



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
Tuesday, April 26, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.  
**Boards and Commissions Room, City Hall**  
301 W. Second Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

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## **MINUTES**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Richard DePalma, Vice Chair; Michael Casias, Rick Cofer, Tom Donovan, Alesha Larkins, Birger “Alex” Schmitz, Mark Vane and Pat Wimberly

### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of March 22, 2016.

Board Member Wimberly made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of March 22, 2016. Board Member Vane seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Alter and Board Member Luca absent.

### **C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Ron Torrey addressed the Board regarding Walsh Boat Landing. He expressed concern about the proposed improvements.

### **D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Consent**

2. Make a recommendation for approval to authorize negotiation and to execute agreements with the successful proposers, Curry in Hurry, EM Gourmet, Chifung Enterprises (Mikado Japanese Restaurant), and Ivori’s Restaurant, to manage and operate the senior meal program at the Asian American Resource Center.

Chair Rivera read item 2 into the record. Board Member Casias moved to approve item 2 on the consent agenda. Board Member Wimberly seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Alter and Board Member Luca absent.

## **Non-Consent**

3. Make a recommendation to approve the 2016 By-laws of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to approve the by-laws and form a working group to bring a recommendation to the Audit and Finance Committee and then to Council regarding the Board's by-laws. Board Member Donovan seconded the motion. Board Member Vane made a substitute motion that the Board take no action and leave the item pending and create a workgroup. Board Member Schmitz seconded the substitute motion. The substitute motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Alter and Board Member Luca absent. Chair Rivera named the following Board Members to the By-Laws Working Group: Mark Vane, Rich DePalma, and Tom Donovan.

4. Officer Elections – Terms to begin May 1, 2016

Board Member Casias nominated Jane Rivera for Board Chair. Jane Rivera accepted the nomination No other nominations were made. Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to close nominations. Board Member Vane seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Alter and Board Member Luca absent.

Board Member Vane nominated Rich DePalma for Board Vice Chair. Rich DePalma accepted the nomination No other nominations were made. Board Member Wimberly made a motion to close nominations. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Alter and Board Member Luca absent.

## **E. BRIEFINGS**

5. James Russell and David King, Co-Chairs of the Parkland Events Taskforce and Jason Maurer, Sales and Events Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Parkland Events Taskforce.

6. Brian Block, Development Administrator, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation regarding the Travis County Expo Center Market Study.

## **F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Hensley informed the Board about upcoming items on future meeting agendas including: Long Center Agreement, Invasive Species Briefing, Lake Austin Taskforce Briefing, Wi-Fi in Parks, and Waterloo Park Update.

Director Hensley provided an update to staffing changes in her office – Jennifer Strobel is currently assisting as Board Liaison. Robert Clawson is now serving as the Department Executive Assistant.

## **G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Casias – notified the Board that the Concessions and Contracts Committee is looking into underutilized contracts in the park system.

Board Member Cofer – requested a briefing on Wi-Fi availability in the park system for June.

Chair Rivera – requested a briefing/discussion item on The Grove Development for May, and requested a briefing/discussion item on Code Next in July.

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting in honor of Dr. Jim Turney at 7:35 p.m.