

**Parks and Recreation Board Minutes
February 8, 2000
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 in the Board Room of the Parks and Recreation Department located at 200 South Lamar Boulevard.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Elaine Carter, Secretary, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Jeff Francell, Mary Ruth Holder and Mike Librik.

Staff Members Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Stuart Strong and Donna McKennis.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Rosemary Castleberry at approximately 6:40 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, from the January 25, 2000 meeting

Board Member Holder had a change to the minutes for item G., Land and Facilities Committee Reports. The sentence should read the Land and Facilities Committee met jointly with the Planning Commission. Jeff Francell made a motion to adopt the minutes with the change. Mike Librik seconded. The motion passed (5-0-0).

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Daniel Llanes, a member of the North Bluff Neighborhood Association and P.O.D.E.R. spoke regarding the Montopolis Sports Complex. Mr. Llanes has concerns regarding the lights at the complex and how the lights shine on the back of their home. Mr. Llanes stated that the Parks and Recreation Department told him that shields or visors would be placed on some of the light poles that will direct the light onto the playing field. Mr. Olivares stated that bids have been received and the work will be completed.

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Mary Ruth Holder submitted a resolution on the Colorado River Park Trail. Board Member Holder made a motion to adopt the resolution to the Department, and for the document to be used as a tool in working with the State. Elaine Carter seconded. The motion passed. (5-0-0).
2. Make recommendation to the Director regarding the Colorado River Park Trail. (This item directly relates to item number 1. No action to be taken.)
3. Make Recommendation to City Council Regarding the Pedestrian Plan. Board Member Librik made a motion that the pedestrian plan comments with amendments be accepted and forwarded to Council. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The motion passed. (5-0-0).
4. Resolution Regarding Pedestrian Safety on Lamar Bridge. Mike Librik and Mary Ruth Holder submitted resolutions to the Board on this item for consideration. Board Member Jeff Francell made recommendation that staff from the Public Works Department come to the Land and Facilities Committee to discuss ways to improve safety on Lamar Bridge. Mr. Francell made a motion that the Board approve the resolution from Mary Ruth Holder as written. The motion died for the lack of a second. After discussion, Elaine Carter made a motion to accept the draft from Mary Ruth Holder with added comments. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The motion was in favor. (4-1-0). Francell.

Board Member Holder made a motion to pull items 5, 6 and 7 from the agenda and reconsider at a different time.

5. Make Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Jeffries Boat dock at 3106 Rivercrest Drive. File No. SP-99-0198DS.
6. Make Recommendation Regarding the Construction of McWilliams Boat dock at 203 Lago Verde Drive. File No. SP-99-2196DS.
7. Make Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Pizzitola Boat dock at 3113 Brass Buttons Trail. File No. SP-99-2082DS.

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, Jesus M. Olivares reported that the Riverboat Concession, originally scheduled for the Council Agenda on February 17, 2000 will be on the Council Agenda this Thursday, February 10, 2000. The Motorola Marathon will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2000 at Zilker Park. There will be a Riverside Drive tree planting on Saturday, February 19, 2000 at 2217 E. Riverside Drive starting at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Olivares noted that there was a good turnout at the Totally Cool, Totally Art presentation last Friday at the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex. And, a press conference and clinic was held at the Doris Miller Auditorium on Friday, February 4, 2000 to kick off the Spurs Youth Basketball League.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Programs Committee – The next meeting will be held February 22, 2000 at 12 Noon, the location will be the PARD Main Office.
- Land and Facilities Committee - The Committee met and talked about the pedestrian plan, the Colorado River Park and soccer fields there. Also had a couple of requests regarding re-naming of parks, but more information is needed. There was discussion regarding a track by the Carver Museum that Kealing School has been utilizing.
- Navigation Committee – The Committee did meet, but waiting for applicants and plans to review.
- Downtown Commission – The Downtown Commission is scheduled to meet Wednesday, February 9, 2000. An update on Rainey Street is on the agenda.
- Municipal Airport Advisory Group – Nothing new at this time.

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were several items discussed by Board Members. Rosemary Castleberry noted that on Tuesday, February 15, 2000 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. there will be a meeting for the new City Hall and public plaza; citizen input is wanted.

H. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Board Member Carol Kim arrived.

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ACTION

1. East to West Bicycle/Pedestrian Access Through Zilker Park