

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

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, July 25, 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, Carol Kim, Jeff Francell, Rhonda Taylor and Clint Small.

**Staff Members Present:** Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Stuart Strong, Rick Ramirez, Randy Scott, Jay Stone, and Donna McKennis.

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:45 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, from the July 11, 2000 meeting**

Board Member Jeff Francell made the motion that the minutes be approved as written. Board Member Rocky Medrano seconded the motion. The motion passed in favor (6-0-0).

**C. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Douglas Gilbert from Manor, a user of the Lake Walter E. Long facility for overnight fishing, would like access for fisherman. The Director, Jesus M. Olivares, instructed Mr. Gilbert to contact the Site Manager, Jim Cone for access in the morning. Mr. Olivares stated that the site is being closed and locked at night due to unauthorized activities that were happening at night.

**D. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. Norwood House Restoration

This item was pulled from the agenda; the item will be placed on the next Land and Facilities Committee agenda and then come back to the Board.

2. Youth Hostel Financial Statements

Jay Stone, Financial Manager with the Austin Parks and Recreation Department gave a brief presentation with a handout that compared the revenues for the Austin Youth Hostel from 96-97 through 99-00. Mr. Stone also stated that the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) had made a proposal to Youth Hostelling Inc. to extend the lease for one year with the rental fee of \$2,000 a month. Gary Walker with Youth Hostelling Inc. was also present and stated that the Youth Hostelling, Inc. Board will meet Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss proposal. See the attached revenues graph.

**E. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

1. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Austin Country Club Shoreline Improvement at 4408 Long Champ Drive. File No. SP-00-2109D.
2. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Park Place Homes Boat dock at 5307 Tortuga Trail. File No. SP-00-2243DS.
3. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Coleman Boat dock at 3604 Rivercrest Dr. File No. SP-00-2243DS.
4. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Makuch Boat dock at 13815 Pecan Dr. File No. SP-00-2246DS.
5. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Blankenship Boat dock at 13815 Pecan Dr. File No. SP-00-2244DS.
6. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of McInnis Boat dock at 1815 Westlake Dr. File No. SP-00-2245DS.
7. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Thompson Bulkhead and Boat dock at 1408 Rockcliff Rd. File No. SP-00-2111D.

Board Member Clint Small stated that item number 2 was pulled from the agenda. Items numbered 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 all meet the Land Development Code. After discussion, Board Member Small made the motion that the Board approve items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Board Member Medrano seconded. The motion passed in favor. (6-0-0).

8. Make Recommendation to City Council Regarding Use Agreement for Spicewood Springs Road Water Quality Report.  
The Chair, Rosemary Castleberry stated that the Bull Creek Foundation is aware of the project and has endorsed it. The Land and Facilities Committee also approved the project. Stuart Strong, Division Manager of Planning and Design for PARD stated that the Watershed Protection Department will replace vegetation and trees and, they will maintain the pond. Mr. Strong also stated that the Texas Department of Transportation is providing some of the funding for the project, which is a City project to widen the road.

Board Member Carol Kim made the recommendation that the Parks Board approve the recommendation regarding the use agreement for Spicewood Springs Road. Board Member Small seconded. The motion passed in favor. (6-0-0).

**F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Olivares stated that the Park Police Unit will start helping with the enforcement of new construction of boat docks by having a list of addresses for the boat docks approved by the Board. The Park Police Unit does not have the

authority to shut down an unapproved project. This past weekend the Park Police Unit began more strict enforcement regarding alcohol consumption at Walsh Boat Landing. Mr. Olivares also spoke regarding the water conservation program: some pools are shut down due to the water conservation program being in Stage II. Ramsey and some other pools were shut down due to leaking and all of the wading pools are shut down due to non-circulating pumps. On the City Council Agenda for August 3<sup>rd</sup> is the proposal to designate 400 acres of the Lake Walter E. Long facility for a hotel and 2 (18 hole) golf courses. At that time, the City Council will decide whether or not to place the item on the ballot. There will be a community meeting for public input on the new Carver Museum this Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Carver Library. Also, a Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) community meeting to discuss the MACC Master Plan will take place this Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Austin Convention Center.

#### **G. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Programs Committee** – Due to shortage of Committee members, the members did not meet formally. Will meet again on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Land and Facilities Committee** – Discussion of the Norwood House.
- **Navigation Committee** - Met before the Parks Board meeting; discussed boat docks listed above.
- **Downtown Committee** – Will meet on August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Municipal Airport Advisory Committee** –Stuart Strong stated that the consultants are looking at a new draft plan and that the plan involves commercial, residential and park areas. This plan will be brought before the Parks Board.
- **Arts and Recreation Committee** – The Committee did meet and two people requested appeals; both were denied.

#### **H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Various issues were discussed by the Parks Board members.

#### **I. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.