



## **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

Tuesday, May 28, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

### **Boards and Commissions Room**

City Hall, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Austin, Texas 78701

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## **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; Dale Glover, Hill Abell, Susan Roth, Susanna Almanza

### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Board Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of April 23, 2013. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.
2. Board Member Abell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Special Called meeting of May 3, 2013. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0-1 with Vice Chair Francell abstaining.

### **C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Rick Frysinger signed up not wishing to speak. Mr. Frysinger donated his time to Mr. Caudle.

Dennis Caudle spoke regarding the Hill Country Aeromodelers and Mary Moore Searight Park.

Sharon Blythe spoke regarding the PARD management of City cemeteries.

### **D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Non-Consent**

3. Assistant Director Kimberly McNeeley explained to the Board the tradition of awarding lifetime swim passes to lifetime patrons of Barton Springs Pool who are 80 years and older. Chair Rivera made a motion to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to issue a free lifetime swim pass to Nancy McMeans Richey. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

4. Assistant Director Kimberly McNeeley gave a presentation to the Board regarding Wooldridge Square improvements and the proposed temporary concession agreement at Wooldridge Square. Board Member Abell made a motion to recommend to City Council for the Parks and Recreation Department

to negotiate and execute a new concession agreement with the Austin Parks Foundation for two (2) years in exchange for the Austin Parks Foundation's obligation to use concession revenue to fund additional improvements at Wooldridge Square. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

5. Division Manager Cheryl Bolin provided the Board with the annual update to the Local Standards of Care Ordinance. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend to City Council the approval of the "Local Standards of Care Ordinance" with the changes proposed for 2013. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

6. Division Manager Ricardo Soliz gave a presentation to the Board regarding the proposed parking on parkland ordinance.

Citizen Communication:

- David King spoke in opposition to the proposed parking on parkland ordinance.
- Blake Tollett spoke in opposition to the proposed parking on parkland ordinance.
- Council Member Chris Riley spoke in support of an alternative proposal related to metered parking to address non-park users parking at the ball fields on Toomey Road.

Board Member Almanza made a motion to disapprove recommendation to Council to amend Chapter 8 and 25 of the City Code to authorize parking utilization agreements on under-used City parking lots on parkland. The motion failed. Board Chair Rivera made a motion to forward to the Council without recommendation. The motion failed. No action taken by the Board.

## **E. BRIEFINGS**

7. Chair Rivera provided an update to the Board on the Lake Austin Task Force.

## **F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

- Assistant Director Kimberly McNeeley shared with the Board a letter sent by the City of Austin Urban Forestry Board to the Mayor and City Council asking for their support in approving funding for the "Enhanced Forestry Functions" in the unmet service demand in the FY 2103-14 Budget.
- Assistant Director Kimberly McNeeley gave the Board a status update on Community Initiated Projects. The Board was provided with a copy of the memo to City Council entitled "Community Initiated Project Status Update" dated May 8, 2013.
- Assistant Director Kimberly McNeeley provided the Board with an update on the Parkland Dedication Audit findings. Staff will present a full Briefing to the Board in June.
- Assistant Director Cora Wright provided the Board with an update on Auditorium Shores improvements and alternative venue options for event organizers.
- Financial Services Division Manager Angela Means provided the Board with the FY 2014 Financial Forecast.

## **G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Chair Rivera will provide a Briefing update to the Board regarding the Lake Austin Task Force.

Board Member Abell requested an update from staff on parking districts.

Board Chair Rivera requested an update from staff on John Trevino Park.

Board Member Almanza requested an update from staff on Roy G. Guerrero Park.

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

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