



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, June 28, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
Boards and Commissions Room, City Hall
301 W. Second Street
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Richard DePalma, Vice Chair; Alison Alter, Michael Casias, Rick Cofer, Alesha Larkins, Tom Donovan, Francoise Luca, Mark Vane, and Pat Wimberly

Board Members Absent:

Birger "Alex" Schmitz

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of May 24, 2016.

Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of May 24, 2016. Board Member Luca seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0 with Board Members Cofer, Casias, and Vane off dais, and Board Member Schmitz absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Robert Corbin addressed the board regarding his concerns about park visitors' use of hammocks, aerosol sunscreens, excessive noise, and dogs off leashes outside the designated "off leash areas".

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

2. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the planned improvements for Little Stacy Neighborhood Park.
3. Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director for approval of Temporary Use (28,985 sq. ft.), not to exceed 60 Calendar Days on parkland located at 1000 Barton Springs Rd. (Butler Metro Park). Total Mitigation value is \$64,397.

Chair Rivera read item 2 and 3 into the record. Board Member Donovan moved to approve item 2 and 3 on the consent agenda. Board Member Alter seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Vane off dais and Board Member Schmitz absent.

E. BRIEFINGS

5. Suzanne Piper, Finance Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, and Cora Wright, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding Department Financial Forecast.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (continued)

Non-Consent

4. Approve the 2016 Bylaws for the Parks and Recreation Board

The Board discussed the proposed revisions of the Parks & Recreation Bylaws and proposed changes to § 2-1-165 – Parks and Recreation Board section of the City Code.

Board Member Casias made a motion to adopt (B) (1) section with amendments to read:

“(1) the acquisition, development, improvement, equipment, programming, and maintenance of all land and facilities managed by the Parks and Recreation Department the City of Austin;”

Board Member Cofer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0, with Board Member Schmitz absent.

Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to adopt (B) (2) section with amendments to read:

“(2) the purchase of additional land and facilities to be managed by the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department;”

Board Member Casias seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0, with Board Member Schmitz absent.

Board Member Vane made a motion to adopt section (C) with amendments to read:

“(C) The board shall outline a general plan of development for land, facilities, and programs. The board may submit the plan to the Planning Commission and the city manager for detail development, and the city manager may then submit the plan to the city council for approval.”

Chair Rivera seconded the amended motion. Board Member Vane amended his motion to adopt (C) part section with the addition of:

“as may be required by Code.”

Chair Rivera seconded the amended motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0, with Board Member Schmitz absent.

E.BRIEFINGS (continued)

6. Marty Stump, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, and Peter Mullan, Chief Executive Officer, Waller Creek Conservancy, made a presentation to the Board regarding Waller Creek Conservancy and Waterloo Park Update.
7. Kirk Scanlon, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, Michael Strycharske, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, Francisco Diaz, Communications and Technology Management Department, and Tracy Gunderson, Communications and Technology Management Department made a presentation to the Board regarding Wireless Connectivity in Parks.

F.DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, and Marty Stump, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, provided general updates on Parks Patrol weekly reports, summer programs, and ongoing projects.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Donovan requested a briefing on invasive species.

Board Member Luca requested a briefing/discussion on Mobility Bond as it relates to transit parks.

Board Member Cofer and Casias requested a briefing on the golf program, its operations, and funding.

H.ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.