



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, February 25, 2014 - 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 6:12 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Member Glover made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of December 10, 2013. Board Member Almanza seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Vice Chair Francell off the dais and Board Members Abell and Osgood absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Monica Allen, member of the Montopolis Neighborhood Association, spoke to the Board regarding the new Montopolis Recreation Center. She expressed that committee and community recommendations regarding this site should be included, and not just staff recommendations.

Angelica Noyola, president of the Montopolis Neighborhood Association, and Vice President of the Montopolis Neighborhood Association Contact Team, spoke to the Board and expressed concern regarding funding for the new Montopolis Recreation Center being used by the Health and Human Services Department and the impact this would have on the new center.

Anita Villalobos, member of the Montopolis Neighborhood Association and member of the Montopolis Advisory Board, spoke to the Board and expressed concern regarding the new Montopolis Recreation Center. She expressed that the language on the bond election did not include Health and Human Services, and that there will not be enough room for both departments to occupy this new center.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

2. Make a recommendation to the Director for approval of Permanent Use (1,406 sq. ft.), Temporary Use Area (1,269 sq. ft.), not to exceed 3 Calendar Days on parkland located at 900 Barton Springs Rd, (Auditorium Shores at Town Lake Metro Park). Mitigation value is \$17,288.06.

3. Make a recommendation to City Council for the approval of the negotiation and execution of a License Agreement between the City of Austin and Girl Scouts of Central Texas for the Use of the Zilker Cabin.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve items 2 and 3 of the Consent Agenda. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Members Abell and Osgood absent.

Non-Consent

4. Make a recommendation to the Director for approval of Permanent Use (23,183 sq. ft.), Temporary Use (21,168 sq. ft.) , not to exceed 365 Calendar Days on parkland located at 1300 W. Cesar Chavez (Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park). Total Mitigation Value is \$1,451,667.

Gary Schatz, Assistant Director of the Austin Transportation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Pressler Road extension and responded to the Board's questions on this project.

Citizen Communication

Mike Sullivan, member and Traffic and Safety Chairman of the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association, spoke to the Board regarding their support of this item, noting that it will provide the neighborhood with bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to Lady Bird Lake, existing trails, and the Lance Armstrong Bikeway.

Wayne Brumley, President of the West Austin Youth Association, spoke to the Board regarding the impact of this project on WAYA and WAYA's involvement in the process to date. He expressed safety concerns regarding children crossing roads to access the ball fields, and concern that they were not informed that this action was coming forward. He requested a 30 day postponement on this item in order to work with staff.

Board Member Roth made a motion to recommend to the Director approval of Permanent Use (23,183 sq. ft.), Temporary Use (21,168 sq. ft.) , not to exceed 365 Calendar Days on parkland located at 1300 W. Cesar Chavez (Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park). Total Mitigation Value is \$1,451,667, with the friendly amendment that Transportation staff secure commitment in writing from the developer regarding master planning funds.

5. Make a recommendation to City Council to authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with AMATERRA ENVIRONMENTAL, INC to provide cemetery consulting services to develop a cemetery Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$129,457 and a cemetery tree survey in an amount not to exceed \$78,191, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$207,648.

Kim McKnight, Project Coordinator, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding this proposed contract for cemetery master planning and a cemetery tree survey.

Citizen Communication

Dale Flat, member of Save Austin Cemeteries, spoke to the Board regarding his support for this item, noting that a cemetery master plan has been a goal of advocates for over ten years.

Chair Rivera made a motion to recommend to the City Council to authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with AMATERRA ENVIRONMENTAL, INC to provide cemetery consulting services to develop a cemetery Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$129,457 and a cemetery tree survey in an amount not to exceed \$78,191, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$207,648. Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Members Abell and Osgood absent.

6. Review and accept the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee Annual Report for 2013.

Greg Montes, Committee Liaison, introduced this item for the Board.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to accept the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee Annual Report for 2013. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Members Abell and Osgood absent.

E. BRIEFINGS

7. Ongoing and Future Construction of the Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase I – Richard Duane, Project Coordinator, Public Works Department

Richard Duane, Project Coordinator, Public Works Department, made a presentation to the Board and responded to questions regarding the status of this project.

8. Elisabet Ney Museum Project and Next Steps – Lyn Estabrook, Project Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation

Lyn Estabrook, Project Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board and responded to questions regarding this project.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cora Wright, Assistant Director, informed the Board that Sara Hensley was out on business travel.

Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director, provided an update to the Barton Springs Grounds Improvements Project. She noted that the schedule has slipped back and the project would not be complete in time for Spring Break. Completion is estimated sometime in May. Staff have developed contingency plans to address the flow of crowds during this time.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Glover requested a Briefing regarding the status of the Auditorium Shores Improvement Project.

Board Chair Rivera requested a Briefing on both the Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase 2 and the Southern Walnut Creek Trail projects.

Vice Chair Francell and Board Chair Rivera requested an update regarding the Battle Bend Park encroachment issue.

Vice Chair Francell requested an update regarding the closing of bathrooms and fountains on Lady Bird Lake Trail during the winter months around freezes.

Board Member Almanza requested an update regarding repairs needed for the Montopolis Little League at Roy G. Guerrero Park.

Board Member Almanza requested an update regarding the plans for the new Montopolis Recreation Center.

Board Member Almanza requested an update regarding erosion concerns in Roy G. Guerrero Park.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.