



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, October 25, 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 6:02 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent:

Tom Donovan, Susan Roth

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of September 27, 2016.

Board Member Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of September 27, 2016. Board Member Casias seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0-0 with Board Members Donovan and Roth absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Robert Corbin addressed the board and expressed his concerns about dogs off leash and loud noise in swimming holes and City parks.

Rebecca Gallogly addressed the board and proposed that Zilker Conservancy with the help of the Parks and Recreation Department be created.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

2. Discussion and possible action on a proposed recommendation to City Council to authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with JAIME BEAMAN AIA, INC./CASABELLA ARCHITECTS to provide design and planning services for the Emma S.

Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center in an amount not to exceed \$360,000.

Chair Rivera read item 2 into the record. Board Member Vane requested that this item is pulled for discussion. Kim McKnight, Project Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department, answered Board Members' questions. Vice-Chair DePalma moved to approve item 2 on the consent agenda. Board Member Casias seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0-0 with Board Member Roth and Donovan absent.

Non-Consent

3. Annual Concessions Report—Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the performance and issues created through the provision of recreation services by concessions in Town Lake Metropolitan Park.

Gerard Bickham, Contract Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department, presented the Annual Concessions Report to the Board. Board Member Cofer moved to approve the Annual Concession Report to the City Council relating to the performance and issues created through the provision services by concessions in Town Lake Metropolitan Park as presented by the staff. Board Member Larkins seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0-0 with Board Member Roth and Donovan absent.

4. Recommendation for City Council Action to Provide Public Wi-Fi at Auditorium Shores

Board Member Cofer explained the purpose of the proposed recommendation regarding providing wireless access in Auditorium Shores.

Sara Hensley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, answered Board Members' questions. Board Member Cofer moved to approve the recommendation with an amendment that consisted of the correction/changing words "Zilker Park" at the second to the last line of the Recommendation to "Auditorium Shores". Vice-Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-1-0 with Board Member Wimberly voting against, and Board Member Donovan absent.

5. Adoption of Parks and Recreation Board meeting schedule for calendar year 2017.

Vera Labriola, Business Process Specialist, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, presented the Board with a draft 2016 schedule.

Board Member Casias moved to accept the proposed 2017 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting schedule with an amendment of canceling the November 2017 meeting and moving December 2017 meeting to December 5, 2017. Board Member Cofer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0-0 with, Board Members Donovan and Roth absent.

6. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the adoption of the Lamar Beach Master Plan.

Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager Planning and Development, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board.

Jewels Inckells and Ellen Jeffersen signed up to address the Board but donated their time to Rusty Tally.

Rusty Tally, Austin Pets Alive, addressed the Board, praised the Parks and Recreation Department, and expressed the organization's support for the Lamar Beach Master Plan.

Melissa Morrow, Executive Director of WAYA, praised the proposed Lamar Beach Master Plan, and expressed her support for the approval of this item.

James Ficnk, YMCA, addressed the Board and expressed his support for the approval of the Lamar Beach Master Plan.

Sara Marler, AISD, Community Relations Committee (Austin High), addressed the board and expressed her appreciation of the Parks and Recreation Department and her support of this item.

Melissa Schenker addressed the Board and expressed her support of this item.

Mike Sullivan, Old West Austin Neighborhood Association, addressed the board and spoke against this item and suggested that there should be a neighborhood connection in Phase 1.

Robert Corbin addressed the board and expressed his support of this item with the exception of including space for the Austin Pets Alive. Mr. Corbin opposed using any land in the Master Plan for an animal shelter.

David King addressed the board and expressed his support of this item and suggested that all land become parkland. He would like to see more equity in major investments in our parks and amenities provided to citizens all across the city.

Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager Planning and Development; Charles Mabry, Park Development Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department; and Rebecca Leonard, Design Workshop, answered Board Members' questions.

Board Member Casias departed at 7:34 p.m.

Board Member Cofer moved to recommend adoption of the Lamar Beach Master Plan to the City Council. Board Member Schmitz seconded the motion. Board Member Cofer amended his motion to recommend approval the Lamar Beach Master Plan with the recommendation to prioritize bike and pedestrian connection and accessibility between the neighborhoods to the North and the park in Phase 1. Board Member Luca seconded the amended motion.

The motion failed on a vote of 5-3-0 with Board Members Schmitz, Vane, and Wimberly voting against, Board Member Casias off dais, and Board Members Donovan and Roth absent.

The Board Proposed that the item be placed on the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee agenda in November and brought back before the full Board at the December Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

E. BRIEFINGS

7. Katherine Romans, Executive Director, Hill Country Alliance, made a presentation to the Board regarding opportunities for regional collaboration to protect Texas Hill Country resources and answered Board Members' questions.

D. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Sara Hensley, Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, provided update on the Trail of Lights, introduced the Interim Assistant Directors, Liana Kallivoka and Angela Means, and listed upcoming agenda items.

E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Cofer—requested an update on the Parkland Events Task Force Report

Vice Chair DePalma— requested an update on the Walter E. Long Center

F. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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