



**LAND, FACILITIES, AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
of the PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

Monday, November 15, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.

PARD Annex Building (Shoal Creek Room)

919 W. 28 ½ Street

Austin, Texas

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vane called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mark Vane, Birger “Alex” Schmitz, Pat Wimberly

Jane Rivera, ex-officio

Board Members Absent:

Tom Donovan

Susan Roth

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the Land, Facilities and Programs Committee meeting of September 12, 2016.

Committee Member Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Land, Facilities and Programs Committee meeting of September 12, 2016. Committee Member Wimberly seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Committee Members Roth and Donovan absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Adoption of the Land, Facilities and Programs Committee meeting schedule for calendar year 2017

Committee Member Schmitz made a motion to adopt the 2017 meeting schedule of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. Committee Member Wimberly seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Committee Members Roth and Donovan absent.

1. Discussion and Action: Lamar Beach Park Master Plan

Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, Rebecca Leonard, Design Workshop, Robert Spillar, Director, Austin Transportation Department, and Lee Austin, Project Manager, Austin Transportation Department, answered Committee Member's questions about the Lamar Beach Master Plan.

Mr. Mark Stine, spoke in support of the bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure from Pressler Street to Lamar Beach in Phase 1 of the Master Plan.

Mr. Perry Heitman, addressed the Committee and expressed his opposition to the Lamar Beach Master Plan.

Mr. Benjamin Serrato, addressed the committee and proposed that the bicycle/pedestrian connection is moved to the beginning of Phase 1.

Jame Baxter Lynn and Todd Cannon donated their time to Mike Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan, Old West Austin Neighborhood Association, addressed the committee and spoke against the Master Plan and proposed that the bicycle/pedestrian connection is completed at the beginning of Phase 1.

Sara Marler, Austin Independent School District, spoke about traffic issues around Austin High and prioritizing the bicycle/pedestrian connection.

JoAnne Norton donated time to Rusty Tally. Mr. Tally, Austin Pets Alive, addressed the committee and spoke in support of this item.

Robert Corbin, addressed the committee and expressed his opposition to the plan and to a dog shelter being included in the Master Plan.

Thom Parker, YMCA, addressed the Committee expressed his appreciation for the Master Plan and spoke in favor of this item.

Melissa Morrow, West Austin Youth Association, addressed the committee and explained the benefits of the Lamar Beach Master Plan and the parking improvements that would be included in the plan.

Committee Member Schmitz made a motion to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Board to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the Lamar Beach Master Plan. Committee Member Wimberly seconded the motion.

Chair Vane made a friendly amendment to the motion and proposed to move the item to the full board without recommendation with the following conditions:

- 1) Pressler Street extension with the bicycle and pedestrian connection be at the top of Phase 1;
- 2) analysis be provided on the discrepancy of the cost of the West parking area of the Phase 1 and the South parking area; and
- 3) Parks and Recreation Department's cost for the South parking area is less than the majority of the cost.

Committee Member Schmitz accepted the amended motion. The motion failed on a vote of 2-1 with Committee Member Wimberly voting against and Committee Members Roth and Donovan absent.

E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Vane—requested a clarification from the City Code or City Clerk’s Office on when the Committee/Board should stop allowing public to sign up to speak on an item.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Vane adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.