



**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes
May 23, 2000
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, May 23, 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, Juan Valera Lema, Mel Hinson, Don Koehler 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 Clint Small made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Board Member Medrano seconded the motion. The motion passed in favor. (9-0-0).

C. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

1. Ann S. Graham, Interim Chair of the Art in Public Places spoke requesting support of resolution requesting removal of AIPP backcharge policy and change ½ time AIPP coordinator position to full time.
2. Vi Marie Taylor, Chair of Friends of the O'Henry Museum Committee spoke regarding their support of capital fund drive to add expansion to the museum and, that the Friends of the O'Henry Museum Committee passed a resolution on May 9th stating that they oppose moving the Fontaine House to Brush Square.
3. Chelby King, Chair, Austin Arts Commission spoke regarding the joint resolution between AIPP and the Austin Arts Commission, and their support of it.

4. Karen Howell and Charles Edmiston, both residents in the Westenfield Neighborhood spoke regarding their support of the current construction plan at Westenfield Park.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Robert Holland, Project Manager with the Public Works Department gave a brief presentation on the status of the Town Lake Park design. Mr. Holland presented a color rendering of the latest Town Lake Park design and stated that Spring 2002 is expected completion date. Mr. Holland also mentioned that the Town Lake Stakeholders have reviewed changes in the Master Plan.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Schimsk Boat dock at 2611 Westlake Dr., File No. SP-00-2137DS.
This item was pulled from the agenda per the request of Board Member Mary Ruth Holder.
2. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Levin Boat dock at 4512 Island Cove, File No. SP-00-2134DS.
This item was pulled from the agenda per the request of Board Member Mary Ruth Holder.
3. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Dailey Boat dock at 3312 Westlake Dr., File No. SP-00-2129DS.
Board Member Mary Ruth Holder made the motion to approve the construction of the Dailey Boat dock. Board Member Jeff Francell seconded. The motion passed in favor (7-2-0). Librik, Carter.
4. Make Recommendation to the City Council regarding the Lake Austin Hydrilla Management Plan.
Mary Ruth Holder made a motion that PARB recommend to City Council the approval of the Hydrilla Management Plan. The motion passed in favor (8-0-1). Librik
5. Make Recommendation to City Council Regarding the Location of the Fontaine House.
Board Member Jeff Francell made the motion that PARB recommend to City Council that we not locate the Fontaine House on the O'Henry Museum property. Board Member Carter seconded. The motion passed in favor (9-0-0).
6. Make Recommendation to City Council Regarding the Transfer of a 12.3 acre portion of the City's Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (Bohl's unit of the South Lake Austin macrosite) to the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for use as a Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant site to serve the Bee Caves area.
Don Koehler, Senior Biologist with the BCP Program introduced Daniel Porter, President of CCNG and Karen Bondy with the LCRA. Mr. Koehler gave a brief presentation on the proposal, he utilized maps to pinpoint what areas were being discussed and explained what the believed impact that this proposal could bring. At this point, Daniel Porter with the

CCNG Company spoke to say that they accept the rejection of the proposal that was made. Mr. Porter stated that they will try to come up with a transaction with a net gain for the BCP Preserve and one that does get the wastewater treatment plant out of the Barton Creek Watershed. Board Member Jeff Francell made motion that Parks Board recommends to City Council that they accept BCP staff recommendation on this proposal. Board Member Clint Small amended the motion to read Parks Board recommends to City Council not to accept the current proposal; the Board supports BCP staff to continue to negotiate for the best interests of the BCP. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The motion, as amended, passed in favor (9-0-0).

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares spoke briefly about the upcoming Splash! Movie Nights to be held at Deep Eddy Pool on Friday nights. Mr. Olivares also spoke about the Farewell/Appreciation Party to be held for Gus Garcia on June 6th, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Fiesta Gardens. And, on Wednesday, June 7th the 72nd Annual Playground Opening Ceremonies will be held at Auditorium Shores at 10:00 a.m. The video, which will be submitted as part of the National Gold Medal Award, was reviewed.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Programs Committee – Board Member Erma Linda Cruz-Torres handed out various pamphlets of information to Board Members regarding Golf and Tennis programs.
- Land and Facilities Committee – Reviewed sculpture proposal for Alamo, reviewed the issue regarding the Fontaine House, the Town Lake Park Design update and had a short presentation regarding the Youth Hostel agreement termination. Also talked about the Gardens at Bull Creek.
- Navigation Committee – Nothing else to report at this time.
- Downtown Committee – Nothing to report at this time.
- Municipal Airport Advisory Committee – Nothing to report at this time.
- Arts and Recreation Committee – Nothing to report at this time.

H. ITEMS FROM PARKS BOARD

There were various items of interest discussed by Parks Board Members.

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