



**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes**

**September 10, 2002
Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2002 at the Parks and Recreation Department, 200 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Pablo Valdez, Amy Babich, Linda Guerrero, Mary Ruth Holder, Jeb Boyt and Clint Small

Board Members Absent: Jeff Francell

City Staff Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Stuart Strong, Randy Scott, Maria Ciccirelli, Martha Peters, Mark Lord and Dina Haines

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6.41 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES, August 27, 2002

Board Member Holder made the motion to approve the minutes as written. **Board Member Guerrero** seconded the motion. The vote was in favor 6-0-0.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Frances Martinez, a member of the Barrio Unido Neighborhood Association, spoke to the board regarding the Holly Power Plant and suggested that since there was a need for a new senior activity center in the area near the Plant, she suggested that the Holly Plant be used for this purpose once it is decommissioned.

Mr. Olivares informed the board that during the budget hearing held September 10, the City Council approved 1.5 million dollars for the Holly Plant Mitigation fund. The Parks and Recreation department will receive 200,000 to expand Fiesta Gardens and 1 million dollars to expand the Metz Recreation Center to 8000 square feet. Currently the Metz center is 3000 square feet. The Metz Recreation Center will expand its senior services as well. Mr. Olivares further explained that there will be a process for determining the fate of the Holly Power Plant and that all ideas presented will be considered.

D. PRESENTATION

Mark Lord, Program Manager, Athletics Department gave a presentation to the board on the S.M.A.R.T. which teaches parents, adults and coaches good sportsmanship a youth sporting events. This program was developed by the City of El Paso Texas by Paula Powell and has been mandatory in El Paso for two years.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Prewitt Boat Dock at 3004 Rivercrest Drive. File No. SP-02-0304DS

Board Member Small made the motion to approve the Prewitt boat dock as a single slip boat dock. **Board Member Holder** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 5-1-0.** Babich opposed.

Board Member Jeb Boyt arrived at 7:36 p.m.

2. Make a Recommendation to City Council Regarding AIPP Ordinance Revision Resolution

Martha Peters, AIPP Art Coordinator and **Jill Bedgood**, Chair, Arts in Public Place Panel were present to answer questions on the ordinance revision resolution proposed to go to City Council in October 2002. **Board Member Holder** informed the board that this item was discussed at the Land and Facilities sub-committee meeting September 3. The recommendations contained in the resolution are:

- a) Remove the cap of \$200,000 on AIPP allocations for a single construction project.
- b) Increase the allocation for AIPP from one percent to two percent.
- c) Require CIP infrastructure projects to participate in the AIPP Program
- d) Revise all references to "Art in Public Coordinator" to reflect a new position title, "Art in Public Places Administrator."

Board Member Holder stated that the Land and Facilities sub-committee was recommending that the Parks Board support items a.), b.) and d.) of the resolution and that the Board discuss item c.) further at tonight's meeting.

Board Member Small spoke on his concerns with the city's current budget restraints and stated he could not support any increases of any finances to AIPP projects.

Board Member Holder made the motion to support all items in the resolution with the understanding that item c.) of the resolution meant street improvements, streetscapes and bridges, but not sidewalks, bike lanes or street reconstruction. **Board Member Guerrero** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 6-1-0.** Board Member Small opposed.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Olivares informed the board that City Council had approved the Budget. He also informed the board of the Holly Plant Mitigation Fund to improve the expansion of Fiesta Gardens and the Metz Recreation Center. Mr. Olivares also invited board members to attend the Diez Y Seis event being held at Republic Square Park, Friday September 13, from noon to 2:00 p.m.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee

None

Land and Facilities Committee

AIPP Ordinance Resolution was discussed at the September 3 meeting.

Navigation Committee

Developers are requesting information on building bulkheads and boat docks. The developers would like to meet with staff to gather information.

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Valdez distributed a summary of the Appeals Hearing for the Cultural Contracts Process and discussed the hearing and the decisions of the Appeals Panel.

I. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:33 p.m.