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**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes
May 9, 2000
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 in the Board Room of the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office located at 200 South Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Ricardo "Rocky" Medrano, Vice Chair, Elaine Carter, Secretary, Mary Ruth Holder, Mike Librik, Clint Small, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Carol Kim and Jeff Francell

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

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Rosemary Castleberry at approximately 6:35 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Jeff Francell made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11th and 25th meetings as written. Board Member Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The motion passed in favor (9-0-1). Librik

C. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Charles Gandy, representative of Hostelling International spoke regarding the Youth Hostel located on South Lakeshore Blvd. Mr. Gandy is concerned that the Hostelling Organization has been asked to move from the location so that Parks and Recreation Department staff can be located there now that the contract between the City of Austin and Hostelling International Organization is up for renewal. Mr. Gandy asked that this be re-considered. He also asked for this item to be placed on the May 16th agenda for the Land and Facilities Committee.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Stuart Strong, Planning and Design Division Manager spoke regarding Destination Parks and Greenways. Mr. Strong gave the status for appropriations, acquisitions to date and acquisitions currently under negotiations, he stated that land located in south Austin has been easier to purchase than in other areas of Austin. For additional information please see the attached handout.

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares, Director, reported that the recent Totally Cool, Totally Art presentation at the South Austin Recreation Center was a great success. A report was handed out regarding PARD related City Council items; an item for the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) is on the agenda for this week,

Council Member Garcia requested an amendment to amend the agreement the City has with them and make a Council appointed board. And, a proclamation will be made on June 29th, declaring July as Parks and Recreation month.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Programs Committee – met with Reuben Olivo, Recreation Programs Manager of the South District, and discussed the boxing program that was held at the Montopolis Recreation Center this last weekend and seven of the children from Montopolis will advance to the Championships.
- Land and Facilities Committee – had an update from the Aquatics Division in response to the article that was written in the Chronicle. There was discussion of forwarding a resolution to be read regarding Aquatics.
- Navigation Committee – met and spoke about the Hydrilla Management Plan, will be on the PARB agenda for May 23rd. There were no boat docks.
- Downtown Committee – will meet again on May 10th to discuss proposed condominium on Rainey Street.
- Municipal Airport Advisory Committee – submitted draft recommendations regarding the re-development. Park issues were noted as well.
- Arts and Recreation Committee – did not meet

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were various items discussed by the Board Members

I. ADJOURN

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