



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, June 24, 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 6:04 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Dale Glover, Susan Roth, Susana Almanza, 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 May 27, 2014. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Member Glover off the dais and Board Member Abell absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

James Von Wolske addressed the Board regarding his concerns at Red Bud Isle.

Jere Locke, Texas Drought Project, addressed the Board regarding climate change and the need for the Board to get involved in water issues and climate protection issues.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

2. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the approval of the Ponciana Neighborhood Park Master Plan.

3. Adopt the amendment to the Parks and Recreation Board Bylaws creating a Contracts and Concessions Committee as approved by the Audit and Finance Committee on May 28, 2014 and naming Vice Chair Francell, Board Member Glover, and Board Member Roth.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the Consent agenda. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Abell absent.

Non-Consent

4. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the approval of the naming of the Rosewood Recreation Center to Delores Duffie Recreation Center.

Greg Montes, Senior Planner, Parks and Recreation Department, introduced this item to the Board and responded to questions regarding the park naming process.

Board Member Osgood made a motion to recommend to the City Council to have the naming of Rosewood Recreation Center follow the naming procedure in the Land Development Code, which allows for 90 days for additional naming suggestions. Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Abell absent.

5. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the naming of parkland located at 3000 Del Curto Road.

Greg Montes, Senior Planner, Parks and Recreation Department, introduced this item to the Board and responded to questions regarding the park naming process.

Citizen Communication

Carrie Lasseter addressed the Board in support of the name Tom Lasseter Park and shared her family's history in relation to the park. She stated that she did not learn of the park naming until after the 90 day period had passed. She shared that she had collected many signatures in support of the name Tom Lasseter Park over the past weekend.

Bryan King addressed the Board as a representative of the South Lamar Neighborhood Association. He discussed the timeline associated with his neighborhood association's naming recommendations, and expressed that he believes the park should be named after the neighborhood association that worked to improve the park.

Bruce Evans addressed the Board as the President of the South Lamar Neighborhood Association. He discussed the timeline associated with his neighborhood association's naming recommendations, and expressed that he now feels the most appropriate name for the park is Tom Lasseter Park, although he stated that the group had most recently support the South Lamar Neighborhood Park name.

Board Member Osgood made a motion to recommend to the City Council the name of Del Curto Park as originally supported by the Board in April. Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 2-4 with Board Member Abell absent.

Board Member Almanza made a motion to recommend to the City Council to name the park Tom Lasseter South Lamar Neighborhood Park. Board Member Glover seconded the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 2-4 with Board Member Abell absent.

Board Member Roth made a motion to recommend to City Council that the 90-day naming process begin again. The motion was not seconded.

No action was taken.

E. BRIEFINGS

6. Colorado River Geomorphology: Longhorn Dam to U.S. 183 at Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Metropolitan Park – Morgan Byars, Supervising Engineer, Watershed Protection Department

Morgan Byars, Supervising Engineer, Watershed Protection Department, provided a presentation to the Board regarding the natural erosion occurring along the Colorado River, especially near Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park, and responded to questions from the Board on this issue.

7. Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Presentation – Angela Means, Financial Services Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department

Angela Means, Financial Services Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, provided a presentation to the Board regarding the department’s Fiscal Year 2015 proposed budget, discussed the department’s unmet service demands, described the process going forward for City Council consideration, and responded to questions from the Board.

F. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Sara Hensley, Director, Parks and Recreation, provided an update on several items. She announced that the new Assistant Director, Charlie Romines, will be starting July 28. She discussed that all pools were open now except Montopolis due to a mechanical issue that a part must be fabricated for. She reminded the Board that this issue will continue to occur because of the age of the pools and that staff look forward to the outcome of the Aquatic Facility Assessment and discussing with the Board.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Roth inquired about the schedule for the new Concessions and Contracts Committee. Assistant Director Cora Wright informed her that Committee members will be contacted regarding their availability for a July orientation meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.