



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

Town Lake Center, Assembly Room

721 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, Texas 78704

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Richard DePalma, Vice Chair; Michael Casias, Rick Cofer, Tom Donovan, Romteen Farasat, Dawn Lewis, Randy Mann, and Fred Morgan

Board Members Absent:

Francoise Luca

Mary Katherine Stout

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of October 24, 2017.

Board Member Mann arrived at 6:11 p.m.

Jane Rivera corrected a typographical error on page 4, item G; and Board Member Casias requested a clarification to Future Items regarding Discussion and Action on proposed use of Nash Hernandez building. Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of October 24, 2017 with the noted changes. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Luca and Stout absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Israel Lopez, Montopolis Little League and Azteca Hispana Baseball League, expressed his concern regarding the Department and the conditions, stipulations, and probation placed in their contract by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Pedro Hernandez, donated his time to Mr. Lopez.

Susana Almanza, expressed her concerns about people of color not being treated equitably when it comes to contracts with the City. Ms. Almanza asked that equitable distribution of funds is reviewed by the equity office.

Anita Villalobos, Friends of Montopolis Recreation Center, spoke to the Board and requested a new swimming pool in Montopolis area be included in the Aquatic Master Plan.

Barbara Scott, thanked the Board members for their work and asked that a pool for Colony Park area be included in the future bond.

D. NEW BUSINESS: ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent

Chair Rivera changed order of the action items to: 3, 4, and 2.

3. Make a presentation to and seek support from the Parks and Recreation Board for the Aquatic Master Plan Task Force Report to City Council regarding the Draft Aquatic Master Plan

Terri Mitchell, addressed the Board and expressed her concern about aging Austin swimming pools. Ms. Mitchell asked the Board to support the Aquatics Master Plan and Aquatics Master Plan Task Force.

Rick Cofer, Chair, Jane Rivera, Member, Rich DePalma, Member, and Dawn Lewis, Member, Aquatic Master Plan Task Force, presented the Aquatic Master Plan Task Force Report and explained their recommendations regarding the draft Aquatic Master Plan.

Board Member Cofer made a motion for the Parks and Recreation board to support the recommendation of Aquatic Master Plan Task Force. Board Member Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias off dais, and Board Members Luca and Stout absent.

4. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding approval of the Draft Aquatic Master Plan with the addition of the Recommendations of the Aquatic Master Plan Task Force Report

Reynaldo Hernandez, Project Manager Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department, asked for Board Members' support of the draft Aquatic Master Plan as amended and with the addition of the Aquatic Master Plan Task Force Report. Parks and Recreation Department staff answered Board Members' questions.

Board Member Cofer left at 6:52 p.m.

Board Member DePalma moved for the Parks and Recreation Board's approval of the Draft Aquatic Master Plan with the addition of the Aquatic Master Plan Task Force Report and recommendations. The motion was seconded by Board Member Mann. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Cofer of dais and Board Member Luca and Stout absent.

2. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding creation, continuation, termination or status of a concession including issuance of a Request for Proposal for a concession in Town Lake Metropolitan Park in a joint report with the Environmental Commission.

Patricia Rossett, Idela Wilson, and Samuel Hernandez, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board and answered Board Members questions.

Board Member Casias made a motion to send the report to Council with addition of temporary concessions and addition of the Contracts and Concessions Committee report recommendations. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Cofer off dais and Board Members Luca and Stout absent.

E. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Shoal Creek Trail: Vision To Action Plan

Joanna Wollaver, Shoal Creek Conservancy, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Shoal Creek Trail and answered Board Members' questions.

Sharon Blythe, Friends of Austin Memorial Park, addressed the Board and expressed her appreciation for the Shoal Creek Conservancy and the trail.

6. Update on Parks and Recreation Department Wildflower Meadow Program

Tom Donovan, Board Member, Parks and Recreation Board, made a presentation regarding the Wildflower Meadow Program and praised Austin Parks Foundation and PARD maintenance staff for their help and efforts.

Board Member Casias departed at 7:51 p.m.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, provided an update on master plans, Govalle and Shipe Pool projects, November and December programs and events, Cemetery Rules process, Annual Concessions Report, and Annual Concessions Report.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Mann— requested information on how graffiti in parks is handled

Board Member Donovan—requested information on individuals experiencing homeless camping in parks and possible ways of mitigating the issue

Chair Rivera on behalf of Board Member Casias—requested a memo and presentation to PARB about Montopolis Govalle Sports Contract

Chair Rivera on behalf of Board Member Casias — requested an action item on APD's proposal for use of Nash Hernandez Building

Vice Chair DePalma— requested an update on the search for the location of the Major League Soccer Stadium

Vice Chair DePalma— proposed a resolution on considerations that need to take place regarding future Major League Soccer Stadium site

Vice Chair DePalma— requested a presentation on PARD’s vision on the purpose of conservancies

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.