



**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes
September 12, 2000
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, September 12, 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, Mary Ruth Holder, Jeff Francell, Amy Babich, Clint Small, Rocky Medrano and Rhonda Taylor.

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

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, at approximately 6:43 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, from the August 8 and August 22, meetings

Board Member Holder made various changes to the minutes. Board Member Francell made the motion to accept the minutes as amended by Board Member Holder. Board Member Small seconded the motion.

C. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mark Gentle spoke in regards to a concert, which was held September 10, 2000 at Auditorium Shores. The concert was sponsored by 101X Radio Station. Mr. Gentle felt that the City of Austin should screen private concert promotions more closely and should prohibit alcohol sales at concerts on Auditorium Shores.

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make a Recommendation to City Council Regarding the renaming of Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park to Circle C Metropolitan Park at Slaughter Creek.

Parks Board Member Holder commented that the Parks Board did not receive a letter from Ms. Polly Brooks as previously requested by the Parks Board stating her preference for the name change of Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park.

Although public hearing notices were posted at the park regarding the name change, no one from the community attended the meeting. The Board postponed the vote on the naming of the park until the letter from Ms. Polly Brooks was received.

2. Make Recommendation to Director regarding support for the implementation of information banners at Barton Springs.

Board Member Francell made the motion to accept the Resolution for the implementation of information on the banners at Barton Springs. Board Member Taylor seconded the motion. **The vote was in favor 7-0-0.**

3. Make Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Park Place Homes Boat Dock at 5307 Tortuga Trail. File No. SP-00-2243DS.

Board Member Small made the recommendation to approve the Park Place Homes boat dock at 5307 Tortuga Trail. Board Member Medrano seconded the motion. **The vote was in favor 6 -0-1.** Board Member Babich abstained.

4. Make Recommendation to Council regarding use of Parkland Agreement between Lower Colorado River Authority and City of Austin for construction of a Maintenance Driveway for Tom Miller Dam.

Gregor Forbes, Senior Program Manager, Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) spoke regarding the proposed driveway needed to be constructed at the Tom Miller Dam for structural improvement scheduled to the dam in 2001. The driveway is necessary to complete the regulatory required improvement, structural restoration, conduct preventative maintenance, and to improve emergency response time to drain system. The ability to effectively maintain the drain system is imperative to structural integrity of the dam during extreme flood conditions. Those conditions are known as PMF, 'Probable Maximum Flood'. A chain-link fence, padlocked gate and guardrails will be installed at the driveway juncture with Red Bud Trail to prevent unauthorized access to the dam. Mr. Forbes then presented a videotape showing the history of dams, which had failed during the floods. The tape also showed the various stages of reconstruction of the dam in 1912, 1915 and 1937.

Wendy Conally, Community Services, LCRA, spoke regarding the proper permits the LCRA was in the process of acquiring required by U.S. Army Core of Engineers, Balcones Canyonland Preserves, Texas Parks Wildlife Department, Texas General Land Office, Texas Historical Commission, Environment Protection Agency, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, and City of Austin.

Stan Evans, Program Manager, Public Works Department spoke regarding the City of Austin web site and the possibility of placing the kiosk at the parking area located on Red Bud Trail.

John Wolfhope, P.E., Freese-Nichols drew a diagram on the chalkboard of the clogged drains in the Tom Miller dam foundation. The proposed driveway will help to maintain all maintenance needs to Tom Miller dam. Mr. Wolfhope inspects dams and makes recommendations for drain cleaning.

Board Member Taylor asked if LCRA intended to use some of the same contractors the LCRA had previously used. Gregor Forbes, LCRA, then stated his intent is to use local contractors. Mr. Forbes also stated his intent to have a full-time Project Manager, full-time Resident Engineer, and a person who will be responsible for both Environmental and Safety issues will rotate between Mansfield Dam and Tom Miller Dam.

Parks Member Holder made a motion to recommend to Council the Parkland Use Agreement between the LCRA and COA for construction of the maintenance driveway at Tom Miller Dam with the following revisions:

- LCRA will continue to work with the Balcones Canyonland Preserve Staff to ensure that there are no adverse affects on portions of the BCP property. Including public access. If there are fencing needs, for LCRA to work with them on this matter.
- The construction will occur between December 2000 and March 1, 2001.
- Kayak and fishing access will still be available
- LCRA will work with native plant society or other groups to try transplant and preserve the native plants taken out of the wet area
- LCRA will work with PARD to develop/install a kiosk for the east side, illustrating the history and natural features of the area
- If there are any changes to the plan, especially changes in the construction date, LCRA must come back to Land and Facility Committee and notify them of the changes.

Board Member Small left the meeting 7:30 p.m.

Parks Member Francell seconded **Board Member Holder's** motion. **The vote was in favor 5-0-1.** Board Member Babich abstained.

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus Olivares, Director, spoke of the Parks and Recreation Department hosting the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) 75th Anniversary at the Radisson. Mr. Olivares also mentioned the Dies Y Seiz event at Plaza Saltillo and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Lorraine "Grandma" Camacho Activity Center, Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Olivares also mentioned on Tuesday,

September 12, 2000, City Council voted to increase PARD budget for operation and maintenance needs \$400,000 for Ramsey Pool and \$400,000 for three wading pools and \$250,000 for Springdale Park.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Castleberry stated that more board members are needed in the Program Committee.

H. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.