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**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes
June 13, 2000
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, June 13, 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, Randy Scott and Donna McKennis.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, from May 23, 2000 meeting

Board Member Rocky Medrano made the motion for the minutes to be approved as written. Board Member Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The motion was in favor. (9-0-0).

C. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

None.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Naming of a New Park Located at Piney Creek Bend and Westgate as Piney Creek Park.
2. Naming of a New Park Located between Davis and Cameron Loop as Ellen Higgins Park.

No one appeared to speak regarding these items. Board Member Elaine Carter made the motion for the public hearing to close. Rocky Medrano seconded. The motion passed in favor. (9-0-0).

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make Recommendation to the Director Regarding the Naming of a New Park Located at Piney Creek Bend and Westgate as Piney Creek Park.
2. Make Recommendation to the Director Regarding the Naming of a New Park Located Between Davis and Cameron Loop

Board Member Elaine Carter asked that these two items be pulled for discussion at the next Land and Facilities Committee meeting.

3. Make Recommendation to City Council Regarding Resolution Regarding Bicycle Facilities on Barton Springs Road between Lamar and Robert E. Lee Roads.

Board Member Mike Librik asked that this item be pulled from the agenda; the issue is resolved.

4. Make Recommendation to the Director Regarding the Joint Resolution of the Austin Arts Commission and the Art in Public Places Panel Requesting that the Art in Public Places Indirect Charges and Salary Backcharges be Eliminated and that the Art in Public Places Coordinator Position be made Full Time.

This item was pulled from the agenda, please see the attached e-mail from Anne Graham.

5. Make Recommendation to City Council Regarding the Compatibility of Rainey Street Condominiums with the Town Lake Overlay Zone.

There was a brief presentation from Nikelle Meade with Brown McCarroll & Oaks Hartline, LLP, landscape architecture representative from Coleman & Associates, representative from K.C. Engineering, Inc. and Gordon Dunaway, developer and owner of the proposed Rainey Street Condominiums. The property is located at Rainey and River Streets, next to the Mexican American Culture Center. There were several renderings of the building used in the presentation. Ms. Meade stated that they have been through the zoning phase and are here before the Parks Board because of the Town Lake Water Overlay. They are proposing to upgrade the section of parkland that abuts their property. They are also in discussions with the MACC regarding their use of a piece of MACC property as a staging area for the construction project. Ms. Meade also stated that they are working with PARD staff regarding a 20 foot strip on the side of the building which, according to building code, another building cannot be built in that area.

Board Member Mary Ruth Holder made motion that Parks Board recommends that City Council approve staff negotiation and execution of a parkland improvement agreement generally based upon the draft Rainey Street Condominium Landscape Plan dated June 5, 2000 which will include compatibility with the Town Lake Overlay District. Board Member Elaine Carter seconded. After discussion, the motion passed in favor. (9-0-0).

6. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Schimsk Board dock at 2611 Westlake Dr., File No. SP-00-2137DS.
7. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Levin Boat dock at 4512 Island Cove, File No. SP-00-2134DS.

At the request of Board Member Clint Small, items 6 and 7 were pulled from the agenda.

8. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Martin dock at 1009 N. Weston Lane, File No., SP-00-2182DS.

This is a single slip boat dock that meets the Land Development Code. Board Member Clint Small made the motion to approve. Board Member Jeff Francell seconded. The motion passed in favor. (7-0-0). (Librik, Carter).

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares, Director of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department, spoke regarding various programs currently happening in the Department. Some of these are Summer Playground Program, The Teen Recreation Academy, Flag Day at Dick Nichols Park on Wednesday, June 14, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., track meets starting June 23rd at Nelson Field. Reminder that at City Council on June 29th there will be a proclamation declaring July as Parks and Recreation month; the department is working with the Mayor's office to present the proclamation at Noon instead of 5:30 p.m. Also, Barton Springs Pool is being cleaned of this week and there will be a free swim day at the pool Saturday, June 17, 2000.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Programs Committee – The minutes from the last meeting were handed out in the member's packets.
- Land and Facilities Committee – There were two groups who came before the Committee, one for Sunken Gardens and one for Eliza Springs. They are both working with staff in making improvements at these locations.
- Navigation Committee – At the last meeting the committee voted to send the Hydrilla Management Plan to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and TPWD did not agree with the plan; they believe Lake Austin is already at a level of Tier II which requires the use of harvesting and herbicides.
- Downtown Committee – Nothing to report at this time. Clint Small was appointed to serve on this Committee in place of Mike Librik.
- Municipal Airport Advisory Committee – Board Member Mike Librik did a quick review of the draft recommendation to Austin City Council. Some items in the recommendation discussed were interim use of the site and the Parks and Recreation Department should produce guidelines for interim management of greenspace. Also, the Development of large and small parks, small parks being pocket parks, and the possibility of leasing the site, both short and long term.
- Arts and Recreation Committee – Orientation for this committee will be held on July 6th, 11:30 a.m. at the Dougherty Arts Center (DAC).

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were various items discussed by Board Members. Status of restrooms at Austin High, Park Police Officer Jones, killed in the line of duty on May 28, 2000; some of the members attended the funeral in Killeen, Texas and a Prayer Breakfast is planned for June 14, 2000 at Givens Recreation Center; Officer Jones' family will be in attendance. Mary Ruth Holder was re-appointed to the Parks Board. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres will not seek re-appointment.

I. ADJOURN

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