



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 - 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 6:10 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair, Susan Roth, Michael Casias, Lynn Osgood

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of December 9, 2014.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the minutes from December 9, 2014. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Board Member Roth off the dais and Board Members Abell and Glover absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Zoila Vega, Austin Heritage Tree Foundation, addressed the Board regarding the Cyclocross race event held in Zilker Park. She expressed concerns regarding the department's approval of the event and the subsequent damage to the park, including exposed irrigation and root zones. She shared a presentation with the Board. She offered suggestions to avoid this in the future.

Michael Fossum, Austin Heritage Tree Foundation, completed Ms. Vega's presentation regarding tree remediation work. He shared a video with the Board of some activities that occurred in the park in conjunction with the Cyclocross race.

David King addressed the Board and stated that he shared some of the concerns of the previous speakers. He suggested these types of events should come before the Board, and that a list of prohibited events should be created. He expressed disappointment regarding the outcome of the event, and hope that the department has a mechanism to address these issues with the event organizer.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

2. Make a recommendation to the Director for approval of Temporary Use (7,411 sq. ft.), of parkland located at 500 E 12th St. (Waterloo Neighborhood Park), not to exceed 480 Calendar Days. Mitigation value is \$132,100.
3. Make a recommendation to the Director for approval of Temporary Use (4,670 sq. ft.), of parkland located at 2711 Canterbury St. (Holly Shores at Town Lake Metro Park), not the exceed 31 Calendar Days. Mitigation value is \$ 2,202.00.
4. Make a recommendation to the Director for approval of Temporary Use (12,019 sq. ft.), of parkland located at 400 Grove Boulevard (Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Metropolitan Park), not the exceed 31 Calendar Days. Mitigation value is \$ 1,850.39.
5. Make a recommendation to the Director for approval of Temporary Use (2,193 sq. ft.), of parkland located at 400 Grove Boulevard (Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Metropolitan Park), not the exceed 31 Calendar Days. Mitigation value is \$ 325.19.
6. Make a recommendation to the Director for approval of Temporary Use (1,308 sq. ft.), of parkland located at 401 Deep Eddy Ave. (Eilers Deep Eddy Neighborhood Park), not the exceed 31 Calendar Days. Mitigation value is \$ 596.44.
7. Make a recommendation to the City Council to approve the award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with Hunden Strategic Partners, or one of the other qualified offerors to RFP No. TVN0041 to complete a feasibility study for the Travis County Exposition Center and surrounding property, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the Consent agenda. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Board Member Roth off the dais and Board Members Abell and Glover absent.

Non-Consent

8. Review and accept the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee Annual Report for 2014.

Board Member Osgood presented this report to the Board in Board Member Abell's absence. Board Member Casias made a motion to accept the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee Annual Report for 2014. Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Members Abell and Glover off the dais.

9. Review and accept the Concessions and Contracts Committee Annual Report for 2014.

Vice Chair Francell presented this report to the Board. Board Member Roth made a motion to accept the Concessions and Contracts Committee Annual Report for 2014. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Members Abell and Glover off the dais.

10. Make a recommendation to the City Council for approval to negotiate and execute an agreement with Lone Star Riverboat Inc. to provide excursion boat services on Lady Bird Lake.

Charles Vaclavik, Grounds Maintenance Division Manager, and Kirk Scanlon, Contract Administrator, presented this item to the Board and responded to their questions.

Board Member Casias made a motion to recommend entering into negotiations for a ten year License Agreement with Lone Star River Boat Inc. to provide excursions boat services on Lady Bird Lake, that the contract be brought back to the Parks and Recreation Board before execution, and that staff ask for 12%. The motion was not seconded.

Board Member Roth made a motion to accept the terms staff has negotiated and recommend to the City Council the approval to negotiate and execute an agreement with Lone Star Riverboat Inc. to provide excursion boat services on Lady Bird Lake. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Members Abell and Glover off the dais.

11. Make a recommendation to the Director for approval of Temporary Use of space at Colony District Park/Turner Roberts Recreation Center for the purposes of providing community health clinic services and waive associated mitigation fees.

Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, and Shannon Jones, Deputy Director of Health and Human Services, presented this item to the Board and responded to their questions.

Citizen Communication

Barbara Scott, President of the Colony Park Neighborhood Association and member of the Colony Park Lakeside Community Development Corporation, addressed the Board regarding this item and expressed her support. She shared her personal connection to the need for healthcare services in this neighborhood. She discussed the benefits to the adjacent elementary school. She discussed the need for a more permanent solution.

Board Member Roth made a motion to recommend to the Director approval of Temporary Use of space at Colony District Park/Turner Roberts Recreation Center for the purposes of providing community health clinic services and waive associated mitigation fees. Board Member Osgood seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Members Abell and Glover absent.

12. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the renaming of the Onion Creek Greenbelt.

Gregory Montes, Park Development Coordinator, presented this item to the Board and responded to their questions.

Board Member Osgood made a motion to recommend that the City Council not rename the Onion Creek Greenbelt located at 7004 Onion Creek Drive. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Members Abell and Glover absent.

13. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the naming of parkland at 401 W. St. Johns.

Gregory Montes, Park Development Coordinator, presented this item to the Board and responded to their questions.

Citizen Communication

Edward Reznicek signed up to donate his time to Kelli Saldana.

Kelli Saldana addressed the Board regarding this item and shared the history of the land with the Board. She discussed Edward Reznicek's contribution to this property and the University Hills Optimists and expressed the desire that this property be named Reznicek Park.

Marla Schmitz, Highland Neighborhood Association member, addressed the Board regarding this item and shared that their association voted unanimously to support the name Highland Neighborhood Park and Reznicek Fields. She shared the association's involvement with this property and securing master planning funds. She shared the association's support for honoring Mr. Reznicek's contributions with UHO.

Sam Baker, former UHO parent, addressed the Board regarding this item. He discussed that UHO and the neighborhood were at a point of constructive dialogue. He discussed their desire to have Reznicek Fields as co-present with the name of the neighborhood association.

Board Member Roth made a motion to recommend to the City Council to name the parkland located at 401 W. St. Johns to Highland Neighborhood Park and Reznicek Fields. Board Member Casias seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-1 with Board Member Osgood against and Board Members Abell and Glover absent.

E. BRIEFINGS

None.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sara Hensley, Director, Parks and Recreation, gave an update regarding the status of the slacklining park rules appeal. Assistant Director Kimberly McNeeley shared that the City Manager affirmed the administrative rule with an amendment to a portion regarding damaged trees and discussed next steps.

Sara Hensley, Director, Parks and Recreation, gave an update regarding mitigation following the Cyclocross event at Zilker Park. She shared details regarding PARD's involvement before, during, and after the event. She shared that the department does not believe that any permanent damage was done to the park and provided additional details regarding the mitigation plan with the event organizer. She discussed the plan to reconnect with the affected neighborhoods.

Sara Hensley, Director, Parks and Recreation, gave an update regarding the status of the Assistant Director interviews. She notified the Board Members that interviews are scheduled for February 9th and that they may be asked to participate on a panel.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Osgood requested that staff's recommendation regarding naming procedures be brought back through the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. Board Member Osgood requested a memo to the Board following the department's meeting with neighborhood associations regarding events.

Board Member Casias requested information regarding the use of gas powered leaf blowers.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.