



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, June 25, 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 6:06 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Dale Glover, Lynn Osgood, 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 May 28, 2013. Board Member Glover seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Member Osgood off the dais.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Sharon Blythe spoke in opposition of the proposed 15 year contract with Interment Services.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

2. At the request of the Board, Chris Yanez, PARD Principal Planner, gave a brief overview regarding this application for boat dock extension and associated navigational concerns.

Carolyn Aupperle, representing the property owner, spoke in favor of the boat dock extension.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to not recommend the project at 13330 Shore Vista Drive. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

Non-Consent

3. Chris Yanez, PARD Principal Planner, gave the Board an overview regarding this application for boat dock extension and explained that staff supports the alternative proposal of dredging of 39 cubic yards in or along the lake.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve a variance for dredging up to 39 cubic yards of material from Lake Austin for 14124 Flat Top Ranch Road. Board Chair Rivera seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

4. Chris Yanez, PARD Principal Planner, gave the Board an overview regarding this application for boat dock extension.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve a request to construct a dock at 13 feet in width, exceeding 20% of the shoreline width. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

5. Morgan Byers, Engineer, Watershed Protection Department, gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Shoal Creek 15th to 28th Restoration Project.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the Temporary Use at Shoal Creek not to exceed 548 days with the proposed mitigation value. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

6. Gregory Montes, PARD Senior Planner, gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Cascades at Onion Creek MUD.

Board Member Almanza made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the Cascades at Onion Creek MUD following recommendation from the Community Development Commission. Board Chair Rivera seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

7. Troy Houtman, PARD Division Manager, gave a presentation to the Board regarding the proposed 60-month services requirement contract with INTERMENT SERVICES, INC.

Sharon Blythe spoke in opposition of the proposed contract and shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining her concerns.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend to City Council to authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 60-month services requirement contract with INTERMENT SERVICES, INC. with the addition of an 18-month review period. Board Chair Rivera seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

E. BRIEFINGS

8. Board Chair Rivera discussed the draft Lake Austin Task Force report and recommendations, including the proposal to move the consideration of variances from the Parks and Recreation Board to a more appropriate Board. Board Chair Rivera informed the Board that this report will be presented to the City Council at a later date.

9. Ricardo Soliz, PARD Division Manager, provided a briefing to the Board regarding the Office of the City Auditor's Parkland Dedication Audit Findings and associate staff action plan.

10. Board Member Osgood discussed with the Board the Parkland Dedication Audit Findings and a draft letter to Mayor and Council being prepared by the Board related to their recommendations.

11. Chris Yanez, PARD Principal Planner, provided a briefing to the Board on status of the Holly Shores/Edward Rendon, Sr. Park Master Plan Project.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

12. Jesse Vargas, PARD Assistant Director, provided the following to the Board:

- Roy G. Guerrero Park – The department is still on schedule for the Grand Opening on July 1st. Much work has been completed on the park and Board Members are encouraged to come to the Grand Opening. Board Member Almanza announced that a community celebration will be held at the park on July 4th.
- Parking Districts – Staff is exploring the possibility of parking districts in the urban core, especially in areas in which parking is currently being utilized by non-park users. Staff is closely collaborating with the Budget Office and Transportation Department.
- John T. Trevino Metropolitan Park at Morrison Ranch - In the proposed FY2014 budget, no funding has been allocated for master planning or implementation of park amenities.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Roth requested an update related to MUD rate calculation and revenue collection.

Board Member Almanza requested an update related to tubers near Roy G. Guerrero Park.

Board Member Osgood requested that the letter to Mayor and Council related to the Parkland Dedication Audit findings be added as an action item.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.