



**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes
October 24, 2000
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, October 10, 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, Rocky Medrano, Jeff Francell, Rhonda Taylor and Amy Babich.

Staff Members Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kimberley Jamail Mitchell, Channy Soeur, Susan Murray, Jay Stone, Stacy Talbert, Randy Scott, Rick Ramirez, Warren Struss and Dina Haines.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, at approximately 6:37 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, from the October 10, 2000 meetings

The Board members recommended several minor changes to the minutes. **Board Member Holder** made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections. **Board Member Medrano** seconded the motion. The vote was in favor 6-0-0.

C. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Barbara Epstein, Delano Womack, Robyn Turner, Raymond T. Tucker, Alex Rosen, Amy Vigilante, Jason Vigilante and Tara Dawn Turner, members of the Eastwoods Neighborhood voiced their concerns about the recent tree and limb removal in Eastwoods Park. They stated they would like PARD to review its procedures and processes for tree removal and replanting and stated that there needs to be better communication by the PARD Forestry Division with neighborhood residents before trees are pruned or removed from parks. Parks Board Chair Castleberry recommended that the matter be referred to the Land and Facilities Subcommittee for its review of the procedures for tree removal

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make a Recommendation to City Council to Approve 1999 - 2000 Concession Report.

Jay Stone, Financial Manager gave a brief presentation on the Concession Report. Mr. Stone stated that all concessions had very good revenue due to higher usage of many of the concessions due to the heat this summer. There was a 10.2% revenue increase over last fiscal year. Mr. Stone also noted changes to the report resulting from the revenues from the 2 rowing docks. For additional information, please see Annual Concession Report.

Board Member Francell made the motion to approve the 1999 - 2000 Concession Report. **Board Member Holder** seconded the motion. **The vote was in favor 6-0-0.**

2. Make Recommendation Regarding Construction of Jordan Boat Dock at 5217 Scout Island Circle. File No. SP-00-2447DS.

Board Member Holder stated that this boat dock is a single slip dock, which is located on limited use easement. **Ms. Holder** made the motion to approve this dock contingent upon a staff determination that the limited use easement is still valid and still approved by Development Review and Inspection Division (DRID). **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. **The motion was in favor. 5-0-1** Board Member Babich abstained.

3. Make a Recommendation Regarding Construction of Podio Boat Dock at 2803 Brass Button Trail. File No. SP-00-2445DS.

Board Member Holder stated that the Podio boat dock is also a single slip dock, which meets all Land Development Code requirements. **Board Member Holder** made the motion to approve this boat dock. **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor. 5-0-1** Board Member Babich abstained.

4. Make a Recommendation to Director Regarding a Resolution to Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety on West Cesar Chavez Street where it crosses the South First Street Bridge.

Board Member Francell recommended that this Resolution be taken before Land and Facilities Committee before being brought to the Parks Board.

Board Member Babich share her concerns regarding her inability to ride her bike safely due to construction at South First Street and Cesar Chavez.

Board Member Holder agreed that this matter should come before the **Land and Facilities subcommittee** for a presentation by the **Public Works Department** of existing and future construction projects that may affect pedestrian traffic to and from the hike and bike trail along Town Lake

D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares informed the board that Mesa, Arizona had won the Gold Medal award and that PARD was the runner up. One of the highlights at the conference held in Phoenix, Arizona was that Pioneer Farms won the Dorothy Mullen National Arts and Humanities Award. This is the second year PARD has won this Award. Last year Totally Cool Totally Art won the same award. Mr. Olivares also stated while on travel he had gathered information on skateboard parks in San Diego, California and Phoenix, Arizona which he has shared with Council Member Will Wynn.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee

Board Member Medrano handed out copies of the Cultural Affairs brochures to the Parks Board Members.

Land and Facilities Committee

Board Member Holder, Land and Facility Committee member reported on the last meeting of the committee. There was a presentation concerning Hyde Park neighborhood's substantial donation to Shipe Park for an arched entry way to the park along 45th Street. These plans will be coming to the Parks Board meeting as they are developed. Also discussed at the meeting was the condition of the Norwood House. Ms. Holder commented that the condition of the house is very poorly. The committee had also received a letter regarding Prairie Grass Golf Proposal asking for Land and Facility committee support to their proposal. This matter is now on the November ballot.

Navigation Committee

The boat docks on this Board agenda were considered at the Navigation committee meeting.

Downtown Committee

None

G. ADJOURN

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