

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MARCH 27, 1990

1. Call to Order. The Chair, Mrs. Griffith, called the meeting of the board to order at 6:30 p.m. in the offices of the Parks & Recreation Department, 1500 West Riverside Drive, with the following board members present: Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Cruz-Torres, Mr. Kreutz, Mrs. Nivison, Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Britton, Dr. Edwards, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Colgan, Mr. Carlidge, Ms. Williams, Mr. Heimsath and Mr. Iscoe.

2. Citizens Communications.

2.1 James Eure appeared before the board to point out the environmental destruction occurring on Mount Bonnell. Mr. Williams stated that the Department is in the process of erecting fencing on certain areas of Mount Bonnell to restrict access to especially fragile areas.

2.2 Dick Kemp of the Golf Advisory Board reported on the position of the Advisory Board concerning privatization of the golf operations. Mr. Kemp stated that the board was unanimously opposed to privatization since the existing structure appears to be working extremely well.

3. Committee Reports. Mr. Colgan reported that Mr. Matthews and he have been working with the staff on a form of monthly presentation to board members to reflect the status of income and expenditures relative to the Department's budget. Mr. Colgan reported that on March 29, 1990, the Program Committee will make a presentation to the City Council on the recreation center report approved by board resolution passed at the February meeting.

Mr. Colgan reported that the Task Force on the Use of Parkland had placed its activities on hold for the next few months.

4. Parks and Recreation Director's Report. Mr. Williams reported that the planning staff is working with Bat Conservation International to provide signage under selected bridges within the city. Mr. Williams reported that the new director will be in place on April 2, 1990.

5. Matters for Action.

5.1 Consideration of the request for a permanent wastewater and temporary construction easement through Mary Moore Searight Park for the Slaughter Creek Wastewater Interceptor, Phase B. Mr. Heimsath, reporting for the Land and Facilities Committee, introduced Mr. Strong to explain the memorandum attached to the agenda for this meeting dated March 21, 1990. Mr Heimsath reported that the Land and Facilities Committee recommends approval of the staff recommendation as set forth in the March 29 memorandum. Mr. Iscoe presented a dissenting view. Mr. Colgan expressed the need to develop guidelines for cooperation between city departments to determine what action will benefit the city most. Upon motion by Mr. Colgan, which was seconded by Mr. Iscoe, the board voted to table the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee with all voting for the motion to table with the exception of Mr. Heimsath, Mrs. Robinson and Ms. Miller. Mr. Kreutz abstained.

5.2 Consideration of draft ordinance to dedicate vacated portions of Barton Skyway across and through the Barton Creek Greenbelt. Mr. Strong explained the draft ordinance attached to the agenda for this meeting which will be presented to the city council. Upon motion by Mr. Heimsath, which was seconded by Mr. Colgan, the board unanimously recommended that the city council pass the ordinance.

5.3 Consideration of approval of the application for construction of a single slip boat dock with gabled roof at 1509 Manana Street. Mrs. Nivison, reporting for the Navigation Committee, recommended approval of the application, which recommendation was passed by unanimous voice vote.

5.4 Consideration of approval of the application for construction of a two slip boat dock with gabled roof at 4104 Watersedge Drive. Mrs. Nivison, reporting on behalf of the Navigation Committee, recommended approval of the application as amended to remove the gabled roof. The recommendation passed by voice vote.

6. Items for Information.

Ney Museum Grounds Clean-Up. Mr. Strong reported that the Department was in the process of continuing the grounds clean-up of the Ney Museum. Dr. Edwards voiced concerns, on behalf of the Hyde Park neighborhood, since previous clean-up efforts have not also included prompt revegetation.

7. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Beverly Griffith, Chair

Date of Approval: _____

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