



**Parks and Recreation Department Board  
Minutes  
June 27, 2000  
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, June 27, 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, Mary Ruth Holder, Mike Librik and Clint Small.

**Staff Members Present:** Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Randy Scott, Mel Hinson, Don Koehler and Dina Haines.

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, at approximately 6:54 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, from the June 13, 2000 meeting**

Board Member Rocky Medrano made the motion that the minutes be approved as written. Board Member Clint Small seconded. The motion passed in favor. (5-0-0).

**C. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

None.

**D. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**E. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

3. Make Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the Naming of a New Park Located Between Davis Lane and Cameron Loop as Ellen Higgins Park.
4. Make Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the Naming of the Park Located at Piney Creek Bend as Piney Creek Park.  
Board Member Mary Ruth Holder moved that Parks Board make recommendation to City Council that the Park Located at Piney Creek Bend be named Piney Creek Park and also that the Park Located Between

Davis Lane and Cameron Loop be named Ellen Higgins Park. Board Member Mike Librik seconded. The motion passed in favor. (5-0-0).

1. Recommendation to the Director Regarding Approval of a Use Agreement and Temporary Construction Easement to Rehabilitate a Wastewater Line in the Barton Creek Greenbelt.

After discussion, Mary Ruth Holder made the motion that Parks Board make the recommendation to the Director approval of the use agreement and temporary construction easement to rehabilitate a wastewater line in the Barton Creek Greenbelt with the understanding that this will be done in one phase and also that they will work with PARD to designate the staging area in light of what the U.T. Professor outlines as the important habitat and also, if PARD wants to coordinate its use of the staging area for a project that we have, the understanding that the staging area will be restored with an educational kiosk with educational exhibit to be posted there. Board Member Clint Small seconded. Board Member Mike Librik asked how much square feet do they need to use for the staging area and, if they can't use parkland, it's not big enough, then be prepared to set aside part of the parking lot. This was accepted as an amendment to the motion. The motion passed in favor. (5-0-0).

2. Recommendation to City Council on Transfer of 12.3 Acre Portion of City's Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (Bohl's Unit of the South Lake Austin Macrosite) to a Private/Public Partnership between CCNG, Inc. and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for use as a Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant site to Serve the Bee Caves Area.

Jesus M. Olivares, Director of Parks and Recreation Department stated that the reason this item was on the agenda is PARD anticipated that this item would be on the next City Council agenda and it didn't make it on there. Presentation only for tonight, no action required. Don Koehler, Senior Biologist with the Parks and Recreation Department, Natural Resources Division gave a presentation. Mr. Koehler gave a description of the tract currently being discussed and gave the chronology for this project.

5. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Levin Boat dock at 4512 Island Cove. File No. SP-00-2134DS.
6. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Martin dock at 1009 N. Weston Lane. File No. SP-00-2182DS.
7. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Schimsk Boat dock at 2611 Westlake Dr. File No. SP-00-2137DS
8. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Yarbrough dock at 2108 Island Cove. File No. SP-00-2190DS.

Mary Ruth Holder pulled item numbers 5, 7 and 9 from the agenda. The Martin dock, item number 6 was approved at the last meeting.

9. Approve a Resolution Regarding the Aquatics Section of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Board Member Mary Ruth Holder made motion that the Parks Board adopt the proposed resolution regarding Aquatics and it be read at the City

Council meeting this Thursday. Board Member Medrano seconded. The motion passed in favor. (5-0-0).

10. **Make Recommendation Regarding Hydrilla Removal Permit Plan.**  
There was discussion regarding current and future management of the removal of Hydrilla. Waiting on the Water and Wastewater Department to determine what type of chemical can be used. It was decided that this item would go to the Navigation Committee after hearing from Water and Wastewater Department.

**F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jesus M. Olivares spoke regarding the proclamation scheduled for City Council agenda this Thursday, declaring the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month. At this time, the resolution regarding Aquatics will be read. He also stated that there would not be any City Council meetings for the month of July. "Benefits are Endless" t-shirts were passed out. A program on Channel 6 will be airing soon showing activities, the Gold Medal tape, programs for July, etc.

**G. COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Programs Committee – There was update on the playgrounds programs, there will be two Special Olympic-training camps, and there was a presentation from the Nature and Science Center on the Safari event.
- Land and Facilities Committee – Reviewed the naming of the two parks and the use agreement for the Barton Creek Greenbelt. Presentation on Walnut Creek Flood Control Project.
- Navigation Committee –Mary Ruth Holder stated that when the contractor started working on the pedestrian bridge on the south shore, realized the barge couldn't get in close enough to the shoreline and have had to basically reconfigure the shoreline. And, that OSHA is looking at the project.
- Downtown Committee – Nothing to report.
- Municipal Airport Advisory Committee – Nothing to report.
- Arts and Recreation Committee – Orientation on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon.

**H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

There were various issues discussed by Board Members.

**I. ADJOURN**

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