



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, August 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 6:10 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Lynn Osgood, Dale Glover, Carol Lee and Hill Abell

Chair Rivera named Board Member Osgood to the Downtown Commission, Board Member Glover to the Navigation Committee, and Board Member Almanza to the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Member Osgood made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of July 24, 2012. Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0-2, with Board Members Abell and Glover abstaining.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Peter Steinhardt requested the Parks & Recreation Department to keep Dick Nichols and Balcones Pool open year-round.

Zolia Vega requested the Parks and Recreation Department a larger soil basin for the Great Street trees.

Drew Kaufman requested the Parks & Recreation Department consider installing an outdoor hand ball wall somewhere in the Austin parks system.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Board Member Lee made a motion to approve items 3 and 4 on the consent agenda. Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

3. Recommend to City Council the approval of Palm Park Playscape Improvements.
4. Recommend to City Council the approval of the Austin Manor Rail with Trail project.

NON-CONSENT

2. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to 1.) Approve a structure constructed within five (5) feet of a side property line [Section 25-2-1176(D)(1)]; and 2.) Approve a structure extending thirty-five and a half (35.5) feet from shoreline [Section 25-2-1176(B)(2)] and to explicitly mark the width of the upper and lower docks on the elevations of docks on the site plan. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.
5. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to 1.) Approve a structure constructed at five (5) feet from a side property line [Section 25-2-1176(D)(1)]; and 2.) Approve a structure extending thirty-five (35) feet from shoreline [Section 25-2-1176(B)(2)] and to explicitly mark the width of the upper and lower docks on the elevations of docks on the site plan. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.
6. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the General Grounds Improvements for Barton Springs Pool with the exception of the ADA Trail through the grass of the South Lawn, and request the planner and Parks Department Staff look closer at a place for that overlook away from the South Lawn. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-1, with Board Member Osgood voting against.

Citizen Communications on Item #6

Linda Guerrero supports the master plan.

Steve Barnick requested approval of the grounds improvement project.

Robin Cravey requested approval of the general grounds improvement project.

Brian Leonard does not recommend approval of the grounds improvement.

Gary Beyer recommended passage of the general grounds improvements for Barton Springs.

Mark Weiler opposes the movement of the fence and entrance of the South Gate.

Roy Waley requested the Board listen to the citizens and user of Barton Springs and leave the South hill as natural and non-commercial as possible.

E. BRIEFINGS

7. Seaholm District Public Realm Design Development & New Central Library was presented by Fred Evins, Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office & Cynthia Jordan, Public Works Department.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Director, Kimberly McNeeley gave the following report:

The Board was provided with a CIP Projects – Status Update.

Financing for the Future handout was passed out to the Board.

Waller Creek Boathouse is open and operating. The design competition for the Waller Creek project is underway.

Burn Ban is in effect in the parks system.

Kudos to the CIP Construction crews for completing the Little Zilker playground before the school year started.

Trevino Park was purchased with 1998 and 2006 Bond dollars. The park still needs to be master planned, but the Parks and Recreation Department does not have funding at this time for a master plan.

The Assistant Director hiring process is almost complete. A Top Candidate has been selected.

The Board received a copy of the Special Events calendar for next quarter.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Glover – what is the planned future use of the Seaholm Intake Facility.

Osgood – status of the Holly Shores community engagement process.

Abell – status of negotiations with C3 Presents for the extra ACL weekend, specifically when the public input process would begin and how that will happen.

Rivera – a list of property we own, but don't have master planned.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.