



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, September 24, 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 6:09 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Dale Glover, Susan Roth, Susana Almanza, Hill Abell

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Member Abell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of August 27, 2013. Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Member Almanza off the dais.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Sharon Blythe spoke regarding the boundaries of Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Chris Brown, member of the Riverbluff Neighborhood Association, spoke regarding the public safety and conservation issues related to boating concessions between Longhorn Dam and US 183 and in support of staff's proposed code amendment.

George Stanton spoke regarding the boundaries of Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Rob Spitz, resident near the Longhorn Dam, spoke regarding the affected area, noted that a master plan already exists, and suggested increased trash collection along the Colorado River.

Michael Bayer, professional kayak fisherman, spoke regarding the Colorado River and shared data with the Board regarding the flow of water from Longhorn Dam.

James Crowley spoke regarding concessions below Longhorn Dam and expressed concern related to patron safety.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

2. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding ratification of contracts with C & M AIR COOLED ENGINE INC., in an amount not to exceed \$188,939, TOM LOFTUS INC., in an amount not to exceed \$45,818 and PROFESSIONAL TURF PRODUCTS LP, in an amount not to exceed \$32,994, for emergency repairs and equipment replacements required due to a fire at Morris Williams Golf Course.
3. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 1) Approval of a dock extending thirty-five (35) feet from Shoreline [Section 25-2-1176(B)(2)].

Site Plan Approval: SP-2013-0152DS – Zlotnik & Denton Boat Dock

Applicant: Advanced Consulting Engineers

Owner: Morris and Laurie Denton (accessory use to 10908 River Terrace) & Robert and Marcie Zlotnik (accessory use to 10610 River Terrace)

Location: 10616 River Terrace

Staff Recommendation: Recommended.

Committee Recommendation: On September 9, the Navigation Committee voted 2-0 to recommend approval. Offered for consent.

Staff: Marilyn Shashoua; marliyn.shashoua@austintexas.gov

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as listed. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Member Almanza off the dais.

Non-Consent

4. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director, Austin Transportation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the proposed ordinance amendment related to special events and high capacity venues.

Board Member Abell made a motion to recommend to the City Council approval of an ordinance amending City Code title 4 to add Chapter 4-15 relating to special events and high-capacity venues, amends Chapter 1-2, and creating a penalty. Board Member Glover seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

5. Jane McCann, McCann Adams Studio, made a presentation to the Board regarding the draft Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach Master Plan.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend to the City Council approval of the draft Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach Master Plan. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Member Almanza off the dais.

6. Lee Sherman, Engineer, Watershed Protection Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Waller Creek Eastwoods Park Streambank Restoration Project.

Board Member Abell made a motion to recommend to the Director approval of a Temporary Use Work Area (51,368 sq. ft.); Temporary Use Staging Area (6,457 sq. ft.); Temporary Use Access Area (5,110 sq. ft.) not to exceed 182 Calendar Days on parkland, with a mitigation value of \$127,126.29. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Member Almanza off the dais.

7. Marilyn Shashoua, Senior Planner, Austin Parks and Recreation, made a verbal presentation to the Board regarding the request for dock extension and dredging at 13330 Shore Vista Drive.

Citizen Communication

Bruce Aupperle, applicant, spoke regarding his request for dock extension and dredging at 13330 Shore Vista Drive.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to not recommend to the Director 1) Approval of a dock extending thirty-four (34) feet from shoreline [Section 25-2-1176(B)(2)] and; 2) Review and comment on an application that exhibits dredging of 53 cubic yards in or along the lake [Section 25-7-63]. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Member Almanza off the dais.

E. BRIEFINGS

8. Tom Shurr, General Manager, Austin Radisson Hotel and Suites, made a presentation to the Board regarding the proposed Public/Private Partnership.

Citizen Communication

Susan Plettman Rankin, Trail Foundation, spoke regarding the Trail Foundation’s comments and concerns related to the proposed public/private partnership and noted that a gross revenue share is most appropriate when comparing this with other similar agreements.

Steve Genovesi, Senior VP of Sales, Austin Convention Center and Visitors Bureau, spoke in support of the proposed Radisson expanded deck.

F. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

PARD Director and Assistant Directors provided the following to the Board:

- Charles Vaclavik, Acting Assistant Director, explained that the department’s preferred method for removal of invasive species is to chip it back up into the area. In the Barton Creek Greenbelt, there are many areas that are inaccessible with a chipper. In that case, debris is hauled out to be disposed of properly.
- Sara Hensley, Director, informed the Board that the Alcohol in the Parks Policy will come to the Board for action following PARD hosting a public input meeting on the subject.
- Sara Hensley, Director, addressed the Board regarding the boundaries at Austin Memorial Cemetery, and noted that the department is supportive of the 1992 Council-approved boundary.
- Sara Hensley, Director, addressed the Board and provided a packet of information responsive to the Board’s request for additional information regarding the proposed code amendment related to inflatable flotation device prohibition.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Abell requested additional information about Zilker Park opening and closing surrounding the Austin City Limits Festival and the Trail of Lights.

Vice Chair Francell requested an update on improvements at Auditorium Shores.

Board Member Glover requested an update on the Lower Shoal Creek Restoration project.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.