



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, October 22, 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, Susana Almanza, Hill Abell, Lynn Osgood

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of September 24, 2013. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Member Osgood off the dais.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Diana Casteneda-Herrera spoke to the Board regarding issues with dogs and parks in Austin. She proposes that dog walks should be required for new condominiums and apartments to reduce pollution in the parks.

George Stanton spoke to the Board and delivered a presentation regarding the Texas Historical Commission's boundaries for the Austin Memorial Cemetery.

Richard Craig, Pease Park Conservancy, spoke to the Board regarding the master planning process for Pease Park and portions of the Shoal Creek Greenbelt north of 31st street and announced their upcoming public engagement schedule.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

Chair Rivera pulled Item 2 from the Consent Agenda.

3. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding an application that exhibits dredging of 63 cubic yards in or along the lake and a shoreline modification [Section 25-7-63].

4. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 1.) Approval of a dock extending forty-five (45) feet from shoreline [Section 25-2-1176(B)(2)]; and 2.) Review and comment on an application that exhibits dredging of 23 cubic yards in or along the lake [Section 25-7-63].
5. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 1.) Approval of a dock extending forty-five (45) feet from shoreline [Section 25-2-1176(B)(2)]; and 2.) Review and comment on an application that exhibits dredging of 50 cubic yards in or along the lake [Section 25-7-63].
6. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 1) construction of a dock at 28 feet in width (28%), exceeding 20% of the shoreline width [Section 25-2-1176(D)(2)] and; 2.) Review and comment on an application that exhibits dredging of 40 cubic yards in or along the lake [Section 25-7-63].
7. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding 1.) construction of a structure within 5 feet of a side lot line [Section 25-2-1176(D)(1)]; and 2.) To construct a dock at 33 feet in width (47%), exceeding 20% of the shoreline width [Section 25-2-1176(D)(2)].
8. Make a recommendation to the Planning Commission regarding approval of a revision to the Planning Commission Site Plan, SPC-2012-0104D, improvements at Zilker Metropolitan Park to redevelop the site and building used for the Sunshine Camp.
9. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding approval of a Temporary Use Work Area (51,368 sq. ft.) not to exceed 270 Calendar Days on parkland, with a mitigation value of \$108,638.58.
10. Make a recommendation to the City Council to negotiate a revenue contract with the Radisson Hotel for the development and operation of a restaurant deck and public terrace on parkland adjacent to the hotel.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve items 3 through 10 of the Consent Agenda. Board Member Glover seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 is Board Member Osgood off the dais.

Non-Consent

2. Make a recommendation to the City Council to approve Austin's Urban Forest Plan.

Citizen Communication

Peggy Maceo, Urban Forestry Board Member, spoke to the Board regarding Austin's Urban Forest Plan and the Board's efforts to date.

Angela Hanson, PARD Urban Forester, and Chris Kite, Urban Forestry Board Chair addressed the Board's questions, shared the details of the Environmental Board's recommendations, and explained any changes made as a result of public comment.

Chair Rivera made a motion to recommend to the City Council approval of the last version of Austin's Urban Forest Plan to include the Environmental Board's recommendations and to ensure data collection strategies within the report are clear. Board Member Almanza seconded that motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

11. Election of Officers

Director Hensley opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Osgood made a nomination for Jane Rivera to continue as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Almanza seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Director Hensley closed the nomination opportunity. The nomination carried on a vote of 6-0.

Chair Rivera opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Abell made a nomination for Jeff Francell to continue as Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Almanza seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Chair Rivera closed the nomination opportunity. The nomination carried on a vote of 6-0.

12. Adopt the 2014 Regular Meeting Schedule.

Board Member Francell made a motion to cancel the November 25, 2014 and December 23, 2014 meeting dates and schedule a Parks and Recreation Board meeting on December 9, 2014. Chair Rivera seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

13. Board Chair to make a nomination to the Downtown Commission.

Chair Rivera nominated Board Member Dale Glover to the Downtown Commission. Board Member Glover accepted this nomination.

14. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding an application that exhibits dredging of 60 cubic yards in or along the lake. [Section 25-7-63].

Chris Yanez, PARD Principal Planner, introduced this item and discussed the application history and staff's recommendation.

Citizen Communication

Bruce Aupperle, applicant, spoke to the Board regarding this application that exhibits dredging and made himself available for questions from the Board.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Board comment that they are opposed to dredging up to 60 cubic yards at 13330 Shore Vista Drive. Board Member Almanza seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

15. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the 27 planning areas as a foundation to organize the parkland dedication fees before applying criteria for expenditure.

Chris Yanez, PARD Principal Planner, made a presentation to the Board regarding parkland dedication fee audit findings, process improvements to date, and explained PARD's rationale for the 27 planning areas.

Board Member Abell made a motion to recommend to the Director that 27 planning areas be created as a foundation to organize the parkland dedication fees before applying criteria for expenditure. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

E. BRIEFINGS

16. 2012-2013 Annual Concession Report for concessions in Town Lake Park. Presentation by Kirk Scanlon, Contract Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department.

Kirk Scanlon, PARD Contract Administrator made this Briefing to the Board and answered the Board's questions regarding saturation, total commissions, and private planning efforts.

17. Status Update on the Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase 1 Project. Presentation by Richard Duane, Project Coordinator, Public Works Department. THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PARD Director provided the following to the Board:

- Recent heavy rains wreaked havoc on Barton Springs Pool. Some damage included: large amounts of debris in and around the pool, lost fencing, diving board fulcrum, safety rails, ADA lift chair and cover, handrails along the shallow end stairs, water fountains, retaining walls, bypass gate, ladder support bracket, diving well ladder, rain buoys, trashcans, salamander habit signs, lifeguard seat, and decoy ducks. Jimmy Clay Golf Course also experienced significant flooding.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Osgood requested a Briefing on the events registration process.

Board Chair Rivera requested an item on next month's agenda to name the Concessions Committee, to take the place of the Navigation Committee. The Board Chair notified all Board Members that if they have a desire to change Committees, they should contact her.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.