



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
Tuesday, September 27, 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 6:04 p.m.

#### Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Richard DePalma, Vice Chair; Michael Casias, Rick Cofer, Alesha Larkins, Francoise Luca, Susan Roth, Birger "Alex" Schmitz, Mark Vane, and Pat Wimberly

#### Board Members Absent:

Tom Donovan

### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of July 26, 2016.

Board Member Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of July 26, 2016. Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0-0 with Board Members Donovan absent, and Board Member Cofer off dais.

### **C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

**John Salas, Jr.** addressed the board and expressed his appreciation and support for the golf operations of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

**Robert Corbin** addressed the board regarding his concerns about the dog off leash areas of Austin parks and requested areas where dogs would not be permitted be established.

**Maria Alonso**, Springdale-Airport Neighborhood Association, addressed the board regarding Govalle Pool and expressed her appreciation for the Parks and Recreation staff.

Board Member Cofer arrived at 6:15 p.m.

## **D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

### **Consent**

2. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the proposed design of the new Montopolis Recreation and Community Center.
3. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding the authorization of the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Ryan Sanders Sports Services, LLC to renovate, operate, maintain and manage the food and beverage concession at the Jimmy Clay/Roy Kizer Municipal Golf Complex

Chair Rivera read item 2 and 3 into the record. Board Member Vane moved to approve item 2 and 3 on the consent agenda. Board Member Luca seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0-0 with Board Member Donovan absent.

### **Non-Consent**

4. Appoint Susan Roth to Committees of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Vice Chair DePalma moved to appoint Susan Roth to the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. Board Member Wimberly seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0-0 with Board Member Donovan absent.

Vice Chair DePalma moved to appoint Susan Roth to the Code Next Working Group. Board Member Schmitz seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0-0 with Board Member Donovan absent.

5. Appoint a member to the Visitor Impact Task Force.

Board Member Cofer explained the purpose of the Council Resolution no. 20160818-075 and moved to nominate Dan Keshet to represent the Parks and Recreation Board at the Visitor Impact Task Force. Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0-0 with Board Member Donovan absent.

Board Member Wimberly departed at 6:58 p.m.

6. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the Govalle Neighborhood Pool renovation conceptual design.

Rey Hernandez, Landscape Architect II, and Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department answered Board Members' questions.

**Marcus de Leon** addressed the board and expressed his support of this item.

**Michael Floyd**, Springdale-Airport Neighborhood Association, addressed the board and expressed his support of this item.

Board Member Casias moved to approve this item. Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0-1 with Board Member Vane abstaining, Board Member Wimberly off dais, and Board Member Donovan absent.

7. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the Shipe Neighborhood Pool renovation conceptual design.

Board Member Cofer moved to approve this item. Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0-1 with Board Member Vane abstaining, Board member Wimberly off dais, and Board Member Donovan absent.

8. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding the Austin Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights.

Julia Campbell introduced the Austin Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights.

Board Member Luca moved to move this recommendation to City Council. Board Member Schmitz seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0-0 with Board member Wimberly off dais, and Board Member Donovan absent.

#### **E. BRIEFINGS**

9. Julia Campbell, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Cities Connecting Children with Nature Implementation Plan.
10. Kevin Gomillion, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding Golf Operations Funding and Overview.

#### **D. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Mary Stump, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, provided general updates on Code Next, Strategic Plan, SpeakUp Austin, events at Zilker Park, food trailers, and Fishing Peer of the Board Walk Project.

#### **E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Cofer—will present a recommendation on providing Wi-Fi at Zilker Park

Board Member Cofer—requested a briefing on the Parkland Events Task Force

Vice Chair DePalma—requested briefing on tree management issues from the Urban Forestry and Tree Canopy Commission

Board Member Vane and Schmitz—requested follow ups on certain action items including reports on completion dates and updates on projects that include road or lane closures

Board Member Luca— requested report on the number of dog related incidents in parks.

#### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.