

offered there. Mr. Garrison commended Ms. Quinones on her efforts and felt it was a worthwhile program, but emphasized funds were not available. Mr. Coffee suggested that the Board tour the area at the May tour meeting. Ms. Quinones stated that the reason the children do not go to the Pan American Recreation Center was because there is a stigma attached to children living in housing projects. Mr. Hall asked why this stigma could not be broken down by introducing the children and parents to programs being presented at the centers. Ms. Quinones stated that she was working on a program to educate the parents on programs offered at the centers. Mr. Hughes stated that Ms. Quinones has done an excellent job and breaking down barriers of this type cannot be done overnight. Ms. Quinones stated that there was a need for one paid recreation specialist and she could secure many volunteers. Mr. Garrison asked that the Parks and Recreation Department staff continue working with the group and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Ms. Joni McConnell stated that she was present, along with a large number of other representatives of the group, to speak on a "Zoo for Austin." They were asking the City to donate land for the zoo and would like to ask for 20 acres in the middle of the Walnut Creek District Park. Their organization is non-profit and they have 30 members. A federal grant for the zoo could possibly be obtained. They would consider land at Walter E. Long District Park also. Mr. Ehrler asked if they have contacted residents in the adjoining subdivision. Ms. McConnell stated that they have visited in the Georgian Acres Subdivision and were planning to go into the River Oaks area. They now have 2,165 signatures on a petition for a zoo. Mr. Garrison asked if 20 acres would be enough. Ms. McConnell stated that it would be for now. Mr. Ehrler stated that there were master plans for development of both these parks and putting in a zoo would be a tremendous undertaking. He asked that the group get all their information together and meet with him at a later date.

#### NAMING OF ARBOR AT AUSTIN AREA GARDEN CENTER

Mr. Garrison stated that this was the date set for a public hearing for naming of the arbor located on the south lawn of the Austin Area Garden Center. The Garden Council recommended that the arbor be named the "Queens Arbor." Mr. Garrison pointed out that the Austin Area Garden Council wanted to dedicate this arbor during the coronation of the annual Queen of the Gardens to be held May 6, 1979, at 4:00 p.m., during the Flora-Rama activities. It was moved by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Rose, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend to the City Council that the arbor located on the south lawn of the Austin Area Garden Center be named the "Queens Arbor." The motion carried unanimously.

#### WATER SKI SLALOM COURSES ON LAKE AUSTIN

Mr. Vance Nauman from the Austin Ski Club, stated that they were asking for four water ski slalom courses on Lake Austin. The Parks and Recreation Department staff has recommended this be done through a License Agreement with the City of Austin and they were willing to do this and pay the necessary fees, working with the City Legal Department. They already have an insurance policy and would only have to modify their policy to cover City requirements.

They would like their time schedule to be from sunrise to 10:00 a.m., for the months of April through September, and the hours be unlimited during the winter months so they could ski in the afternoon. Mr. Nalle stated that he felt they should have the approval of the owners of the property around the courses. Mr. Preston Wheeler, Supervisor of Park Rangers, stated that this was not necessary as Lake Austin is public domain. Mr. Hall asked if other citizens would be able to use the slalom courses. Mr. Nauman stated yes they could, and should contact any member of the Austin Ski Club if they are interested.

After further discussion it was moved by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Bray that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend to the City Council approval of the following request for water ski slalom courses on Lake Austin by the Austin Ski Club:

1. That the four sites be located as follows:
  - a. Site #1 - on the east shoreline of Lake Austin approximately one and one-fourth ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ ) miles upstream from Bull Creek.
  - b. Site #2 - on the east shoreline of Lake Austin approximately one-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) mile downstream from Bull Creek.
  - c. Site #3 - on the east shoreline of Lake Austin between the Laguna Gloria Art Museum and the Westwood Country Club.
  - d. Site #4 - on the west side of Lake Austin across from Walsh Boat Landing.
2. That the Austin Ski Club enter into a License Agreement with the City of Austin for a period of one year.
3. That the hours for skiing activity be limited from sunrise to 10:00 a.m., daily for the months of April through September, and the hours be unlimited during the winter months.

The motion carried with Mr. Nalle and Mr. Ramos voting no. Mr. Bray asked that the Parks and Recreation Department staff carefully review the situation during the summer to see how compatible this use would be with the heavy boat traffic.

#### PROPOSED FILL SITE ON LAKE AUSTIN

Mr. Tom Mountz from the City Engineering Department stated that the map in the Board agenda was slightly different from the one submitted to them at their meeting in March. This map was submitted to the Engineering Department the morning of April 9th, the day the Board toured the proposed fill site area. The Engineering Department is involved because they are charged with issuing a site development permit for any development in the Lake Austin Watershed. The Board is involved because the request is to fill a part of Lake Austin at the Taylor Slough area. Mr. Garrison asked if there was any change from the request before the Board on the day of the field trip to the site. Mr. Mountz stated that to his knowledge there was no change, but the Environmental Board has reviewed the request and recommended denial. Mr. Nalle asked about the vote on the request by the Environmental Board. Ms. Betty Hendricks, a member of the Environmental Board stated that one member abstained and the rest voted to deny the request. She explained