



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, October 28, 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 6:03 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Dale Glover, Susan Roth, Michael Casias, 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 September 23, 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 Osgood absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

2. Make a recommendation to the City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District for the use of the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center for the implementation of targeted strategies of the curriculum and training developed by Nuestro Grupo.

3. Make a recommendation to the City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District for the use of Butler Fields.

4. Make a recommendation to the City Council for the Permanent Use (3,656 sq. ft.), Temporary Use Area (1,576 sq. ft.), not to exceed 120 Calendar Days on parkland located at 2715 Lynnbrook Drive, (Bauerle Ranch). Mitigation value is \$12,756.12.

Chair Rivera made a motion to approve Items 3 and 4 on the Consent agenda. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Osgood absent.

Citizen Communication

Juan Oyervides, advisory board member for the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, addressed the Board regarding Item 2 on the Consent agenda. He expressed the Board's support for this interlocal agreement.

Board Member Casias made a motion to approve Item 2 on the Consent agenda. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Osgood absent.

Non-Consent

5. Election of Officers

Director Hensley asked for any nominations from the floor for Board Chair. Board Member Casias nominated Jane Rivera. Board Member Glover seconded the nomination. The nomination passed on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Osgood absent.

Chair Rivera asked for any nominations from the floor for Vice Chair. Board Member Abell nominated Jeff Francell. Board Member Roth seconded the nomination. The nomination passed on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Osgood absent.

6. Discuss and adopt the 2015 Parks and Recreation Board schedule.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to cancel the November 2015 Board meeting and to move the December 2015 Board meeting to December 8, 2015. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Osgood off the dais.

7. Board Chair to appoint a new member to the Joint Committee of the Environmental Board/Parks and Recreation Board.

Board Chair Rivera nominated Board Member Roth to the Joint Committee of the Environmental Board/Parks and Recreation Board.

8. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding the dedication of 600 River Street (Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center) as parkland. Recommended by Staff.

Ricardo Soliz, Planning and Development Division Manager, Parks and Recreation, presented this item to the Board and responded to questions from the Board.

Citizen Communication

David Carroll, Chair of the advisory board for the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, addressed the Board regarding this item. He expressed support for also expressly dedicating 64 Rainey Street as parkland. He shared his board's recent actions in support of dedicating these properties as parkland.

Juan Oyervides, advisory board member for the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, addressed the Board regarding this item. He echoed Chair Carroll's comments regarding 64 Rainey Street also being dedicated parkland. He was concerned that 64 and 58 Rainey Street were not included in this item. He encouraged the Board to postpone action.

In consideration of the presentation and citizen communication, Chair Rivera asked to hear Item 9 and return to Item 8 after. The motions made next occurred after hearing Item 9.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend to the City Council the dedication of 600 River Street and for staff to bring back 58 and 64 Rainey at a later date. Board Member Roth seconded the motion.

Board Member Casias made a substitute motion to postpone action at least 30 days to allow staff more time to work on including 58 and 64 Rainey Street. Chair Rivera seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-1 with Vice Chair Francell opposed and Board Member Osgood absent.

9. Make a recommendation to the City Council for approval to place a 1,500 sq. ft. historic house, to be used as the Rainey Street History Center, on three potential sites identified within the Rainey Street District.

Ricardo Soliz, Planning and Development Division Manager, Parks and Recreation, presented this item to the Board and responded to questions from the Board.

Citizen Communication

Juan Oyervides, advisory board member for the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, addressed the Board regarding this item. He corrected some factual errors in the presentation given. Staff acknowledged and corrected this inconsistency verbally. He shared that the ESB-MACC Board had made a recommendation for 700 Cummings and discussed why he believes this is the best location.

David Carroll, Chair of the advisory board for the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, addressed the Board regarding this item. He shared the ESB-MACC Board's recommendation for East Avenue in May. He expressed concern about relocation to 64 Rainey Street because of the costs associated with restoring the structure and making it habitable, and relocating the wastewater line. He discussed 700 Cummings as an ideal location because houses used to be there. He shared the property recommendations from other Boards before running out of time.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend the City Council to not support any of the three proposed locations, and to decline the donation of the house without sufficient funding. Board Member Casias seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-1 with Chair Rivera opposed and Board Member Osgood absent.

10. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the Aquatic Facility Assessment.

Cheryl Bolin, Aquatics & Athletics Division Manager, Parks and Recreation, introduced this item to the Board. She turned the presentation over to Patrick Hoagland, Project Manager with Brandsetter Carroll Inc. Both presenters and other staff responded to questions from the Board.

Board Member Roth made a motion to recommend to the City Council to accept the assessment findings as a planning foundation for the Aquatic Division Master Plan. Board Member Glover seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Osgood absent.

11. Make a recommendation to City Council for approval of Permanent Use (4,865 sq. ft.), Temporary Use Area (15,943 sq. ft.), not to exceed 60 Calendar Days on parkland located at 5100 E. 51st (Little Walnut Creek District Park). Mitigation value is \$32,742.79.

Ricardo Soliz, Planning & Development Division Manager, Parks and Recreation, introduced this item. He turned the presentation over to Phillip Jaeger, Project Manager, Austin Water Utility. Both presenters responded to questions from the Board.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend to the City Council approval of the Permanent Use (4,865 sq. ft.), Temporary Use Area (15,943 sq. ft.), not to exceed 60 Calendar Days on parkland located at 5100 E. 51st (Little Walnut Creek District Park). Mitigation value is \$32,742.79. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Osgood absent.

12. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding potential code amendments or other measures necessary to allow swimming and to create an off-leash dog area in the Barton Springs Spillway and in Barton Creek between Barton Springs and Lady Bird Lake.

April Thedford, Project Coordinator, Parks and Recreation, presented this item to the Board and responded to the Board's questions.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend City Council to amend City Code Chapter 8-5-49 to allow for human swimming in Barton Creek and prohibiting dog recreation in the water, while continuing to enforce existing ordinance restrictions regarding dogs off leash. Board Member Casias seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Osgood absent.

E. BRIEFINGS

None.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sara Hensley, Director, Parks and Recreation, reminded the Board about their Retreat scheduled for November 18. She notified the Board that the final TUR partners meeting happened the night before and that their final report will come to the Board on December 9, followed by presentation to Mayor and Council. She announced that the department has hired a consulting firm to assist in the Assistant Director recruitment. She notified the Board that they will received the full report regarding alcohol in the parks in February 2015.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Vice Chair Francell inquired about the status of the Auditorium Shores Trailhead and shared concern about delay and lack of progress. Director Hensley shared that there was a contractor issue, and committed to providing a timeline update via email.

Board Member Abell inquired about statements made by Director Hensley at the October 23 Council meeting regarding the Walter E. Long Metropolitan Parks RFQS. Director Hensley clarified that the figures referenced related to potential benefits. Director Hensley shared that there will be an additional public meeting and that the proposal would be publicly available. Director Hensley shared that the City will continue to pursue a revocable license agreement.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.