

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
March 12, 1990

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on March 12, 1990 at Noon in the Parks and Recreation Board Room, 1500 W. Riverside Drive. Mrs. Louise Nivison, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Board Members present were: Louise Nivison, Vice-Chair; Lawrence Britton, Secretary; Charles Heimsath; Ruby Williams; Terry Colgan; Agnes Edwards; Sue Robinson, Ron Cartlidge and Neil Iscoe. Absent were Beverly Griffith, Charles Kreutz, Doug Matthews and ErmaLinda Cruz Torres. Staff members present were: Prenis Williams, Acting Director; Stuart Strong; Sarah Campbell; Jody Hamilton; Amy Blackstone and Donna Bohls.

Citizens Communications

Mrs. Nivison asked if there were any citizens to speak on issues not on today's agenda, hearing none she proceeded to Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

There were no reports from Committees.

Parks and Recreation Department Director's Report

Prenis Williams, Acting Director, made a brief presentation on the required financial disclosure forms due from each Board Member by April 27. Jody Hamilton handed out copies of the required report to each Board Member. Prenis called Board Members' attention to the new facility locator map and an article on the possible privatization of golf that appeared in the Austin American-Statesman.

Items for Action

Public Hearing - Consider approval of an agreement with Capitol City Trap and Skeet Club to continue the provision of recreational services and facilities at the northwestern corner of Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park.

Sarah Campbell, PARD Planner, made a presentation to the Board and provided background information on the type of program provided by Capitol City Trap and Skeet Club and the history of their operation. She indicated the Club was now in the process of applying for a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to make additional improvements to their facility and need to have a 25 year land use agreement with PARD for their grant to be considered. PARD Safety Officer, Mike von Wupperfeld, had completed a safety inspection of the operations and found there to be no user conflicts.

Charles Heimsath, Chair of the Land and Facilities Committee, asked for a Club member to give an overview of their program.

Tim Bunkley, Manager of the Shooting Range, made a short presentation and provided Board Members with handouts outlining the Club's membership fees, services and operating hours.

Charles Heimsath reported that the Land and Facilities Committee had voted

to accept the staff recommendation to approve the draft new agreement between the City and the Capitol City Trap and Skeet Club with the following modifications:

1) Add a provision to the contract to ensure public access to the range when private functions are being held during normal hours of operation. At least 1 trap and 1 skeet range should be held open for the general public use.

2) Club provide an annual report on the fee schedule to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mr. Heimsath presented the Committee's recommendation as a motion to the full Board. Following deliberations, the motion was modified to accept the staff recommendation to approve the draft new agreement with the following three modifications:

1) Add a provision to the contract to ensure public access to the range when private functions are being held during normal hours of operation. At least 1 trap and 1 skeet range should be held open for the general public use.

2) Provide an annual report to PARD which would include a financial statement, operating hours, fees and a copy of the current year Income Tax Return. Fees and operating hours subject to the approval of the PARD Director.

3) Within 90 days from the signing of the contract agreement, Capitol City Trap and Skeet agrees to meet with PARD staff and develop a plan for joint programming use of the trap/skeet range facility. This plan to be reviewed and updated annually for needed changes.

A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed 7 yes, 1 no.

Items for Information

Status of Dick Nickols Park

Stuart Strong, Program Manager for Planning and Design, gave the Board an update on the progress of Dick Nickols Park. This item is scheduled for City Council consideration on March 22, 1990.

CIP Information

Stuart Strong distributed preliminary CIP information to Board Members and reminded them of the Public Hearing scheduled for March 20.

Joint Meeting - Parks and Recreation Board and Waterfront Planning Advisory Board - May 22, 1990 at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members were asked to mark their calendars for this joint meeting to hear a presentation of the District Design Guidelines for the Austin Convention Center by Nathan Schneider, Project Coordinator.