



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, May 22 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 6:06 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. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting of April 24, 2012. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Dr. Craig Nazor; Sharon Blythe; Ginger Soule; Zoila Vega; Dick Peterson; and Susan Moffat spoke against the privatization of the Zilker Botanical Gardens.

Ralph Webster and Dan Crow spoke for the need of the Department to seek alternative funding sources.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Board Member Lee made a motion to approve the consent items. Board Member Perales seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

2. Recommend to the Council the Del Curto Neighborhood Park Improvements (includes playscape).
3. Recommend to Council the North Acres Waster Water Tunnel.
4. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 3124 Edgewater – **ITEM TABLED BY THE CHAIR**
5. Recommend to the Director the Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake.
6. Recommend to the Director 2405 Big Horn.

Non-Consent Agenda

7. Discussion and possible recommendation to Council supporting a partnership to assume operations of the Zilker Botanical Garden via the City's Request for Proposal process.
Item was pulled from the agenda by the Chair.
8. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Director regarding navigation issues on Lake Austin and Lady Bird Lake.

Board Member Lee made a motion that the Board support the content of the May 14, 2012 Navigation Committee meeting recognizing the public safety and recreational issues that need to be addressed and authorize the Chair to transmit the report to City Council and to the respective Department Directors listed in the report, as well as, the Police Chief and Sargent of Lake Patrol for their corporation and resources that is necessary to address the issues. Board Member Guerrero seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

E. BRIEFINGS

9. Leigh Byford, Corporate Budget Office, and Angela Means, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, presented on the FY 2012-2013 Budget.
10. Brian Block, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, presented on the Oakwood Cemetery Chapel Project.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

11. Latino Arts Incubator Program Update – Kimberly McNeeley

Mike Personett, Assistant Director of Watershed Protection, spoke to the Board regarding the Bull Creek Watershed & Bull Creek Park. Chris Herrington of Watershed Protection covered water quality testing and results. Jose Guerrero, Assistant Director of Watershed Protection, spoke on the structural engineering of the bridge on Lakewood Drive. Dave Juarez, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation spoke on filling in the scour hole. Mike Personett wrapped up the presentation with information on removing gravel and other debris from the creek.

Director Hensley gave an update on the following items:

- Staff will be placing the proper notification signs at Bull Creek Park
- Lake Austin Taskforce resolution coming before Council
- Staff has serious concerns related to the Donley Museum, staff will be preparing a memo to the Board listing their concerns

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Abell – requested a briefing on the N. Walnut Creek Trail Design
Guerrero – wants more information on the summer recreational programming

H. ADJOURNMENT

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