



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, June 23, 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 6:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Susan Roth, Lynn Osgood, Dale Glover

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of May 26, 2015.

Board Member Osgood made a motion to approve the minutes from May 26, 2015. Vice Chair Francell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Members Abell and Casias absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

Non-Consent

Chair Rivera announced that Items 4 and 5 were postponed.

2. Make a recommendation to the Director for approval of the proposed redesign of the Texas Rowing Center dock.

Matt Knifton, Texas Rowing Center, made a presentation to the Board regarding the proposed redesign of the Texas Rowing Center and responded to questions.

Vice Chair Francell made a motion to approve the proposed redesign of the Texas Rowing Center. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Members Abell and Casias absent.

3. Make a recommendation to the City Council for approval of Permanent Use (2,114 sq. ft.), Temporary Use Area (8,832 sq. ft.), not to exceed 182 Calendar Days on parkland located at 120 Red River, (Waller Creek Greenbelt).

Lee Austin, Engineer, Austin Transportation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding this proposed permanent and temporary use of parkland, and responded to questions.

Chair Rivera made a motion to recommend to the City Council approval of Permanent Use (2,114 sq. ft.), Temporary Use Area (8,832 sq. ft.), not to exceed 182 Calendar Days on parkland located at 120 Red River, so long as both parties continue to finalize the mitigation amount. Board Member Glover seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Board Members Abell and Glover absent.

4. Briefing and possible recommendation to the City Council regarding the Parks and Recreation Department's use of pesticides, including any containing neonicotinoids.

This item was postponed.

5. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed change to Ordinance 8-1-14, allowing the Director to administratively set hours for public recreation areas, nature preserves, greenbelts, and trails.

This item was postponed.

E. BRIEFINGS

None

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hensley began by thanking the Board for their service. She introduced the department's Strategic Plan initiative and stressed the Board's importance in making it a reality.

Assistant Director Cora Wright thanked the Board for their service and introduced the Office of Performance Management team and their role in the department. Michael Strycharske, Melissa Bartley, and Veronica Delgado made a brief presentation to the Board regarding the service areas of the office, accomplishments to date, and the status of the department's Strategic Plan.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Vice Chair Francell requested a verbal update about the Auditorium Shores Off-Leash Area potentially being used by Fun Fun Fun Fest and the drinking fountain at Auditorium Shores.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.