

Minutes  
Parks and Recreation Board  
May 22, 1990

The Joint Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board and the Waterfront Advisory Planning Board was held on May 22, 1990 in the Parks Department Board Room. Mrs. Beverly Griffith called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Parks Board Members present: Beverly Griffith, Chair; Louise Nivison, Vice-Chair; Ruby Williams; Charles Kreutz; Agnes Edwards; Ron Cartlidge; Doug Matthews; Terry Colgan; Neil Iscoe; Charles Heimsath; and Sue Robinson. Waterfront Planning Advisory Board Members present: Jonathan Markley and \_\_\_\_\_ . Staff Members present: Manuel Mollinedo, Director; Stuart Strong, Program Manager for Planning and Design; Carolyn Kelley, Landscape Architect; Peter Marsh, Staff Engineer; Jody Hamilton, Program Manager for PARD District; Ron Sparks, Program Manager, Walnut Creek District; David Mascorro, Division Manager for Operations and Donna Bohls, Executive Secretary.

Items for Action

**Consider Endorsement of the  
Convention Center District Design Guidelines  
- Presentation by Nathan Schneider**

This item was the reason for having a joint meeting. Mr. Mollinedo indicated that Fred Evins, Public Works and Transportation Department, would be giving an overview on the project. Mr. Evins showed a slide presentation to the Board Members which began with an overview of the downtown area and then covered the district design guidelines in detail. The overview detailed the layout of the proposed convention center building and how it will blend in with the current surroundings. In this presentation particular emphasis was given to the adjacent parkland areas and the wish list of development for these areas. There is currently no funding in the convention center project to accomplish any of the related park improvements. After the presentation and discussion, Terry Colgan made a motion for the Parks and Recreation Board to endorse the district design guidelines. This motion was seconded by Charles Kreutz. The motion carried with no dissent. Mr. Jonathan Markley, Chair of the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board, announced that his Board would defer their recommendation until a later meeting.

**Consider Approval of the Sale of 3.2 Acres  
of the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery  
to the Covenant Presbyterian Church**

Stuart Strong gave the Board an update on the status of this proposed sale of land. Board Members discussed the pros and cons of the issue including the implications of lease vs. sale. The use of special caveats in the RFP for the sale of the land was also discussed. Reverend George Cladis, pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, addressed the Board and indicated that the church was willing to go through the competitive bid process and take their chances that the results would be favorable to their group.

Charles Heimsath made the following motion based on the recommendation of

the Land and Facilities Committee.

- 1) The City should go through the legal process to remove the "cemetery" designation from the land to be sold.
- 2) The land should be sold by public bid. The successful bid would be the one proposing the "greatest good" for the city, not necessarily the highest amount of money.
- 3) As a condition of sale, the City would be granted first right of refusal to repurchase the land if the purchaser ever decides to sell the land. The City would be allowed to make the repurchase at the original sale price.
- 4) Proceeds from the sale of the cemetery land would be earmarked for a Trust and Agency account instead of going into the General Fund.

Staff recommendations would also apply.

- 1) The church must pay the appraised value of the 3.2 acres, as well as all costs associated with the sale of the land.
- 2) If at some point in the future, the church elects to sell this property, the City of Austin will get the first option to acquire the property.
- 3) The church will pay the cost of surveying burial lots and filing with the county clerk another portion of the cemetery to become dedicated cemetery to replace Lot 12.
- 4) The deed will have provisions to insure unrestricted access to the new parking area by users of the Northwest Recreation Center.

The motion passed with no dissent.

**Consider Approval of a Permanent Wastewater  
and Temporary Construction Easement  
through Mary Moore Searight Park  
for the Slaughter Creek Wastewater Interceptor, Phase B**

Stuart Strong made a presentation to the Board regarding the two methods of calculating tree replacement. Mr. Jack Morton, attorney representing Circle C, addressed the Board and indicated that his client was willing to abide by all ordinances and is in agreement with staff recommendations on tree replacement. Charles Heimsath reported that the Land and Facilities Committee recommended approval of the current staff recommendations which are:

Staff recommends approval of the following easements through part of Mary Moore Searight Park, subject to the conditions listed below:

- a) Permanent Wastewater Easement, 20 feet wide x approximately 590 feet long, 0.2702 acres.
- b) Temporary Construction Easements, 50 feet wide x approximately 2,700

feet,, 5.1 acres.

