

Minutes

Parks and Recreation Board
November 27, 1990 - 6:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on November 27, 1990 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at 1500 W. Riverside Drive. Board Members present: Beverly Griffith, Louise Nivison, Lawrence Britton, Ron Cartlidge, Terry Colgan, Sue Robinson, ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres, Agnes Edwards, Charles Heimsath and Neil Iscoe. Staff present: Carolyn Nelson, Stuart Strong, Jim Rodgers, Peter Marsh, Jody Hamilton and Donna Bohls.

CALL TO ORDER

Beverly Griffith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were no citizens present to speak on items other than agenda items.

CHAIR'S REPORT

This item was deferred.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This item was deferred.

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

Public Hearing: Approval of Aqua Festival Agreement

Alicia Perez, Assistant City Manager, and Mitzi Cotton, Assistant City Attorney, were present at the meeting to answer questions from Board Members. Also present were Rusty Tally, Chairman of Austin Aqua Festival Development, Newt Youngblood and Dan Railey of Austin Aqua Festival, Inc., and David Armbrust, legal counsel for Austin Aqua Festival, Inc. Members of the press were also present.

The following citizens addressed the Board:

Larry Akers, 2108 Wright, Zilker Neighborhood Assn.
Johnnie De Moss, 1700 1/2 Juliet, Zilker Neighborhood Assn.
Miriam Blum, 1001 Daniel Drive, Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Assn.
Nancy Coplin, Chair, Music Commission

These citizens expressed concerns regarding neighborhood security during the Festival, shuttle bus ridership goals, alcohol service hours, amplified sound and late hours on week nights, and the negative economic impact on club owners.

After considerable deliberation, the Parks and Recreation Board unanimously voted to recommend approval of the City Manager's proposed license

agreement, including alcohol service and amplified sound until 12:30 a.m., with the following modifications or concerns:

- 1) Event days should be limited to consecutive Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays (Motion: Terry Colgan/ Second: Neil Iscoe)
- 2) The agreement should include a limit of 40 consecutive days as the total amount of time Austin Aqua Festival, Inc. may occupy Auditorium Shores per year, including set up and take down (Motion: Terry Colgan/ Second: Neil Iscoe)
- 3) Parks Board recommends that 100% of the revenue be spent exclusively in the Town Lake corridor (Motion: Terry Colgan/ Second: Ron Cartlidge)
- 4) Parks Board recommends a curfew of 2:00 a.m. on all Festival nights. Curfew is defined as the time all festival patrons are off of park property (Motion: Terry Colgan/ Second: Charles Heimsath)
- 5) The City should include in the License Agreement a definition of "normal wear and tear" as it pertains to the use of Auditorium Shores by an event the size of Aqua Festival. The City has the right to determine what is "normal wear and tear." The City has sole discretion to determine emergencies (Motion: Neil Iscoe/ Second: Terry Colgan)
- 6) The City should retain the unilateral right to decide to make any necessary repairs at any time during the event (Motion: Neil Iscoe/ Second: Terry Colgan)
- 7) Austin Aqua Festival, Inc. should work toward a goal of 80% shuttle ridership within 5 years (Motion: Terry Colgan/ Second: Agnes Edwards)
- 8) Parks Board recommends that the Council consider a special parking/towing ordinance applicable for special events such as Aqua Festival. This would allow for towing of parked cars blocking driveways in residential areas (Motion: Terry Colgan/ Second: Charles Heimsath)
- 9) Parks Board is concerned about security in the surrounding neighborhoods during the Festival and recommends broadening security requirements during the Festival to include additional neighborhood security at the expense of Austin Aqua Festival, Inc (Motion: Terry Colgan/ Second: ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres)
- 10) Parks Board recommends modifying lines 8-10, paragraph 3, page 1 to allow for future concession uses of Auditorium Shore, i.e., "The City will not grant additional license agreements for similar events to use Auditorium Shores (excluding Town Lake) if such licenses would restrict Aqua Festival from exercising the rights granted it under this License Agreement." (Motion: Neil Iscoe/ Second: Terry Colgan)

Approval of Conceptual Designs for Gazebos on Town Lake

Stuart Strong made the staff presentation regarding the proposed bench design at the Possum Point Gazebo. Robert Phillips, member of the design team for Possum Point Gazebo, was present and showed Board Members an example of the crawfish design to be used in the bench. Charles Heimsath,

Chair of the Land and Facilities Committee, reported that the Land and Facilities Committee recommended approval of the conceptual drawings and proceeding with the projects. Mr. Heimsath made the motion for approval which required no second. The motion passed.

