



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, January 24, 2017 - 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, Tom Donovan, Francoise Luca, Susan Roth, Mark Vane, and Pat Wimberly

Board Members Absent:

Alesha Larkins, Birger "Alex" Schmitz

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of December 6, 2016.

Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of December 6, 2016. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Cofer off dais and Board Members Larkins and Schmitz absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mary Ingle, North University neighborhood, addressed the board and expressed her concerns about availability of the Sparky Park facility for the neighborhood, pocket park policy, and rules for reserving the building.

Board Member Cofer arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Ted Eubanks, addressed the Board and expressed his concerns about the Wooldridge Square Preliminary Plan.

Ron Torrey, Texas Association of Bass Club, addressed the board and expressed his concerns about the Walsh Boat Landing project including handicapped access and asked the Department to answer his questions.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

- 2. Make a recommendation to the City Council for approval of the 2017 Local Standards of Care Ordinance to be discussed via public hearing and adopted by City Council as a part of the State of Texas' child care licensing exemption**

- 5. Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director for the approval of the Vision Plan for Emma Long Metropolitan Park**

Chair Rivera read items 2, 3, 4 and 5 into the record. Vice Chair DePalma asked that item 3 be pulled for discussion. Board Member Wimberly requested that item 4 be pulled for discussion. Board Member Donovan moved to approve items 2 and 5 on the consent agenda. Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Larkins and Schmitz absent.

- 3. Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director for the approval of the Wooldridge Square Preliminary Plan**

Rey Hernandez, Landscape Architect II, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board and answered Board Members' questions.

Charles Peveto, Friends of Wooldridge Square, addressed the Board and made comments on the Wooldridge Square Preliminary Plan.

Robert Nash, addressed the Board and commended Parks and Recreation Department on the process of developing the Preliminary Plan.

Board Member Roth made a motion to recommend approval of the Wooldridge Square Preliminary Plan to the Parks and Recreation Director. Board Member Cofer seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Vane off dais, and Board Member Schmitz and Larkins absent.

- 4. Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director for the approval of the Bull Creek District Park Master Plan**

Gregory Montes, Park Development Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department, answered Board Members' questions.

Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to recommend approval of the Bull Creek District Park Master Plan to the Parks and Recreation Director. Board Member Wimberly seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a vote of 7-0 with Board Member Cofer and Luca off dais, and Board Member Schmitz and Larkins absent.

Non-Consent

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Annual Report of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee

Mark Vane, Land, Facilities and Programs Committee Chair, presented the annual report of the Land, Facilities and Program Committee to the full Board.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Annual Report of the Contracts and Concessions Committee

Michael Casias, Contracts and Concessions Committee Chair, presented the annual report of the Contracts and Concessions Committee to the full Board.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to support the City of Austin's Acquisition of the Headwaters of Blunn Creek for Dedicated Parkland

Board Member Cofer introduced his recommendation to support the City of Austin's Acquisition of the Headwaters of Blunn Creek for Dedicated Parkland and the Board discussed the recommendation.

Board Member Roth made a motion to approve the recommendation. Board Member Casias seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a vote of 7-2 with Board Members Wimberly and Vane voting against, and Board Member Schmitz and Larkins absent.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding additional working group for future concessions

Michael Casias, Contracts and Concessions Committee Chair and sponsor of this item, rescinded this item.

E. BRIEFINGS

10. Briefing, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Parkland Events Taskforce Final Report

Jason Maurer, Sales and Events Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, James Russel and David King, Parkland Events Task Force, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Parkland Events Task Force Final Report and recommendations.

Board Member Vane recused himself from discussing and voting on this item.

Board Member Cofer made a motion to recommend approval of the Parkland Events Taskforce final report to the City Council. Board Member Roth seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Vane recusing himself from the vote and Board Member Larkins and Schmitz absent.

D. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Sara Hensley, Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, provided update on Walsh Boat Landing, Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park master planning process, Aquatics Master Plan process, and budget process.

E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Vane—requested an update on the possibility of Lions Golf course rental renewal.

Chair Rivera—requested briefing on CodeNEXT and how the new Code would affect parks.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.