

Minutes

Parks and Recreation Board
901 W. Riverside Drive
November 14, 1990

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Mrs. Beverly Griffith, Chair. Board Members present: Beverly Griffith, Louise Nivison, Lawrence Britton, Agnes Edwards, Terry Colgan, Sue Robinson, ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres and Ron Cartlidge. Board Members absent: Neil Iscoe, Charles Heimsath and Ruby Williams. City staff present: Alicia Perez, Manuel Mollinedo, and Robert Armistead.

Approval of Minutes

October 8, 1990: Add that the meeting was adjourned.

October 23, 1990: Add that the Navigation Committee recommended approval according to revised plans received from the applicant, which included clustering the six boat docks.

Terry Colgan asked that the wording "passed on consent" not be used and that "passed unanimously" be substituted.

Citizen Communications

Gail Armstrong, Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association, addressed the Board regarding the proposed Aqua Festival agreement. He felt that the 10 p.m. curfew should remain in effect during Aquafest. Mr. Armstrong was concerned that Aquafest used almost 1/2 of the available summer use time on Auditorium Shores. He recommended denying the contract.

Larry Akers addressed the Board regarding the need for additional police patrols in the surrounding neighborhoods during Aquafest.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Director's Report

Mr. Mollinedo briefed the Board on his trip to the Johnson Ranch and gave out packets of wildflower seeds from Mrs. Johnson.

Chair's Report

Mrs. Griffith shared an invitation from Charles Gandy, Austin Youth Hostel regarding an upcoming event on November 18 at the Hostel. The Youth Hostel will be planting several native trees and having a barbeque on that date to celebrate the naming of the area around the Hostel "International Peace Point and Austin International Shores."

Terry Colgan addressed the need to have an information system in place to alert Board Members when items are on Council agenda that are of

significant interest to the Parks Board. This would allow the Board a chance to support or oppose items in person.

Louise Nivison wanted to ensure that the Youth Hostel would be responsible for the cost of signage if a new sign is put up.

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

Discussion and Approval of Aqua Festival Agreement

Mr. Mollinedo introduced Alicia Perez, Assistant City Manager, for discussion of the proposed agreement. Ms. Perez reviewed the proposed agreement with the Board. She emphasized that the contract is flexible and allows for annual review. Mitzi Cotton, Assistant City Attorney, answered questions for Board Members related to the new proposed agreement. Rusty Talley, Newt Youngblood, David Armbrust and Dan Railey were present at the meeting as Aqua Fest representatives. The decision on this agreement was scheduled to be made at the November 27th meeting.

Discussion and Approval of Draft Annual Report

Board Members decided to hold a "Called Meeting" on December 3, 1990 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at 1500 W. Riverside to discuss the Annual Report and Workplan for 1991.

Approval of Conceptual Designs of Gazebos on Town Lake

Stuart Strong made a brief presentation on the proposed designs. The Land and Facilities Committee reviewed the designs prior to the meetings. David Santos made a presentation on his team's design for the Lou Neff gazebo. Robert Phillips made a presentation on his team's design for the Possum Point gazebo. Terry Colgan made a motion to move forward on the three gazebo projects except for the design of the benches on the Possum Point project using a crawdad design. The motion was seconded by Louise Nivison. Rodolfo Ybarra made a presentation on his team's design on the fire tower/star design gazebo. The Board then voted unanimously on this motion.

Approval of Revised Rowing Committee Report

Mr. Mollinedo reported that staff had no concerns about the revised report and supported its approval. Louise Nivison read a letter from Sam Rivers, Texas Rowing, a member of the Rowing Committee expressing his support for the revised report. Jana Huvelka, Austin Rowing Club, addressed the necessity for having certain areas of the lake marked by buoys for the safety of the skulls and rowers. After considerable discussion, Ron Cartlidge made a motion to approved the revised rowing committee report. The motion was seconded by Sue Robinson and approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Approval of a Plan for Reducing Parks Board to Nine Members

Mrs. Griffith opened the floor for discussion on options on how to reduce to nine members. Sue Robinson suggested using attrition. Terry Colgan requested an opinion in writing from the City Attorney regarding the

sovereign status of the Parks Board. Louise Nivison stressed the importance of retaining 2 Navigation members on the Board. There are too many unaddressed navigation issues on Lake Austin, Lake Long and Town Lake to reduce the navigation members. After considerable discussion, the Board decided to research their options further with Terry Colgan taking the lead in this project. Recommendations will be presented to the Board at the November 27 meeting.

Discussion of Draft Annual Report

Discussion and approval of the Annual Report and Work Plan for Parks Board will be taken up at the Board's December 3 Worksession at 5:30 p.m.

Discussion of October 18 Council Resolution Regarding Boards and Commissions

Board Members discussed the Council Resolution, its effect on the Parks Board, and the possible cost savings to the department by reducing from 13 to 9 members.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 2:05 p.m.