Following this discussion, Neil Iscoe made a motion to reconsider the previous decision to approve the conceptual plan and proceed with the Lou Neff Gazebo project, in order to provide adequate safeguards for the protection of the existing wisteria on the site. This motion was seconded by Agnes Edwards. The initial vote was 4 for and 4 against the motion. Mrs. Griffith voted to break the tie in favor of reconsidering.*

* After reviewing Roberts Rules of Order on Motions to Reconsider/Rescind, at the request of a Board Member, it has been determined that the vote was not sufficient to require reconsideration of the project. A Motion to Reconsider requires a majority of the total membership to pass.

Discussion and Approval of License Agreement to Construct a Gas Pipeline Interconnect and Metering Station on Part of Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park

Peter Marsh, Staff Engineer, made a presentation to the Board and recommended approval subject to several conditions. Charles Heimsath, Chair of the Land and Facility Committee, reported that the Committee had reviewed the proposal and recommended approval. Mr. Heimsath made the motion to approve subject to the conditions of the staff recommendation. The motion did not require a second and passed unanimously.

Conditions for approval were:

1. All construction within the park shall comply with the requirements of the "Construction in Parks Specifications" adopted by the Board, April 1990.
2. The north side of the enclosure shall be set back 5 feet from the property line to allow for a vegetative screen to be planted.
3. The following shall be planted as landscape restoration and screening to the enclosure, in locations to be approved by the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - (a) 56 - Flame Leaf Sumac (*Rhus Copallina* var. *lanceolata*)
Container grown, 5 gallon minimum size
 - (b) 10 - Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniper Virginiana*)
Ball and burlap, 3" minimum caliper
 - (c) 20 - Cedar Elm (*Ulmus Crassifolia*)
Container grown, 2" minimum caliper
4. The access road and all other hard paved areas shall be constructed from dark colored materials.
5. All other disturbed areas, not paved, shall be planted with native grasses and wildflowers in accordance with Section 6.1(E) 1a - Permanent Native Grasses, Mixture 1, Upland Areas.
6. On completion of construction the revegetation shall be to the

specification and satisfaction of the Parks and Recreation Department.

7. Prior to construction, fiscal surety to the value of \$10,000 (estimated cost of restoration, including maintenance) shall be posted.

Approval of Construction of an additional Boat Slip with Deck Over at 2703 Pearce Road (Charles Walden, Owner)

w/ revised plans - is received
Louise Nivison, Chair of the Navigation Committee, reported that this request now meets the requirements for construction of boat docks and made a motion for approval. The motion required no second and was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreements with Travis County for New Park Development

Stuart Strong made a presentation to the Board regarding these two proposed agreements. The first is for an interlocal agreement between the City and Travis County for a new park in Sector 10, the Dove Springs Community. The agreement sets forth the responsibilities of the City and the county for the new park. The City will be responsible for design, construction, ownership, operation and maintenance of the park and the County will provide \$1,120,000 toward construction of a pool, bathhouse, parking lot and related infrastructure. The agreement allows for the options of adding more acreage to the park and of applying for a park development grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The County funding could be used as the City's grant match.

The second agreement is an interlocal agreement between the City and Travis County for a park at Windmill Run. The City will donate \$50,000 to be used by the County solely for construction of the park and will have no further financial obligations. The County will have full responsibility for ownership, maintenance, operation and future development of the park.

Charles Heimsath, Chair of the Land and Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee reviewed and recommended approval of both agreements. He made the motion for approval which required no second. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

After a brief announcement regarding the 25th anniversary lighting of the Zilker Park Tree on December 2, 1990, Board Members were asked to reply by November 29 with the number of reserved seats needed for the ceremony.

There being no further business, Terry Colgan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Charles Heimsath and passed unanimously.