



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, April 24, 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 6:07 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; Frank Ward

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of March 27, 2018.

Board Member Mann made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of March 27, 2018. Board Member Farasat seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias abstaining and Board Member Luca and Ward absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Linda Guerrero addressed the Board about her environmental concerns regarding the proposed Bike Trail in Roy G. Guerrero Metropolitan Park and asked that the Environmental Commission and Watershed Protection Department be involved.

Charles Riou, Austin Ridge Riders Guerrero Park, spoke about the proposed Bike Trail in Roy G. Guerrero Metropolitan Park and assured the Board that environmental concerns were taken into consideration and explained the purpose of the trail.

Kent Browning, Austin Ridge Riders Guerrero Park, brought to the Board's attention that some of the information regarding the proposed Bike Trail in Roy G. Guerrero Metropolitan Park is being misrepresented.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Consent

- 2. Make a recommendation to City Council for approval of the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District to provide its students educational experience through the programs offered at McBeth Recreation Center**

Chair Rivera read consent item 2. into record. Board Member Casias moved to approve the item. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Luca and Ward absent.

Non-consent

Item 4. was moved before item 3.

- 4. Make a recommendation to City Council for the approval of the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Master Plan**

Jaime Beaman, Principal, CasaBella Architects, and Kim McKnight, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation 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. Board Member Casias made a friendly amendment and proposed adding the idea of leveraging of public private partnerships potential to accomplish the public benefits of the site and considering a private foundation to run the facility to the Financing Strategies section of the Master Plan. The amendment was accepted.

The motion passed as amended on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Cofer off the dais and Board members Luca and Ward absent.

Board Member Cofer was off the dais but later requested the record show his support for the item.

- 3. Make a recommendation to City Council for approval of the Parkland Improvement Agreement between YMCA of Austin and the City of Austin**

Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, explained the purpose of the agreement and answered Board Members' questions.

Board Member Casias made a motion for the approval of this item. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Mann. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Lewis abstaining and Board Member Luca and Ward absent.

Items 7. through 11. were moved before item 5. and 6.

7. Elect the Parks and Recreation Board Officers

Vice Chair DePalma nominated Jane Rivera for the Board Chair. Board Member Mann seconded the motion. Jane Rivera accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.

The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Chair Rivera abstaining from the vote and Board Member Luca and Ward absent.

Vice Chair DePalma nominated Rick Cofer for the Board Vice Chair. Board Member Casias seconded the motion. Rick Cofer accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.

The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with and Board Member Luca and Ward absent.

8. Appoint members to serve on the Contracts and Concessions Committee and elect Committee Officer(s)

Board Member Casias nominated Board Member Lewis as the Chair of the Contracts and Concession Committee. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Luca and Ward absent.

Board Members Casias, DePalma, Luca, and Farasat were appointed as the members of the Contracts and Concessions Committee. All Board Members nominated to the Committee accepted the appointments.

9. Appoint members to serve on the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee and elect Committee Officer(s)

Board Member Cofer nominated Board Member Ward as the Chair of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee

Board Members Cofer, Mann, Morgan, and Donovan were appointed as the members of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee.

All Board Members nominated to the Committee accepted the nominations. The nominations were seconded by Vice Chair DePalma. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Luca and Ward absent.

10. Appoint a Board Member to serve as an alternate on the Joint Sustainability Committee

Chair Rivera nominated Board Member Mann as an alternate member of the Joint Sustainability Committee. Board Member Farasat seconded the nominations. Board Member Mann accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.

The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Luca and Ward absent.

Board Member Casias departed at 7:22 p.m.

11. Appoint members to serve on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board

Chair Rivera nominated Board Members Donovan, Farasat, Mann, and Lewis to the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Mann seconded the nominations. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias off the dais and Board Member Luca and Ward absent.

All Board Members nominated and appointed to the Committee accepted the appointments.

Chair Rivera moved item 12. before items 5. and 6.

E. STAFF BRIEFINGS

12. Recycling program update

Liana Kallivoka, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, and Charles Vaclavik, Division Manager, updated the Board on the Parks and Recreation Department’s Recycling Program and answered Board Members’ questions.

5. Discuss and take action on recommendation regarding expansion of recycling and waste diversion to all Austin Parks and Recreation Facilities

Andrew Dobbs, Texas Commission for the Environment, spoke in favor of the proposed recommendation and listed ideas for funding and cost saving measures.

Rick Cofer, Board Member, Parks and Recreation Board, introduced his recommendation to the Board and a discussion was held.

Board Member Cofer made a motion for the approval of the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lewis. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias off the dais and Board Member Luca and Ward absent.

6. Discuss and take action on recommended funding levels for aquatics in the proposed 2018 City of Austin Bond Election

Rick Cofer, Board Member, Parks and Recreation Board, informed to the Board regarding the proposed funding levels for aquatics in 2018 Bond Election and a discussion was held.

Board decided to continue discussion of this item at the May 2018 Board meeting.

G. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, updated the Board on the master plan efforts, park development, ongoing maintenance projects, and upcoming programs and events.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Vice Chair DePalma—requested review of projects listed for the Bond

Update on students walking from the Bowie high school walking to the Veloway parcel and hardscape barrier

Board Member Cofer—will bring a recommendation regarding aquatic bond funding

Board Member Mann—information about solution for homelessness

Board Member Lewis—requested information on the situation with the proposed bike trail at the Roy G. Guerrero Park

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.