



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
Tuesday, January 23, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.  
**Board 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 6:04 p.m.

#### Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Richard DePalma, Vice Chair; Michael Casias, Rick Cofer, Tom Donovan, Dawn Lewis, Françoise Luca, Randy Mann, Fred Morgan, and Frank Ward

#### Board Members Absent:

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

#### **1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of December 5, 2017.**

**Board Member Casias arrived at 6:07 p.m.**

Board Member Cofer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of December 5, 2017. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member DePalma and Lewis off dais, and Board Member Farasat absent.

### **C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

**Wade McNeill, Lake Travis Zipline Adventures**, addressed the Board and spoke about the programs they provide to the community.

**Rich DePalma**, spoke to the Board as a private citizen about his concerns regarding using any parkland for Major League Soccer Team Stadium.

**Vice Chair DePalma joined the Board on dais at 6:13 p.m.**

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

### **Consent**

Chair Rivera read consent items 2., 3., and 4. into record. Vice Chair Member DePalma pulled item 2 for discussion. Items 3 and 4 remained on consent agenda.

- 3. Make a recommendation to the Director for approval of a Temporary Work Area (19,000 sq. ft.) and Temporary Staging and Access Area (27,300 sq. ft.), not to exceed 182 calendar days located at Givens District Park. The total mitigation value is \$27,970.**
  
- 4. Make a recommendation to City Council for approval of a Permanent Use (49,000 sq. ft.) and Temporary Staging Area (22,024 sq. ft.), not to exceed 270 calendar days located at Bauerle Ranch at Slaughter Creek Greenbelt. The total mitigation value is \$81,143.**

Board Member Donovan moved to approve items 3 and 4 on consent agenda. Board Member Mann seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Lewis off dais and Board Member Farasat absent.

**Chair Rivera moved agenda items 10. and 9. before other non-consent items.**

## **E. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 10. Presentation and discussion regarding current project status of the Nash Hernandez Joint-Use Facility**

**Board Member Lewis arrived at 6:19 p.m.**

Paul Mendoza, Project Manager, Public Works Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the status of the Nash Hernandez Joint-Use Facility. Paul Mendoza, Kimberly Mc Neeley, Acting Director, Parks and Recreation Department, and Andy Westbook, Lieutenant, Austin Police Department answered Board Members' questions.

- 9. Discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Police Department's proposed use of the Nash Hernandez Joint-Use Facility**

Michael Casias, Board Member, requested adding recommendation regarding this item on the next Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee meeting agenda and the next Parks and Recreation Board Meeting agenda.

No action was taken on the item.

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

### **Non-Consent**

- 2. Make a recommendation to City Council to authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC, to provide a Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.**

Randy Scott, Park Development Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department, explained the purpose of the contract and answered Board Members' questions.

Board Member Cofer made a motion for the approval of this item. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair DePalma. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Farasat absent.

- 5. Make a recommendation to City Council for approval of the 2018 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.**

Tiffany Cabin, Divison Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, explained the purpose of the ordinance to the Board and answered Board Members' questions.

Vice Chair DePalma made a motion for the approval of this item. The motion was seconded by Board Member Morgan. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Farasat absent.

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

Rick Cofer, Committee Chair, Land, Facilities and Programs Committee, delivered the Annual Internal Review of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee.

Board Member Cofer made a motion for the approval of this item. The motion was seconded by Board Member Mann. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Farasat absent.

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

Michael Casias, Committee Chair, Contracts and Concessions Committee delivered the Annual Internal Review of the Contracts and Concessions Committee.

Board Member Casias made a motion for the approval of this item. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lewis. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Farasat absent.

- 8. Discussion and possible action regarding the membership of the Land, Facilities, and Programs and Contracts and Concession Committee**

Chair Rivera nominated Board Member Ward to serve on the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. Vice Chair DePalma seconded the nomination. Board Member Ward accepted the nomination.

The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Farasat absent.

## **G. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, updated the Board on the Brush Square project, Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Master Plan, Seaholm Waterfront Planning Study, Gus Garcia District Park improvements, recycling pilot, bond development, Responsible Pet Owner Campaign, Major League Soccer Team Stadium site selection process, and past and future programs and events.

## **H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Casias—requested action item (recommendation) regarding Nash Hernandez Building

Board Member Luca, De Palma, and Lewis—requested updates on potential Major League Soccer team stadium sites

Board Member DePalma—information on criteria Council gave to City Departments for identification of potential MLS stadium site

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.