



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, July 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 6:10 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Lynn Osgood, Linda Guerrero and Carol Lee

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of May 22, 2012. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.
2. Board Member Guerrero made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of June 26, 2012. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Jeanne Kittredge requested a variance for watering in the city cemeteries.

Sharon Blythe asked the Board not to approve the Department's response to the cemetery working group's recommendations.

Robin Corbin requested staff speed of the time it takes to clean up Barton Springs Pool after a flood.

Ed Reznicek concerned about additional groups joining the current youth sports organizations.

Zolia Vega requested the Parks and Recreation Department hire a certified arborist. Also, she requested a watering variance for the city cemeteries.

Mary Arnold voiced her support for retaining Lions Municipal Golf Course as a municipally operated course.

Alan Roddy concerned about residential encroachment in Emma Long Park.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve items 3 and 4 on the consent agenda. Board Member Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

3. Recommend to the Director to proceed into design development and construction drawings based upon schematic design presentation for Trailhead Improvements at Auditorium Shores.
4. Recommend to Council regarding the award of a contract with Textron, Inc. to purchase golf and utility carts.

NON-CONSENT

5. Board Member Lee made a motion to recommend to Council the Temporary Use Work Area (522,720 sq. ft.), Temporary Use Staging Area (123,870 sq. ft.), and Temporary Use Access Area (46,350 sq. ft.) not to exceed 365 Calendar Days on parkland located at Boggy Creek Greenbelt, 1114 Nile St, with a mitigation value of \$2,788,523.45. Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.
6. Board Member Lee made a motion to table the recommendation regarding 2611 Weslake. Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.
7. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to table the recommendation regarding 3124 Edgewater. Board Member Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.
8. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend the Director to proceed with final negotiations and execute an Athletic Field Use Agreement of Public & Private Fields with Youth Sports Organizations. Board Member Guerrero seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.
6. Chair Rivera called back up item 6. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to 1.) Approve a structure constructed within zero (0) feet of a side property line [Section 25-2-1176(D)(1)]; and 2.) Deny three residential docks on a single lot zoned MF-1 or more restrictive. [Section 25-2-1173(D)(2)]. Chair Rivera seconded the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 2-3, with Board Members Lee, Guerrero and Osgood voting against the motion.
7. Chair Rivera called back up item 7. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to 1.) Approve construction of a dock at 26 feet (20.8%) of the shoreline width [Section 25-2-1176(D)(2)] ; and 2.) Approve a structure constructed within zero (0) feet of a side property line [Section 25-2-1176(D)(1)]. Chair Rivera seconded the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 1-4, with Chair Rivera, Board Members Lee, Guerrero and Osgood voting against the motion.
9. Chair Rivera made a motion to adopt the guidelines and encroachment consent letter. Board Member Guerrero seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.
10. Chair Rivera made motion that the Department work with the cemetery contractor to ensure the trees in cemeteries are being watered according to the Watering Restrictions and that the Department report back to the Board on the watering of the trees. Board Member Guerrero seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Citizens Sharon Blythe and Zoila Vega spoke in favor of the Department to request a variance to water the public cemeteries.

E. BRIEFINGS – 10 minutes each

11. Staff Action Plan for Cemetery Working Group Recommendation was presented by Beverly Mendez, Parks & Recreation Department.
12. YMCA Town Lake Project – Ricardo Soliz, Parks & Recreation Department – **PULLED BY STAFF**
13. Lion’s Municipal Golf Course Update was presented by Kevin Gomillion, Parks & Recreation Department.
14. Mopac Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge at Barton Creek Project was presented by Annick Beaudet, Public Works Department.

F. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Sound of Music is currently playing at the Zilker Hillside Theatre
The Department is currently going through the Re-Accreditation process
Assistant Director Interviews are currently underway

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Lee – Would like to know the options of barriers that the Department is considering where recreational areas come in contact with high vehicular traffic.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.