



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
Tuesday, May 23, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.  
**Board and Commissions Room, City Hall**  
301 W. Second Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

## **MINUTES**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair DePalma called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### Board Members in Attendance:

Richard DePalma, Vice Chair; Michael Casias, Rick Cofer, Tom Donovan, Francoise Luca, Randy Mann, and Fred Morgan

#### Board Members Absent:

Jane Rivera

Vice-Chair DePalma made a correction to item 2. The last three digits of the recommendation number reflect the number of the item on the agenda; therefore, the recommendation number was corrected to read: 20170523-002.

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

#### **1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of April 25, 2017.**

Board Member Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of April 25, 2017. Board Member Mann seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Chair Rivera absent and Board Member Cofer off dais.

### **C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

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

#### **Non-Consent**

Vice Chair DePalma moved order of item 2 and 3.

#### **3. Discussion and possible action on Holly Shores Master Plan Annual Report**

Board Member Casias delivered a report of the Holly Shores Master Plan Working Group. Kimberly

McNeeley, Acting Director, answered Board Members' questions about the project.

Board Member Cofer arrived at 6:18 p.m.

## **2. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendation 20170523-002 Regarding Pocket Parks**

**David King**, addressed the Board and expressed support for the recommendation.

**Mary Ingle**, spoke to the Board in support of this item. Ms. Ingle, also spoke in favor of limiting parking requirements for buildings in pocket parks.

Board Member Cofer introduced his recommendation. Board Member Casias proposed amendment to the recommendation and add words "and the development of new", so the NOW AND THEREFORE section would read:

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Board encourages the Parks and Recreation Department to develop policies and guidelines that support neighborhood uses for and the development of new pocket parks;*

Board Member Cofer moved to approve this item as amended. Board Member Casias seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0 with Chair Rivera absent.

## **E. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **4. Presentation and Discussion Regarding Aquatics Master Plan**

Rey Hernandez, Parks and Recreation Department, and Patrick Haogland, Brandstetter Carroll Inc., made a presentation to the Board regarding the Aquatics Master Plan process and answered Board Members' questions.

Discussion was held on the Aquatics Master Plan process.

## **F. NEW BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS**

Vice Chair DePalma moved order of item 5. and 6.

### **6. Republic Square Management Plan 2017**

Mandi Thomas, Partnership and Development Director, Downtown Austin Alliance, made a presentation to the Board regarding the 2017 Republic Square Management Plan. Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Parks and Recreation Department, and Molly Alexander, Executive Vice President, Downtown Austin Alliance answered Board Members' questions.

## **5. FY 2017 Budget Forecast**

David Hillers, Financial Analyst III, Parks and Recreation Department, and Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the FY 2017 Budget Forecast.

**D. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, provided an update on the exploring public-private partnerships, free Wi-Fi opportunities, opening of swimming pools and splash pads for the summer, Teen Leadership Programing, summer camp enrollment, upcoming council items, and CAPRA reaccreditation visit.

**E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Casias—requested update on food concessions in Austin Parks

DePalma—requested update on dogs in parks and issues with irresponsible dog owners and ways to enforce off leash policies

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair DePalma adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

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