



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, April 24, 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 6:12 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Member Perales made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting of March 27, 2012. Board Member Lee seconded, noting a correction needed to be made regarding the Bull Creek Water Quality Report. Reporting is still on-going and not complete. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Karen Sironi – create a plan for repairing damages done by Tropical Storm Hermine.

Regina Rogoff – concerned about parking availability at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center for participants of the Austin Rowing Club.

Bertha Marie Delgado & Paul Hernandez – concerned about the failure to change references to the Edward Rendon Sr. Park in official literature.

D. BRIEFINGS

2. Johnnie Price presented on the SOS Amendment for the Barton Springs Pool By-pass Improvements.
3. Christine Freundl presented on the Downtown Wayfinding Project.
4. Nathan Wilkes presented on the proposed multi-use urban trails at palmer Auditorium and Zilker Park.
5. Angela Means presented the Parks and Recreation Department's Unmet Needs Report.

E. COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORT

No reports were given.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Sara Hensley covered the following items:

- Landslide at Walnut Creek Park
- Project Schedule for Wooldridge Park Renovations

G. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

6. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the Sherriff Boat Dock.

Chair Rivera sent the item back to the Navigation Committee.

7. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 1406 Rockcliff.

Item pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. Board Member Lee made a motion to approve the recommendation with the condition if any changes in the dimensions, distance from the shore or angle of the dock must come back to the Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Guerrero seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

8. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the improvements to Lower Shoal Creek (5th Street to Lady Bird Lake) Stream Restoration.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Board Member Guerrero seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

9. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the Fort Branch Reaches 6 & 7 Channel Rehabilitation.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Board Member Guerrero seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

10. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the Govalle Tunnel Centralized Odor Control.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Board Member Guerrero seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

11. Make a recommendation to Council regarding the Gus Garcia Recreation Center: Phase II Improvement (included playscape)

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Board Member Guerrero seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

Non-Consent Agenda

12. Discussion and possible recommendation to the City of Austin Bond Advisory Task Force the Parks and Recreation Board’s priority listing of bond projects package as specified in the revised Parks bond package.

Citizen Communication: Sharon Blythe – support cemetery bond request of \$4,000,000.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion approving the Parks and Recreation Board Bond Working Group’s recommendations. Board Member Perales seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0-1, with Board Member Lee abstaining.

13. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Director and to Council regarding the report from the Cemeteries Working Group.

Citizen Communication: Sharon Blythe – supports the recommendations with modifications; Helen Flemming – continue support of heritage trees in cemeteries.

Chair Rivera made a motion approving the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Board Cemeteries Working Group. Board Member Francell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0, with Board Members Abell and Guerrero off the dais.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Osgood – a briefing from staff on next steps and implementation plan regarding the cemetery recommendation.

Lee – requested more information regarding the water quality at Bull Creek and plan to inform citizens when the water is safe for recreational contact.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.