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**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes
April 25, 2000
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2000 in the Board Room of the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office located at 200 South Lamar Boulevard.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Elaine Carter, Secretary, Ricardo "Rocky" Medrano, Vice President, Jeff Francell, Mary Ruth Holder

Staff Members Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kimberley Jamail Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Randy Scott and Donna McKennis

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:42 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This item was postponed until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

C. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

None.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. St. John's Multi-Purpose Center – Nick Naccarato, Project Manager with the Public Works Department spoke regarding the St. John's Multi-Purpose Center which is a joint effort between the City of Austin and Austin Independent School District. Mr. Naccarato stated that in October 1998 the School Board approved selection of Team Haas Architects to design an elementary school in the St. John's neighborhood and, one of the items on City's bond election was a multi purpose center. This is a joint project with the school opening expected in 2001. Mr. Naccarato introduced Chris Noak with Team Haas Architects who is the Project Architect/Project Manager. Parkland at this site is located to the south of the multi-purpose center. Some city programs will be officed at this site such as: A.P.D., Health and Human Services and the PARD Senior Luncheon Program; it was explained with the help of a sketch display, where PARD would be officed and where the other entities will be officed and how pedestrian traffic will be monitored and kept controlled in certain areas with an area separation wall, enabling certain points in the building to be isolated.
2. Lake Austin's Hydrilla Management Plan – Randy Scott with the Parks and Recreation Department introduced Mary Gilmore with Watershed Protection Department and Ed Peacock, also with Watershed Protection Department and Dr. Earl Chilton II, with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Ms. Gilmore

explained that a management plan is being processed that is mandated by Senate Bill 3079. A Powerpoint presentation was given on this process, there was also a handout with the presentation. The presentation included such things as the background on hydrilla, information on Lake Austin hydrilla infestation, some control options and the Task Force treatment recommendations.

Board Member Rocky Medrano arrived.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make Recommendation to City Council regarding the Naming of Rundberg Recreation Center and Park.
Board Member Jeff Francell made the recommendation that the Board approve the naming of the Rundberg Recreation Center Park based on the Land and Facilities Committee recommendation. Board Member Elaine Carter seconded. The motion passed in favor. (5-0-0).
2. Make Recommendation regarding Construction of McWilliams Boat dock at 203 Lago Verde Dr., File No. SP-99-2196DS.
Board Member Mary Ruth Holder stated that this is a single slip dock that meets the requirements of the code and move that Parks Board approve the issuance of the permit to construct this boat dock. Rocky Medrano seconded. The motion passed in favor. (4-1-0). Carter
3. Discuss Parks Board participation in Parks and Recreation Department 2000-01 Budget Process.
No action was taken.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director, Jesus M. Olivares handed out some information on the CIP appropriations and the various projects that are scheduled. There were several handouts and invitations on different things happening in the Parks and Recreation Department, such as: the South Austin Island Gazebo dedication, Totally Cool, Totally Art reception, pool opening schedule, schedules for various pools, summer lifeguard hiring, the Junior Olympic boxing at Montopolis Recreation Center and the Austin Parks Tomorrow press release packet. Also, Mr. Olivares announced that the Parks and Recreation Department is a finalist for the National Gold Medal Award, again this year.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee
Land and Facilities Committee
Navigation Committee
Downtown Committee
Municipal Airport Advisory Committee
Arts and Recreation Committee

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

I. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

J. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ACTION

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