PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, January 22, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
Boards and Commissions Room
City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701

M I N U T E S

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:
Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Lynn Osgood, Hill Abell, Dale Glover, Susan Roth and Susana Almanza

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Member Osgood made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of October 23, 2012. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0, with Vice Chair Francell and Board Member Almanza off the dais.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Bruce Willenzik requested better planning of the 2013 Trail of Lights event.

Bill Glass requested support of the Gracywoods Neighborhood Association request to have Austin Energy raise the power lines in the park (Gracywoods), as to prevent further damage to the oak trees.

David Orshalick requested for the Director to provide the Board with quarterly updates on the development progress of the Northwest Nature Park.

Zoila Vega requested the Board discuss the watering of the heritage trees at Parker Lane Park at their next meeting.

Michael Fossum requested the Board to support the Gracywoods Neighborhood Association's request to Austin Energy to raise the power lines.

Chong Shin, Nan Clayton and Bob Coffee all spoken in favor of item #6.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Board Member Abell made a motion to recommend to Council the Permanent Use (13,474 sq. ft.), not to exceed 1,095 calendar days on parkland located at Shoal Creek Greenbelt at West Avenue, with a mitigation value of $70,738.50 and improvement to parkland is $2,700,000. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

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3. Board Member Abell made a motion to recommend to Council the Permanent Use (10,320 sq. ft.), not to exceed 1,095 calendar days on parkland located at Shoal Creek Greenbelt at West Avenue, with a mitigation value of $54,180.00 and improvement to parkland is $57,600 per year for maintenance of the greenbelt. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

4. Board Member Abell made a motion to recommend to Council approval of the Barton Hills School Park Conceptual Master Plan. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

5. Recommend to Council the approval of the planting plans at Butler Shores Park for the Zilker Lofts Project. ITEM POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY

6. Recommend to Council an acceptable placement of the Stephen F. Austin Statue. WITHDRAWN

E. BRIEFINGS

7. Pressler Lane Extension – Gary Schatz, Austin Transportation Department

8. Northern Walnut Creek Trail Update – Richard Duane, Public Works Department

9. PLD Recommendations – Board Member Osgood

10. Seaholm Intake Structures – Professor Michael Benedikt, University of Texas

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hensley provided an update on the following items:

1. 211 South Lamar Planned Unit Development has offered storefront space in their new building
2. Chicago Trip went well, gathered good information on corporate sponsorships
3. Department well into budget preparations for next fiscal year

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Glover – requested a close-out report on the 2012 Fun Fun Fun Fest
Almanza – requested the Holly Shores timeline
Abell – requested update on ACL negotiations and revenue projections/transfers
Francell – requested a public hearing before a decision is made on extending the Trail of Lights beyond 8 days
Rivera – include an action item on parkland dedication on the February agenda; provide the Board with an update on the Gracywoods Park oaks and the Parker Lane Park trees by the February meeting

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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