

Minutes  
Parks and Recreation Board  
September 10, 1990  
Austin Nature Center

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on September 10, 1990 at Noon. This meeting was a tour of the Austin Nature Center. Board Members were transported from the Headquarters building via a new 13 passenger van just received by the Austin Nature Center. After a short tour of the Nature Center facilities, Mr. Beverly Griffith, Chair, called the meeting to order. Board Members present were: Beverly Griffith, Louise Nivision, Lawrence Britton, Ruby Williams, Charles Heimsath, Sue Robinson, Neil Iscoe. Staff present were: Carolyn Nelson, Jody Hamilton, Juan Valera-Lema, Stuart Strong and Donna Bohls.

Juan Valera welcomed all of the Parks Board Members to the Austin Nature Center and introduced Ms. Mary Beth McMillan, President, Natural Science Guild. Ms. McMillan gave an overview of the Guild, who its members are and what its purpose is. She reported that the Guild has been very successful in raising funds for projects at Pioneer Farm, Austin Nature Center and the Preserves program. The Guild sponsors "Safari" and "Fall Festival" each year as fundraisers.

Ms. Laurie Nuckels, President of the Austin Natural Science Association, addressed the Parks Board about her organization which is also associated with the Nature Center.

Ms. Karen Cannatti, Friends of Mayfield Park, addressed the Board and gave a progress report on the renovation work being done at Mayfield Park on the Mayfield-Gutch House. She indicated that the foundation, wiring, roofing, and plumbing work had been completed. Carpentry work will be the next stage of repair.

There were no items for action or committee reports to be discussed at this meeting. Mrs. Griffith reported that the City Council had passed a resolution enforcing an ordinance limiting the size of Boards/Commissions to 9 members. Council had instructed the Chair of each Board with more than 9 members to report to back in 60 days on how they would scale down the size of the Board. Mrs. Griffith asked the By-Laws Committee to review this resolution and work with her on preparing a response to Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m. and the Board Members were transported back to the Main Office.