



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, July 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 6:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Dale Glover, Lynn Osgood, Susan Roth, Susanna Almanza, Hill Abell

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of June 25, 2013. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0-1 with Board Member Glover off the dais and Board Member Abell abstaining.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Phil Burns spoke regarding the Bartholomew Pool Project and asked for an audit of this project, all 2006 Bond projects related to Parks and Recreation, and all public private cooperation agreement payouts.

Sharon Blythe spoke regarding the proposed cemetery maintenance IFB.

Daniel Llanes spoke regarding tubing concerns on the Colorado River adjacent to Longhorn Dam.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

2. Board Member Osgood distributed to the Board and staff a letter from the Board to Mayor and Council related to Parkland Dedication Audit Findings.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the letter. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

Non-Consent

3. Cheryl Bolin, PARD Division Manager, gave a presentation to the Board regarding Youth Sports Organization Partnerships and Field Use Agreements.

Victor Mannella, President of the University Hills Optimist Club, spoke regarding the impact of the proposed changes to his organization.

Jose Guerrero, Austin Girls Fastpitch, spoke regarding the impact of the proposed changes to his organization.

This item was offered for discussion only. No action was taken.

4. Laura Esparza, PARD Division Manager, and representatives of Woman and Their Work, gave a presentation to the Board concerning the request for a temporary art installation (donation) entitled THIRST to be installed at Lady Bird Lake and Trail.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend to the Austin Arts Commission the approval of a request for a temporary art installation (donation) entitled THIRST to be installed at Lady Bird Lake and Trail with a 6-week review period. Board Member Almanza seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0-1 with Board Member Osgood recused.

E. BRIEFINGS

5. Kimberly McNeeley, PARD Assistant Director, gave a presentation to the Board regarding the City of Austin Aquatic Facility Overview.

6. Angela Hanson, PARD Urban Forester, and Chris Kite, Urban Forestry Board Chair, gave a presentation to the Board to introduce Austin's Urban Forest Plan.

7. Tony Arnold, PARD Division Manager, gave a presentation to the Board regarding PARD Asset Management: Data Driven Management Decisions.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8. Sara Hensley, PARD Director, provided the following to the Board:

- MOC Kayaks/East Side Tubes Unregulated Use of the Colorado River – Staff performed a site visit and has been working with the Law Department and the LCRA. The City may regulate use of the waters as an exercise of their police powers but the City Code is silent regarding inner tubes specifically. Staff will continue to work with the Code Compliance Department and Law regarding an amendment to the City Code.
- Colorado River Erosion concerns from Pleasant Valley/Longhorn Bridge to Montopolis Bridge – Some bank stabilization efforts have occurred to date around the Country Club Creek area. Staff will ask Watershed Protection to jointly explore options to further reduce the natural occurrence of erosion in the area.
- Current Requirements for Parkland Dedication Fees verses superior standards for Municipal Utility District (MUD) and Planned Unit Developments (PUD) – Fees date back to the mid-1980's. Staff would proposed parkland investment fees be increased for both multi-family and single-family development. Mr. Soliz gave a brief overview of the steps that would need to be taken to implement this change. More information will be presented at the Land and Facilities Committee.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Rivera requested an item designating a working group to review the Fiesta Gardens/ Edward Rendon Sr. Park Master Plan.

Board Member Almanza requested an update regarding Colorado River erosion.

Board Member Almanza requested an update regarding tubing activities on the Colorado River adjacent to Longhorn Dam.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.