



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, July 24, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.
Boards 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 6:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent:

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of June 26, 2018.

Chair Rivera made correction to the meeting date of the posted minutes (minutes posted were of the June 26, 2018 regular meeting); to the vote on item 1.: from “Chair Rivera and Board Member Casias off dais” to “*Chair Rivera and Casias absent*”, and to item *H. Future Items From Board Members*. Item H was corrected to “*Board Member DePalma—requested costs associated with summer camp programming*”.

Vice Chair Member Cofer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of June 26, 2018, with the noted corrections. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-0.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Christie Nalle donated time to Bill Nalle.

Bill Nalle, addressed the Board and expressed his concerns about Camel Back PUD Amendment.

Katie Robillard, Austin Parks Foundation, spoke about the Foundation’s projects.

Blake Allday, spoke about his concerns regarding the upcoming Grove development, its master plan for parks, and the impact the proposed trail would have on his property.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Non-consent

2. Make a recommendation to the City Council for approval of the Seaholm Waterfront Programming and Implementation Study

Kimberly McKnight, Acting Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, Heidi Anderson, The Trail Foundation, and Katie Robillard, Austin Parks Foundation, made a presentation to the Board and answered Board Members' questions.

Board Member DePalma moved for approval of the item. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-0.

3. Discuss and make a recommendation regarding Council Resolution No. 20180628-070

Ricardo Soliz, Acting Assistant Director; Idella Wilson, Contract Management Specialist IV, Patricia Rossett, Contract Management Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department; Dawn Lewis, Chair; Rich DePalma, Committee Member, Contract and Concessions Committee, made a presentation to the board regarding Council Resolution 20180628-070 and the recommendations of the Contracts and Concessions Committee.

John Derrick, donated time to Nicole Goad.

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Nicole Goad, Austin Rowing Club, Austin Rowing Club (ARC), spoke about the ARC's revenue share increases, their business model, and challenges.

Kevin Reinis, Executive Director, Austin Rowing Club, spoke about his experience growing businesses and asked for involvement in the process of crafting the conditions of the contract.

Board Member Lewis made a motion to take the item back to Contracts and Concessions Committee and hear more facts (specifically financial facts) and review their recommendations. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-0.

4. Make a recommendation to Parks and Recreation Department Director regarding naming of the playscape at the Murchison Neighborhood Park

Chair Rivera made a correction to the typographical error in the agenda posting. The name of the park is **Murchison** Neighborhood Park. Vice Chair Cofer disclosed his ties to Mr. Loewy, recused himself from the discussion and vote on this item, and left the dais.

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Parks and Recreation Department, explained the request and the rules for naming park features and answered Board Members' questions.

Caroline Alexander, Northwest Austin Civic Association, spoke in appreciation of the Parks and Recreation Department staff and Loewy family and expressed support for the naming of the feature.

Board Member Lewis made a motion to recommend naming of the playscape “the Loewy Family Playscape”. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Cofer recusing himself from the discussion and vote, and with Board Member Casias off dais.

Chair Rivera recessed the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Vice Chair Cofer departed at 8:04 pm.

Chair Rivera called the meeting back to order at 8:16 p.m.

Chair Rivera moved item F. 8. before items 5, 6, and 7.

E. STAFF BRIEFINGS

8. Briefing on 25th Anniversary of the Model Airplane Club at Mary Moore Searight Park

Dennis Caudle and Elliot Turner, Hill Country Aero Modelers, made a presentation regarding the 25th anniversary of the Model Airplane Club at Mary Moore Searight Metropolitan Park, thanked the Board and Parks and Recreation Department, and answered Board Members’ questions.

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Non-consent

5. Make a recommendation to Parks and Recreation Department Director regarding naming of the disc golf course at the Roy G. Guerrero Metropolitan Park

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Parks and Recreation Department, explained the request and the rules for naming park features and answered Board Members’ questions.

Board Member Casias made a motion to support naming of the disc course at Roy G. Guerrero Park after Raul A. Alvarez. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Cofer off dais.

6. Appoint Parks and Recreation Board Representative to the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board

Board Member DePalma nominated Board Member Luca to serve the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board. Board Member Ward seconded the motion. Board Member Luca accepted the nomination.

The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Cofer off dais.

7. Appoint members for the Zilker Metropolitan Park working group as outlined in the council Resolution No. 20180628-072

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Parks and Recreation Board, introduced Council Resolution No. 20180628-072 and answered Board Member’s questions.

Chair Rivera nominated Board Member Donovan to serve on the working group. Board Member Donovan accepted the nomination.

Pam Thompson, was not present when called to speak; however, she communicated prior to her departure that she would like to recommend that Karen Kocher is included in the working group.

Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Cofer off dais.

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, Cemetery Rules, summer camps, and upcoming programs and events.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Donovan—requested presentation from the working group on homelessness and information on enforcement of rules and regulations regarding issues related to undesirable activities or homeless and transient population in Joslin and other City parks

Board Member Morgan—requested an update on the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery issues and Gregg Hill Pocket Park issues

Board Member Luca—requested information on the Central Health's property adjacent to the Georgian Acres Park and shared the responsibility for maintenance, handling incidents, and issues

Board Member DePalma—requested update on cemeteries

Board Member DePalma—update on the Office of Performance Management, current measures being captured and how they tie to enterprise from the Office of Performance Management

Board Member DePalma—requested information on possible exchange of water conservation land for parkland (property next to Circle C Park)

Board Member Lewis—requested update on how aquatic system endured the summer—in September 2018

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.