



**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes
November 14, 2000
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, November 14, 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, and Amy Babich.

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

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, at approximately 6:39 p.m.

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

The Board members recommended three corrections to the minutes. **Board Member Francell** made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. **Board Member Holder** seconded the motion. **The vote was in favor 5-0-0.**

C. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Paul Parma, Venetian Passage, spoke regarding obtaining a concession for a gondola business. Mr. Parma passed out literature with photos of the gondola on Town Lake. The gondola is a wooden rowed craft that can carry up to six adult passengers and is 34 to 39 feet in length. Mr. Parma stated that he had the support from various hotel entities along Town Lake for sightseeing and moonlight tours.

Robert Barnhill, MCI Worldcom spoke on his concern to obtain a permit to install optic cable through parkland. Mr. Barnhill was referred to Stuart Strong for further process.

Board Member Amy Babich arrives 6:57 p.m.

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make a Recommendation to City Council regarding the Land Use Agreement Meadows at Trinity Crossing for Wastewater line.

Doug Hodge, President, Pecan Mobil Home Park One spoke on his request to extend the land use agreement to provide wastewater service for residential development of manufactured homes. The extension of the wastewater line is 245 feet from his property and runs through a portion of parkland located in the Trinity Meadows Crossing area. Mr. Hodge's request is to extend an 8" waterline 245 feet through the parkland and connect into the existing 24" wastewater main. Mr. Hodge has submitted his request to Waterwater Engineering and received approval.

Board Member Holder commented that this item has been heard by the Land and Facilities Committee two weeks ago. **Board Member Holder** made the motion to approve request. **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in Favor 5-0-0.**

2. Discussion and possible Action regarding Parkland issues regarding to Sand Beach Reserve Settlement

Board Member Holder gave a brief presentation with a map showing the tracts of land the City Council approved the in settlement. This item went before the City Council on Thursday, November 9, 2000. **No action was taken by the Parks Board.**

3. Make a Recommendation to City Council regarding Circle C Land Corporation Stratus Properties vs. City of Austin, Barton Springs Zone.

Stuart Strong gave a brief presentation with a map showing the parcels of land that are in litigation. The settlement proposal addresses legal and other issues involving Barton Creek, Lantana and Circle C developments. **Board Member Holder** was concerned about water quality issues. Two Public hearings are scheduled to go before the City Council on November 30 and December 7, 2000. **No action was taken by the Parks Board.**

D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares updated the Board Members on the Balcones Canyonland Preserves and the Double J Ranch development. The concern is over Kollmeyer Drive that goes through the BCP properly. A development company wants the road re-opened to access a newly proposed housing development. Although there are other county roads that lead to the development property, Kollmeyer Drive is the development company's preference for entering the property. Mr. Olivares

also stated there were several departments Thanksgiving Dinners and offered by the Parks and Recreation Department recreation centers.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee

Board Member Medrano stated that he had attended the boxing tournament at Montopolis Recreation Center along with Rosemary Castleberry. Mr. Medrano also invited other board members to the Thanksgiving dinners at PARD facilities.

Land and Facilities Committee

Board Member Holder stated that the sub committee had met on various issues:

- 1) Stratus Properties
- 2) Public Works regarding safety concerns with bicycles on Cesar Chavez Street due to construction.
- 3) Norwood House - no private money to help with house condition.
- 4) Trees at Eastwood Park - The subcommittee would like PARD to work on options for working with the neighborhood more closely. Also regarding trees, the subcommittee would like to put forth a resolution for the apparent conflict between the two city ordinances that allow the city to cut trees in an emergency situation and the one that applies to only protected trees (trees a certain size) enabling to open the lines of communication between the city and neighborhoods.

Navigation Committee

None

Downtown Committee

None

G. ADJOURN

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