



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, May 26, 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 6:09 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Susan Roth, Michael Casias, Hill Abell

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of April 28, 2014.

Board Member Roth made a motion to approve the minutes from April 28, 2015. Board Member Casias seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Vice Chair Francell off the dais and Board Members Osgood and Glover absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Sharon Blythe addressed the Board regarding a recent visit to Austin Memorial Park Cemetery. She reported concerns about use of the maintenance yard and city time.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

2. Make a recommendation to the City Council for the authorization of the negotiation and execution of an agreement between the City of Austin and ALTURA SOLUTIONS, L.P. for an ADA Self-Assessment and System-Wide Transition Plan.
3. Make a recommendation to the City Council for the authorization and execution of an agreement with DESIGN WORKSHOP, INC. to provide master planning consulting services for Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metropolitan Park for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

Citizen Communication

David King, Zilker Neighborhood Association, addressed the Board and expressed that he hoped the Lamar Beach Master Plan outcome would be based on community input and not necessarily a perpetuation of what's on the site now.

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

Non-Consent

4. Receive public comments and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the installation of a permanent marker at Auditorium Shores at Town Lake for President Obama's February 23, 2007 rally at that site.

No public comment was received on this item at this meeting, or the previous two opportunities offered in March and April 2015.

Board Member Abell made a motion to recommend to the City Council installation of a permanent marker at Auditorium Shores at Town Lake for President Obama's February 23, 2007 rally at that site. Board Member Casias seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Vice Chair Francell off the dais and Board Members Osgood and Glover absent.

5. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the adoption of the Historic Cemeteries Master Plan.

Kim McKnight, Project Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board on this item and responded to questions.

Citizen Communication

James Blythe donated his time to Sharon Blythe. Sharon Blythe made a presentation and addressed the Board regarding her concerns about the Master Plan. She expressed opposition to the proposed north access on Northland Drive, the historic boundaries of Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, the parking lot for programming, and the outreach efforts to West Austin. She expressed that it was a good plan that should be considered with conditions.

Dale Flatt, founder of Save Austin Cemeteries, addressed the Board in support of the Master Plan. He noted that while Save Austin Cemeteries may not agree with every portion of the plan, it is a fluid document. He expressed the need for cooperation from many city departments to make it a success. He expressed that the master plan was well thought out, but that a lot of money would be needed to make it happen.

Board Member Abell made a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the Historic Cemeteries Master Plan. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Members Osgood and Glover absent.

E. BRIEFINGS

6. Update regarding the Holly Shores Master Plan Phase 1 Implementation Working Group progress and the resulting prioritization for phase 1 improvements at Edward Rendon Sr. Metropolitan Park at Festival Beach and Holly Shores

Board Chair Rivera and Board Member Casias provided a Working Group update to the Board regarding implementation progress to date and responded to questions.

7. Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Presentation

Angela Means, Financial Services Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, provided this presentation to the Board and responded to questions regarding the budget process going forward.

8. Presentation of the Lone Star Legacy Park Designation for Pease Park

Dr. Michal Anne Lord, Executive Director, Texas Recreation and Park Society, presented this award to staff and the Pease Park Conservancy.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Director Kimberly McNeeley welcomed Marty Stump who was selected as the new Assistant Director.

Assistant Director McNeeley provided an initial assessment of the damage from the Memorial Day floods. She discussed downed trees and tree damage, water damage at facilities, bridge damage at Roy G. Guerrero Park, issues at pools and splashpads, and the opening of two shelters. She explained that the department is already perusing FEMA assistance, and that the department does not have emergency funds.

Assistant Director McNeeley provided an aquatics update. Mabel Davis had a water main break that must be repaired before the pool could be filled. The source of the leak at Metz pool has been identified, and the repairs are underway. The department intends to open both pools.

Assistant Director Stump added that active construction sites have been impacted by the weather.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Chair Rivera requested an update during the next Director's Report regarding any flood damage experienced.

H. ADJOURNMENT

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