



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 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, Romteen Farasat, Dawn Lewis, Francoise Luca, Randy Mann, Fred Morgan, and Mary Katherine Stout

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of September 26, 2017.

Board Member Farasat made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of September 26, 2017. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Lewis, Stout, absent and Casias off dais.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Malcolm Yeatts, East Riverside Oltorf Combined Neighborhood Planning Area Contact Team, expressed his support for City acquiring property adjacent to the greenbelt in order to protect the Country Club Creek. Mr. Yeatts also expressed his concern about possible development in this area.

Ana Villalobos, Montopolis community, expressed her concern about delay in building a new recreation center and about joint use of the facility with Austin Public Health Department.

Board Member Casias arrived at 6:06 and Board Member Lewis arrived at 6:07.

D. NEW BUSINESS: ACTION ITEMS

Board Member Stout arrived at 6:11.

Consent

Board Member Casias pulled item 2 and Board member Luca pulled item 4 for discussion.

- 3. Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director Board for approval of a Temporary Use Work Area (26,986 sq. ft.), and Temporary Use Access Area (40,940 sq. ft.), not to exceed 300 Calendar Days on parkland located at 2317 Columbus Dr. (Zilker Metro Park)**

Chair Rivera read the consent items 3 into the record.

Board Member Morgan made a motion to approve item 3 on consent agenda. Board Member Mann seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Cofer and Stout off dais.

- 2. Make recommendation to the City Council for approval of a Permanent Use (77,825 sq. ft), Permanent Use (9,232 sq. ft.), and Temporary Use (17,529 sq. ft.), not to exceed 90 Calendar Days on parkland located at 2101 Jesse E. Segovia St. (Edward Rendon Sr. Metro Park at Festival Beach)**

Kirk Scanlon, Business Process Consultant Senior, Austin Transportation Department, made a presentation to the Board and answered Board Members questions.

Board Member Casias made a motion to approve this item. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-0.

- 4. Make a recommendation to the City Council for approval of a permanent use for Animal Services to occupy and operate the future Town Lake Animal Center site located at 1156 West Cesar Chavez, which is to be located on dedicated parkland known as Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park**

Faith Wright, Austin Pets Alive, expressed her support for this item but did not wish to speak.

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

Board Member Mann moved to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Lewis. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Luca abstaining and Board Member Casias of dais.

Non-Consent

- 5. Make changes to the membership and officers of Contracts and Concessions Committee and Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee**

No changes were made to the membership of the Contracts and Concessions Committee.

Chair Rivera nominated Board Member Stout to serve on the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. Board Member Stout accepted the nomination. Board Member DePalma moved to approve the nomination. Board member Donovan seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 11-0.

- 6. Select a Board Member to serve on the Joint Sustainability Committee**

Chair Rivera nominated Board Member Luca to the Joint Sustainability Committee. Board Member

Luca accepted the nomination.

Board Member Casias moved to approve the nomination and the nomination was seconded by Board Member Farasat. The motion carried on a vote of 11-0.

7. Select a Board Member to serve on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Board and Parks and Recreation Board

Chair Rivera nominated Board Member Farasat to replace Board Member Cofer on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Board and Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Farasat accepted the nomination.

Board Member Casias moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair DePalma. The motion carried on a vote of 11-0.

8. Approve Adoption of Parks and Recreation Board meeting schedule for calendar year 2018

Vera Labriola, Business Process Specialist, introduced the proposed 2018 meeting schedule of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Board Member Farasat made a motion to approve the proposed 2018 meeting schedule of the Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-0.

9. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding Request for Interests/Information (RFI) for parkland improvement and management of Bolm Road District Park as an outdoor events venue, recreation area, trails, and waterfront activities through traditional or alternative financing including public private partnerships

Vice Chair DePalma introduced and explained his recommendation.

Board Member Casias made a motion to approve the recommendation as written. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-0.

E. NEW BUSINESS: STAFF PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Presentation on Off Leash Dogs and Enforcement Challenges

Amanda Ross, Parks and Recreation Department, Ricardo Soliz, Acting Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, and Thomas Sweeney, Police Lieutenant, Austin Police Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the issues with dogs off leash in on leash areas of the City parks and enforcement challenges and answered Board Members' questions.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, provided an update on master plans, It's My Park Day, upcoming events, department programs, and CodeNEXT.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Rivera—requested report on erosion in Roy Guerrero Park and action taken to correct it

Board Member Luca— requested report on funds collected in 2016 and 2017 through the Parkland Dedication Ordinance and information on how the money was used

Vice Chair DePalma—requested update on John Trevino Metropolitan Park

Board Member Casias— requested discussion and action item regarding APD’s proposal for use of Nash Hernandez building (to approve or reject the APD’s proposed use of the facility)

Board Member Cofer— requested an item on the Aquatic Master Plan Task Force recommendations

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.