

Minutes  
Parks and Recreation Board  
October 8, 1990  
Montopolis Recreation Center

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held at noon on October 8, 1990 at the Montopolis Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order at 12:55 p.m. by Mrs. Beverly Griffith, Chair. Board Members present were: Beverly Griffith, Lawrence Britton, Ron Cartlidge, Sue Robinson, Ruby Williams, Agnes Edwards, Charles Heimsath, ErmaLinda Cruz Torres and Neil Iscoe. Staff present were: Manuel Mollinedo, Jody Hamilton, Stuart Strong, Tim Driscoll and Donna Bohls.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no citizens present to address the Board on items other than items on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Members were presented with minutes of the May 14, May 22, June 11, September 10 and September 25, 1990 meetings. Due to lack of a quorum at the beginning of the meeting, the approval of minutes was deferred to the next regular meeting of the Board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Charles Heimsath, Chair of the Concession Committee, reported that the annual report on concessions will be finished next week. Rick Fuszek will be available to present the report to the Board at the next regular meeting.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Beverly Griffith announced that the Environmental Board was interested in having a joint meeting at the next regularly scheduled Parks Board meeting. Jack Goodman, Chair of the Environmental Board, wants the two boards to work together more closely.

**ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS**

**Approval of Rowing Report**

Several Board Members had comments related to the proposed Rowing Report.

Charles Heimsath suggested amending paragraph 2 under Safety Enforcement to read ... and two additional ramps or launching facilities explicitly for the purpose to accommodate Austin Fire Department trucks for emergencies.... Sue Robinson seconded the motion. Neil Iscoe offered a friendly amendment to delete the entire second paragraph and replace it with: "Initiate conversations with the Austin Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services to determine/accommodate facilities needed for adequate safety. The motion passed with no dissent.

Charles Heimsath made a motion to amend the first sentence in the third

paragraph under Development to read "Austin is one of the few cities in the United States to have a beautiful continuous greenbelt in the heart of the city." Sue Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed with no dissent.

Sam Rivers, Texas Rowing, addressed the Board and asked that the Parks Department provide 1) needed signage to educate the public about the circulation pattern on the lake and 2) buoys to mark the 3 shallow areas where boats routinely run aground. Mr. Rivers also asked about the possibility of closing the lake during regattas, approximately 5 days per year.

Neil Iscoe brought up the need to pull phase 2 out of the proposed budget since the corresponding paragraph has been deleted from the document. He also discussed the use of bullhorns and loud outboard motors by the coaches of the rowing teams.

Charles Heimsath made a motion to refer the Rowing Report back to committee to address the use of amplified sound and motorboats. The report to be returned to the Board at its November 12 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Cartlidge. The motion passed with no dissent.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Mollinedo announced that Parks Board minutes are in the process of being brought up to date and should be ready in the near future for review by the Board. The Department did receive some CIP funds this year and they will be used to develop baseball fields to help provide comprehensive diversion programs for youngsters. Mr. Mollinedo met recently with representatives from the Trust for Public Lands regarding acquisition of land along Barton Creek. Talks will continue with both the Trust and the National Parks Service regarding preservation of this area. Stuart Strong made a presentation on the Harris Branch MUD. This area was recently annexed into the City and discussions are anticipated regarding parkland in the area.

#### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

##### **West Austin Youth Association Ballfield Improvements**

The Department has received an inquiry from the West Austin Youth Association (WAYA) regarding improvements to the outdoor lighting at Chalmers Field. This item requires further study by the Planning and Design Section and will be returned to the Board at a later date for consideration.

##### **138 kV Lines - Town Lake Crossing Mitigation Projects**

Mr. Mollinedo shared with Board Members a memo received from the Electric Utility regarding the 138kV lines crossing Town Lake. This item will be returned to the agenda when cost estimates are received from the Utility.