the 2012 Parks and Recreation Board Navigation Committee Annual Report on consent. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Board Member Guerrero off the dais.

11. Action Item Approve the 2012 Parks and Recreation Board Land, Facilities and Programs Committee Annual Report

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the 2012 Parks and Recreation Board Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee Annual Report on consent. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Board Member Guerrero off the dais.

12. Action Item Approve the 2012 Parks and Recreation Board By-laws

Board Member Perales made a motion to approve the 2012 Parks and Recreation Board By-laws. Vice Chair Francell seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0-1, with Board Member Lee abstaining, and Board Members Guerrero and Osgood off the dais.

13. Action Item Review and provide a recommendation to Council for award of a contract for the management and operation of the Waller Creek Boathouse.

Board Member Osgood made a motion to recommend to Council award of a contract for the management and operation of the Waller Creek Boathouse. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion failed on a vote of 2-3-1, with Vice Chair Francell, Board Members Lee and Abell voting against; Chair Rivera abstaining and Board Member Guerrero off the dais.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to not recommend award of the contract for the management and operation of the Waller Creek Boathouse. Board Member Abell seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-2, with Board Members Osgood and Perales voting against and Board Member Guerrero off the dais.

14. Action Item Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 1000 Forest View

Applicant: Scott Stephens

Owner: Austin Water Utility

Location: 1000 Forest View Drive

Case #: SP-2012-0038DS

Request: A dock that extends beyond 30 feet from the shoreline [Section 25-2-1176(B)(2)].

Staff Recommended.

Recommendation:

Committee On February 13, 2012 the Navigation Committee voted 3-0 to

Recommendation: recommend approval of the request.

Staff: Chris Yanez; chris.yanez@austintexas.gov

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend the dock at 1000 Forrest View on consent. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Board Member Guerrero off the dais.

15. Action Item Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 3500 W. 35th Street

Applicant: Scott Stephens

Owner: Austin Water Utility

Location: 3500 W. 35th Street
Case #: SP-2012-0039DS
Request: 1.) A dock that extends beyond 30 feet from the shoreline [Section 25-2-1176(B)(2)] and; 2.) a dock that exceeds 20% of the shoreline width [Section 25-2-1176(D)(2)].

Staff Recommended.

Recommendation:

Committee On February 13, 2012 the Navigation Committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval of the requests.

Staff: Chris Yanez; chris.yanez@austintexas.gov

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend the dock at 3500 W. 35th Street on consent. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Board Member Guerrero off the dais.

16. Action Item Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the South Shore Storm Water Improvements.

Presenter: Jorge Morales, Watershed Protection, Engineer

Location: International Shores at Lake Shore Park, Lakeshore Blvd

Request: Make a recommendation to the City Council for approval of Permanent Use (4,000 sq ft.); Temporary Use (2,413 sq ft.) not to exceed 120 Calendar Days; acceptance of 2,280 sq ft of vacated permanent use of Parkland located at International Shores at Lake Shore Park, Lakeshore Blvd, with a mitigation amount of \$ 6,966.35.

Staff Staff recommends approval.

Recommendation:

Committee Board Member Perales made a motion to forward to the full Board for review

Recommendation: with recommendation; Board Member Osgood seconded; Motion to forward to the full Board with recommendation passed, 3-0.

Staff: Jorge Morales: jorge.morales@austintexas.gov

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend the permanent use of parkland on consent. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Board Member Guerrero off the dais.

17. Action Item Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the Yett Creek Off Leash Trail and Mabel Davis Fenced Off Leash Area.

Presenter: D'Anne Williams, Parks and Recreation, Landscape Architect

Location: Yett Creek Neighborhood Park and Mabel Davis District Park

Request: To recommend to the Director moving forward with design of two new Off Leash Facilities.

Staff Staff recommends approval.

Recommendation:

Committee Board Member Osgood made a motion to forward to the full Board for review

Recommendation: with recommendation; Board Member Perales seconded; Motion to forward to the full Board with recommendation passed, 3-0.

Staff: D'Anne Williams: d'anne.williams@austintexas.gov; Ricardo Soliz: ricardo.soliz@austintexas.gov

Citizen Communication: Dana Philips spoke against the Yett Creek Off Leash Trail.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend the Yett Creek Off Leash Trail and Mabel Davis Fenced Off Leash Area, with more separation between the off-leash and on-leash trails at Yett Creek Park. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 6-1, with Board Member Lee voting against.

18. Action Item Make a recommendation to Council regarding a finding of “de minimus” impact to parkland for the Rails with Trails (CapMetro) Project.

Presenter: Jolinda Marshall, Capital Metro, Senior Planner; Steve Roudebush, Capital Metro, Property Agent

Request: To recommendation to Council on a finding of “de minimus” impact to parkland for the Rails with Trails Project.

Staff Staff recommends approval.

Recommendation:

Committee Board Member Perales made a motion to forward to the full Board for review

Recommendation: with recommendation; Board Member Osgood seconded; Motion to forward to the full Board with recommendation passed, 3-0.

Staff: Chris Yanez: chris.yanez@austintexas.gov

Item pulled by staff. Action no longer required by the Board.

19. Action Item Make a recommendation to Council regarding the Local Standards of Care Ordinance.

Presenter: Cheryl Bolin, Parks and Recreation, Division Manager

Request: Make a recommendation to Council on the Child Care Ordinance.

Staff Staff recommends approval.

Recommendation:

Staff: Cheryl Bolin: cheryl.bolin@austintexas.gov

Board Member Perales made a motion to recommend the Local Standards of Care Ordinance. Board Member Guerrero seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Board Member Lee of the dais.

**20. Discussion & 2012 Bond Working Group
Action Item**

Vice Chair Francell made a motion naming the 2012 Bond Working Group Members to include Board Members Perales, Abell and Osgood. Board Member Guerrero seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Lee – wants to have discussions between the Board and Staff regarding the public engagement for concession contracts, specifically the process and method; would like to see an action plan regarding the water quality at Bull Creek Park.

Guerrero – wants an update on the MACC Boards goals for 2012, what’s happening at the MACC and what their concerns are.

Rivera – will provide Cemetery Working Group report at March Board Meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.