



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

Zilker Botanical Garden Auditorium

2220 Barton Springs Road

Austin, Texas 78746

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Kimberly McNeeley, David Juarez, April Thedford, Marty Stump, Robin Vietz, Beverly Mendez, Angela Means, Kim McKnight, Andrew Linseisen, Tom Nelson, Sharon Knotts, Albert Perez, Enjole Armstrong, Rey Hernandez and Derek Martinie.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Member Abell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting of February 28, 2012. Board Member Osgood seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 -1, with Board Member Guerrero abstaining and Vice Chair Francell off the dais.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No citizen communication.

G. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Approve the 2012 Parks and Recreation Board Annual Report

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

8. Make a recommendation to Council regarding the playscape improvement to Little Zilker Park.

Citizen Communication: Amy Spiro did not wish to speak, but requested to be shown in favor of the playscape improvements.

Board Member Abell made a motion to approve the playscape improvement to Little Zilker Park on consent. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Vice Chair Francell off the dais.

D. BRIEFINGS

2. Marty Stump presented on the Seaholm Intake Feasibility Study.
3. Kim McKnight presented on PARD's Historic Resource Inventory.

E. COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORT

Navigation Committee - An application for a floating dock for Lake Austin Marina has been submitted. The committee has requested a public hearing in front of the full board. The Navigation Committee Liaison will work with the Board Liaison to get it scheduled.

Cemeteries Working Group – Four public meetings have been conducted; the working group will be working with PARD staff to identify solutions to citizen concerns.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. Aquatics Division Manager, Tom Nelson, provided an update on the Aquatics Assessment Strategic Master Plan.
5. Assistant Director Kimberly McNeeley provided the Board a summary of the Hancock Golf Course Community Engagement meeting.
6. Assistant Director Dave Juarez provided an update on the Holly Master Plan.

Director Sara Hensley covered the following items:

- The Trust for Public Land – Parkscore representative met with Sara and Kimberly to share how well Austin's parks and public spaces meet the citizens' needs
- The Department will be working the Downtown Austin Alliance and other stakeholders to discuss Republic Square
- The Department is working with the Transportation Department to resolve the parking issues at Red Bud Isle Park
- The Watershed Protection Department have an on-going water quality assessment of Bull Creek

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9. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the current concession contract between PARD and the Rowing Dock.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend the Department enter into 2 options periods, totaling 10 years, with more than \$18,000 worth park improvements at the site over the 10-year period. Board Member Abell seconded. The motion carried on vote of 6-1, with Board Member Lee voting against.

10. Make a recommendation to Council supporting a third-party traffic study of Riverside Drive through Town Lake Metropolitan Park.

Citizen Communication: Larry Akers spoke in favor of the action item.

Jamie Grant spoke in opposition of the action item.

Board Member Perales made to motion to recommend a traffic study of Riverside Drive from Lee Barton Road to the parking garage at the Palmer Events Center. Vice Chair Francell offered an amendment to include the study be conducted by a third-party. Board Member Perales accepted the amendment. Board Member Abell offered an amendment to include an analysis of all mitigation related to the closure of Riverside Drive. Board Member Perales accepted the amendment. Board Member Guerrero seconded the motion as amended. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

11. Update on Bond Development Committee

Board Member Osgood and the Bond Development working group are working on a strategic plan to reconcile the Department's needs with the committee's recommendations.

Board Member Guerrero informed the Board that the Parks and Open Space Committee of the Bond Election Advisory Task Force will only have two more meetings before presenting their recommendations to the full Task Force.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Rivera – a set of recommendations from the cemeteries working group will be coming forward.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.