



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 - 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, Hill Abell, Susana Almanza, Dale Glover and Susan Roth

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Member Osgood made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of February 26, 2013. Board Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0-1, with Board Member Glover off the dais and Chair Rivera abstaining.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No general citizen communication.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent Agenda

Board Member Abell made a motion to approve items 4 and 5. Board Member Osgood seconded. The motioned carried on a vote of 6-0, with Board Member Glover off the dais.

4. Recommend to Council to approve the Permanent Use (7,508 sq.ft.), Temporary Use Work, Staging, and Access Area (5,108 sq.ft.) not to exceed 120 Calendar Days on parkland located at Hartford Strip, 2516 Hartford Rd., with mitigation value of \$120,395.64.
5. Recommend to Council to approve the planting plans at Butler Shores Park for the Zilker Lofts Project.
2. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend to the Director to construct a dock at 0 feet from a side lot line [Section 25-2-1176(D)(1)]. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Board Member Glover off the dais.
3. Discuss the proposed landscape improvements including the replacement of the existing monument at Mt. Bonnell as proposed by the West Point Society of Central Austin.

Chair Rivera proposed a motion to accept the West Point Society's proposal for landscape improvements and that the Board follow current City procedure by taking this item to the Historical Landmark Commission to determine whether or not the existing monument can be repaired or replaced. Board Member Glover seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

Rey Hernandez gave a presentation on existing conditions and proposed changes, including exploring the refurbishment of the existing monument, with the goal of continuing to work with the West Point Society. Director Hensley explained to the Board the need to take this item to the Historical Landmark Commission prior to Board approval.

Citizen Communication: Tere OConnell of Preservation Austin spoke in favor of restoration of the original limestone marker.

6. Discussion of the draft ordinance that allows businesses, under certain conditions, to use under-utilized parking lots on city parkland to satisfy minimum parking requirements in exchange for providing significant amenities or enhancements to serve the park.

Ricardo Soliz gave a presentation on the proposed parking utilization ordinance. This item is to be presented to both the Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board on April 23, 2013, and then to Council on April 25, 2013. Chair Rivera will compile Board concerns and staff recommendations in preparation for next Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Citizen Communication: David King spoke against the proposed draft ordinance.

7. Board Member Osgood made a motion to approve the 2012 Annual Report of the Parks and Recreation Board. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.
8. Vice Chair Francell moved to approve the 2013 Meeting Procedures of the Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

E. BRIEFINGS

9. Food Forest - Elizabeth Walsh and Chris Sanchez of the East Feast Team.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Parks and Recreation Department provided the following to the Board:

1. Off-leash recommendations –Staff is exploring the possibility of purchasing additional adjacent land to dedicate as off-leash areas.
2. Umlauf Sculpture Garden - Assets at the site have expanded. Staff hopes to present the proposed new 25-year use agreement, with a 25-year option to extend, for the site at the May Parks and Recreation Board meeting.
3. Trail of Lights 2013 – At the March 21, 2013 Council meeting, Council approved the negotiation and execution of a 5-year agreement with the Runtex Foundation. Staff is working on the terms of this agreement.
4. Auditorium Shores – Phase I and II of the Master Plan have been completed. Staff is working to accelerate an improvement plan for the area north of Riverside which has received significant wear and tear.
5. Town Squares – On March 21, 2013 Council passed a resolution endorsing HB 2604 which renews the land grant for Republic Square and formalizes the land grant for Brush and Woolridge Squares.

6. Onion Creek Metro Park District – Staff is seeking support from Council to endorse HB 3897 that enables the capacity to create a taxing district in Southeast Travis County.
7. Bartholomew Pool – Project is currently in redesign process following water table issues encountered. In re-engaging the community, staff found significant demographic shifts and different community priorities for the project and have incorporated these into the re-design.
8. Roy G. Guerrero Park – Scheduled to open July 4, 2013. Staff is monitoring project schedule and deliverables.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Glover will present an update from Concessions Working Group at the April 26, 2013 Parks and Recreation Board.

Board Member Osgood requests an update on the Seaholm Intake Competition.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.