



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, August 25, 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 6:01 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Richard DePalma, Vice Chair; Alison Alter, Michael Casias, Tom Donovan, Alesha Larkins, Francoise Luca, Alex Schmitz, Pat Wimberly

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of July 28, 2015.

Board Member Wimberly made a motion to approve the minutes from July 28, 2015. Board Member Alter seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias off the dais and Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent

2. Consider and adopt an amendment to the 2015 Parks and Recreation Board schedule, moving the September 22, 2015 meeting to September 30, 2015.

The Board Chair tabled this item until later in the meeting.

Following discussion of Item 11, the Board Chair discussed scheduling conflicts on both September 22 and September 30. Board Chair Casias made a motion to move the September meeting to September 29, 2015, with the location to be announced. Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

3. Board Chair to appoint members to the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Board Chair Rivera proposed the appointment of the following members to the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee: Mark Vane, Chair; Alison Alter, Tom Donovan, Alex Schmitz, and Pat Wimberly. Board Member Alter made a motion to approve the appointment. Board Member Schmitz seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias off the dais and Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

4. Board Chair to appoint members to the Concessions and Contracts Committee of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Board Chair Rivera proposed the appointment of the following members to the Concessions and Contracts Committee: Michael Casias, Chair; Rick Cofer, Alesha Larkins, Francoise Luca, and Richard DePalma. Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to approve the appointment. Board Member Luca seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias off the dais and Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

5. Discussion and possible action to nominate members to the Holly Shores Edward Rendon Senior Festival Beach Master Plan Implementation Working Group.

Board Chair Rivera proposed the nomination of herself and Michael Casias to the Holly Shores Edward Rendon Senior Festival Beach Master Plan Implementation Working Group. Board Member Alter made a motion to approve the nomination. Board Member Wimberly seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias off the dais and Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

6. Discussion and possible action to nominate a representative to the Parkland Events Taskforce.

Board Chair Rivera proposed the nomination of Rick Cofer to the Parkland Events Taskforce. Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to approve the nomination. Board Member Alter seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias off the dais and Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

7. Discussion and possible action to nominate a representative to the Downtown Commission.

Board Chair Rivera proposed the nomination of Alesha Larkins to the Downtown Commission. Board Member Wimberly made a motion to approve the nomination. Board Member Alter seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias off the dais and Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

8. Discussion and possible action to nominate a representative to the Joint Committee of the Environmental Board and the Parks and Recreation Board.

Board Chair Rivera proposed the nomination of Alex Schmitz to the Joint Committee of the Environmental Board and the Parks and Recreation Board. Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to approve the appointment. Board Member Alter seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

9. Discussion and possible action to nominate a representative to the Joint Cultural Committee.

Board Chair Rivera proposed the nomination of Francoise Luca to the Joint Cultural Committee. Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to approve the nomination. Board Member Larkins seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

10. Discussion and possible action to nominate a representative to the Joint Sustainability Committee.

Board Chair Rivera proposed the nomination of Tom Donovan to the Joint Sustainability Committee. Board Member Schmitz made a motion to approve the nomination. Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

11. Discussion and possible action to nominate a representative to the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Board Chair Rivera proposed the nomination of Richard DePalma to the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee. Board Member Wimberly made a motion to approve the nomination. Board Member Donovan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

12. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District for the ACE Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program to be offered at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala Elementary Schools.

Assistant Director McNeeley introduced Patrick Corona. Patrick Corona, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding this interlocal agreement and responded to questions related to the terms of the agreement and the impact of the program.

Board Member Casias made a motion to recommend to the City Council the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District for the ACE Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program to be offered at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala Elementary Schools. Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

13. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the negotiation and execution of amendments to the Master Lease Agreement, Sublease Agreement, and Restrictive Covenant between the City and State Theatre Company.

Assistant Director McNeeley made a presentation to the Board regarding this contract amendment and responded to questions. Assistant Director Wright also responded to questions from the Board.

Board Member Alter made a motion to recommend to the City Council the negotiation and execution of amendments to the Master Lease Agreement, Sublease Agreement, and Restrictive Covenant between the City and State Theatre Company. Board Member Luca seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0-2 with Board Member Casias and Vice Chair DePalma abstaining, and Board Members Cofer and Vane absent.

E. BRIEFINGS

None

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hensley reviewed several items that will be coming forward to the Board in future months. Director Hensley also announced the public hearing on September 17 at Council to review the proposed new parkland dedication fees. She also announced the beginning of the aquatics community engagement

sessions. Director Hensley updated the Board regarding meetings with the East Town Lake Citizens Neighborhood Association, including that a work group of the community and staff will convene in October to review the community wish list. Director Hensley reminded the Board of the National Recreation and Parks Association national conference in Las Vegas in September and encouraged the Board to attend if they are able.

Assistant Director Wright reported to the Board regarding a successful first meeting of the Parkland Events Taskforce that day.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Alter requested a budget summary be offered at the potential November special called meeting. She also requested further information regarding the role of the Board in the department's Strategic Planning process, and how the Board may help. She also requested information regarding the procedures for Community Initiate Projects.

Chair Rivera requested an item on the September agenda making a recommendation to Council for a moratorium on the naming process until the Board has made a recommendation to the Council for potential code amendments.

Board Member DePalma requested an update regarding recycling in the parks. This will occur in October. He also requested an update on the Office of Performance Management, including what metrics are being captured. He also requested an update on the Strategic Planning process and its scope of work.

Board Member Schmitz requested that staff reviewing the naming issue take into consideration the process of the Austin Police Department.

Board Member Alter also requested further information to understand the role of the department in zoning decisions, CodeNext, and PUDs, and how the Board can assist in ensuring parks are considered.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.