#### Conditions

- 1) The permanent and temporary easements and conditions listed below shall be included in the construction contract documents.
- 2) All construction within the park comply with the requirements of the "Construction in Parks" guidelines, except as noted below.
- 3) On completion of construction, all areas disturbed by the construction are to be restored and revegetated to the standard specifications, subject to the final inspection and approval of Circle C MUD #3, Environmental and Conservations Services Department, Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works Construction Inspection Division.
- 4) Revegetation of the undeveloped area of the park shall consist of planting grass mix and wildflowers in accordance with Appendix A attached. The developed area of the park shall be planted with Bermuda grass in accordance with Sec. 6.1(E)3 "Construction in Parks" guidelines.
- 5) Tree replacements, to compensate for those removed, shall consist of new trees with an equivalent caliper inch measurement. Six trees, with an estimated value of \$23,799 and a combined measurement of 90 caliper inches according to the City Arborist, are subject to removal and must be replaced with an equivalent 90 caliper inches. The City Arborist, in concert with the project engineer, has determined that two of the six trees might be saved with proper protection methods. If, after project completion, the two trees survive, the replacement requirement will be 60 caliper inches. Replacements shall be 75% Class 1 (large) trees and 25% Class 1 (small) or Class 2 trees, in accordance with the Replacement Planting section of the "Construction in Parks" guidelines and the City's Environmental Criteria Manual. Locations shall be established by PARD.
- 6) Maintenance and establishment of grasses and wildflowers shall be in accordance with Item #3 above, and in accordance with "Construction in Parks" guidelines Section 6.2.# for Landscape Planting. Watering of newly planted trees shall be 50 gallons per week for the period of establishment.
- 7) The existing topsoil shall be removed from the undeveloped area of the park before construction of the access road and staging areas, stockpiled on site and restored to the disturbed areas after construction. An all weather access road shall be constructed with roadbase or similar material through the undeveloped areas of the park. On completion of construction, the access road shall be removed and the areas restored in accordance with #3 above. Roadbase material can be stockpiled on site for use by PARD.
- 8) The access road through the developed area of the park shall be securely fenced at all times to prevent unauthorized access by users of the park. Fencing can be by means of chainlink of high visibility security fence.
- 9) During construction (and if necessary remain after the project is completed) a vandal resistant gate, to be approved by PARD, shall be provided at construction accesses to both the developed and undeveloped parts of the park to prevent unauthorized vehicular entry.

10) The temporary access easements shall terminate on completion and acceptance of the restoration and revegetation by the Parks and Recreation Department, and acceptance of the project by the City of Austin.

Terry Colgan made a motion to strike paragraph 5 in the staff recommendation and to renumber the recommendation. This was seconded by Dr. Agnes Edwards. The amendment failed on a vote of 4-For, 5-Against, and 1-Abstaining.

A motion to table also failed.

A vote was taken on the original motion, which passed.

#### **Barton Springs Garden (Majestic Diner)**

Stuart Strong made a presentation to Board Members and updated them on the Applicant's progress in working with the neighborhood organizations in the area.

Bill Feister, Austin Sierra Club; John Hamilton; and Scott Royer all addressed the Board and spoke against the proposal.

Charles Heimsath, Chair of the Land and Facilities Committee, reported that the committee had reviewed this proposal and recommended that the proposal be considered as a concession. New concessions would be solicited under an RFP and reviewed at the appropriate time. This motion passed unanimously.

#### **Youth Hostel Proposal to Rename Parkland in Town Lake Park**

Stuart Strong addressed the Board and reported that he had attended a neighborhood meeting with Charles Gandy from the Youth Hostel and apartment residents from the area. Mr. Strong indicated no opposition to the proposed name change.

Charles Heimsath, Chair of the Land and Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee has reviewed this proposal and recommended approval of renaming a sub-titled area of Town Lake Park.

Neil Iscoe made a motion to table the issue for 30 days, post notices in the park and notify residents and businesses in the area of a public hearing in June.

Terry Colgan asked that the issue be tabled for 30 days and that the Director and staff meet with Charles Gandy and work out the details of a renaming proposal and come back to the Board at its June 26 meeting. Louise Nivison seconded the motion and it passed 5-For, 4-Against.

#### **Boat Dock Proposals**

1) Repair of 250 feet of treated timber bulkhead at 4004 Harborlight Cove and 2) Repair of 220 feet of treated timber bulkhead at 4005 Harborlight Cove.

Louise Nivison, Chair of the Navigation Committee, reported that both of these items have been pulled from the agenda at the request of Signor

Enterprises, contractor.

#### **Cemeteries Contract**

Jody Hamilton made a presentation to the Board regarding a contract for maintenance and burial services at the city-owned cemeteries.

Charles Heimsath, Chair of the Land and Facilities Committee, made a motion to table the issue and refer it to the Land and Facilities Committee for review. Terry Colgan seconded the motion and it carried on a voice vote.

#### **South Austin Little League Field Modifications**

This item was pulled at the request of the South Austin Little League.

#### **Recommendations Regarding AMEGO Consolidation Report**

Board Members were given a copy of the proposed AMEGO Consolidation Report and informed that the Department agrees philosophically with the concept but still has concerns dealing with the wording of the proposal and the lower level of certain maintenance schedules. A committee was appointed to review the proposal consisting of Ruby Williams, Chair; Charles Kreutz; Terry Colgan; Neil Iscoe and Doug Matthews. Terrell Blodgett, Professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, and Jim Ray, of Ray and Associates, addressed the Board about the work and planning that has gone into the report.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

APRIL 24, 1990

These minutes were approved as corrected by Board Members.

#### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

##### **Damage in Reed Park**

David Mascorro, Division Manager for Operations, made a presentation complete with pictures of the recent wind damage in Reed Park. Several large trees were uprooted resulting in an erosion problem. Operations staff are taking measure to curb the erosion.

##### **138 kv Lines across Town Lake**

This item will be returned to the agenda at the next meeting for a presentation from the Electric Department and PARD staff.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.