



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, April 23, 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 6:14 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Lynn Osgood, Susana Almanza, Dale Glover

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of March 26, 2013. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Ed Reznicek spoke regarding the University Hills Optimists continued use of 401 W. St Johns.

David King spoke regarding the Parkland Parking Ordinance.

Lori Renteria spoke regarding alcohol prohibition in the parks.

Paul Vega spoke regarding alcohol prohibition in the parks.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

Board Member Osgood made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Board Member Glover seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

2. Review and comment on an application that exhibits dredging of 21 cubic yards in or along the lake [Section 25-7-63]

3. 1.) Review and comment on a shoreline modification [Section 25-7-63] and; 2.) Approval for placing 18.77 cubic yards of fill in Lake Austin [Section 25-8-652].

4. 1.) Approval of a dock extending fifty (50) feet from shoreline at the eastern side of the structure [Section 25-2-1176(B)(2)] and; 2.) Review and comment on a shoreline modification [Section 25-7-63].

5. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding the approval of the community-initiated conceptual master plan for Ramsey Neighborhood Park.

Non-Consent

6. Discussion and recommendation to the City Council for approval of the permanent & temporary use of parkland for the extension of Pressler Street through the parkland known as Lamar Beach.

Gary W. Schatz, P.E., PTOE, Austin Transportation Department Assistant Director made a presentation to the Board on Concepts Regarding the Pressler Road Extension.

Citizen Communication

- Brad Beam spoke in favor of the Pressler Road Extension so long as it does not negatively impact or limit the City's ability to maintain an animal shelter at the Lamar Beach location.
- Ellen Jefferson, Executive Director of Austin Pets Alive, spoke in support of the Pressler Road Extension but also discussed potential accessibility issues at the Town Lake Animal Shelter during construction.
- Mike Sullivan, with the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of the Pressler Road Extension.
- James Finck, CEO of the YMCA of Austin, spoke regarding the need for a Master Plan for this area.

Board Member Osgood made a motion to approve the permanent & temporary use of parkland for the extension of Pressler Street through the parkland known as Lamar Beach with continued talks about a possible community benefit agreement to be enacted between the developer and the City. Motion failed.

Board Chair Rivera made a motion that the Parks & Recreation Board approves the authority to initiate discussions and planning on the temporary and permanent use of parkland for the extension of Pressler Street and Lamar Beach. Motion failed.

Board Chair Rivera made a motion to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Transportation Department to work together to review and more clearly quantify the community benefit and the private development benefit. Board Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

7. Make a recommendation to Council regarding the approval of the execution of a two-year concession agreement with Austin Parks Foundation ("Foundation") for a food and beverage concession at 1006 Congress Avenue, adjacent to the Old Bakery and Emporium in exchange for the Foundation's obligation to use concession revenue to fund additional improvements at the site.

Pat Rossett, Parks & Recreation Department Contract Administrator, made a presentation to the Board regarding the development of this agreement.

Board Chair Rivera made a motion to approve the negotiation and execution of a two-year concession agreement with Austin Parks Foundation ("Foundation") for a food and beverage concession at 1006 Congress Avenue, adjacent to the Old Bakery and Emporium in exchange for the Foundation's obligation to use concession revenue to fund additional improvements at the site. Board Member Glover seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

E. BRIEFINGS

8. Jason Maurer, Parks & Recreation Department Sales & Events Manager, and James Russell, Executive Director of the Runtex Foundation, provided a briefing to the Board regarding the 2013 Trail of Lights Schedule and Runtex Foundation Update.

9. Board Member Glover provided an update on the Concessions Working Group.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Director Hensley presented the Board with the Parks and Recreation Department's Annual Report for 2012.
- Director Hensley notified the Board that they can expect a briefing at the May 2013 Board meeting for Angela Means to present 2013-2014 Budget, unmet needs, and priorities.
- Director Hensley notified the Board that departmental budget presentations are available to view online starting April 25, 2013.
- Director Hensley notified the Board of the Parks & Recreation Department's partnership with the Smithsonian Affiliate Program.
- Assistant Director McNeeley informed the Board that the Barton Springs Grounds Improvements was approved by the Planning Commission and Council.
- Assistant Director McNeeley provided the Board with an update on the ADA Overlook Trail.
- Assistant Director McNeeley provided an update to the Board on the Barton Springs Habitat Conservation Plan.
- Assistant Director Vargas provided an update to the Board on the Auditorium Shores/Town Lake Park Project.
- Director Hensley informed the Board that the department will be working with a contractor to address the issue of weeds at the Zilker Lawn.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Osgood requested an update on the cemetery contract. Assistant Director Wright anticipates being able to provide an update at either the upcoming May or June Board meeting.

Board Chair Rivera announced her intention to name Vice Chair Francell to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan Technical Work Group at the May 2013 Parks & Recreation Board.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.