



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE:

SUBJECT: Proposed Naming of Park in Southeast Austin

A 14 acre neighborhood park in southeast Austin, unofficially referred to as Langford Park, has not been officially named by the City Council. The park is located east of I-35 and south of William Cannon Boulevard, across Blue Meadow Drive from Langford Elementary School. Two neighborhood groups have proposed names for the park. The City's public facility naming policy requires the Parks Board to submit a recommendation to the City Council.

As mentioned in the attached material, the following names have been proposed:

- (1) Kendra Page Neighborhood Park, submitted by the Langford Elementary School PTA, and,
- (2) Blue Meadow Neighborhood Park, submitted by the Silverstone Neighborhood Association.

I am requesting that the Parks Board submit to the City Council a recommendation on the naming of the neighborhood park. Proponents of the two park names will be informed of the opportunity to address the Board at your meeting of January 11, 1994.


Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

APPLICATION FOR FACILITY NAMING

We the Silverstone Neighborhood Assoc request that the name of
Blue Meadow be considered for the

(Langford) Neighborhood Park facility located at
Blue Meadow Lane and Stoneleigh.

Biographical Synopsis: At the November 9th meeting we
voted on the name "Blue Meadow" after much discussion

Justification: We think that the name Blue Meadow is
peaceful, tranquil and describes the area.

Estimated cost for replacement of signs and plaques 0.
I/We will pay full cost N/A or will participate 0 % in the
cost.

Submitted to the Public Works Department this 18th day of November,
1993.

2 James Lindholm Pres.
Signature
Silverstone Neighborhood Assoc.

APPLICATION FOR FACILITY NAMING

We, Langford Elementary School and PTA request that the name of Kendra Page be considered for the park facility located south of Langford Elementary School.

Synopsis and Justification:

The unanimous vote of Langford Elementary PTA on the night of October 12, 1993 to name the park after Kendra Page.

Kendra was a student at Langford Elementary 12 years ago. One day, after school, she was abducted, raped and then killed by a neighbor. The community was brought closer by this tragedy. The entire neighborhood grieved together. Kendra's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Page, have been, and continue to be, active in the fight for changing our parole laws.

The naming of the park after Kendra will help to complete the healing cycle. Kendra was bright, vivacious, and full of life. Those qualities seem perfect in the naming of a facility where families will live and play together.

The naming of the park will truly be a celebration of Kendra's life.

Estimated cost for replacement of signs and plaques: -0-.

Submitted to the Public Works Department this 24th day of November, 1993.

Langford Elementary School

Sandy Leibick
Sandy Leibick, Principal

Langford Elementary PTA

Jose Meza
JOSE MEZA, President



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board
FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department
DATE: January 5, 1994
SUBJECT: Walsh Boat Landing Rezoning

On October 26, 1993, the Planning Commission approved the rezoning of Walsh Boat Landing (see attached map) to "P-Public District" with recommendations that PARD address the issues listed below as soon as possible. These recommendations were made in response to West Austin Neighborhood Group's (WANG) concerns about increased traffic and parking problems in the immediate area, due to the recent development and popularity of Oyster Landing.

- o to limit the parking lot to a maximum of 24 hours;
- o to post signs prohibiting parking other than for park and boat landing uses;
- o to remove ECSD (Environmental and Conservation Services Department) sweeper debris transfer site from northern part of lot; and
- o to use pervious pavers for future paving of the parking area, to keep the site as natural as possible.

Following are explanations of these issues.

- o **PARKING LIMIT:** Currently, continuous parking is allowed in the lot for 60 hours, so that boaters may launch their boats, leave their vehicles (including trailers) in the lot, and be on the lake for a couple of days. These boaters spend nights on their boats, camp on private or public property, or stay with friends who live along the lake. I feel that a recreation need is being served.

WANG's concerns center on wanting more parking control and turnover in the general area because increased congestion is impacting the streets in front of their homes. Reportedly, during nice weather months, Oyster Landing restaurant patrons park in the Walsh Boat Landing lot, forcing some boaters to leave their vehicles on the nearby residential streets for extended periods. In addition, there have been complaints of

boat owners' leaving their trailers in the lot to save on storage fees, of people living in their vehicles in the lot, of vehicles abandoned in the lot, and of "For Sale" vehicles left on the lot for extended periods. The request to limit parking to 24 hours is aimed primarily at discouraging these sorts of unlawful uses of the lot, not to discourage extended periods of boating.

The new Oyster Landing development attracts a large number of patrons. Adequate parking is provided, but much of it is located across the street in several LCRA parking lots. At least initially, patrons were less inclined to use these lots than to park wherever they could along or near the street, including the Walsh parking lot.

Oyster Landing business owners have been working with their personnel and patrons, the City and nearby residents to encourage parking in the LCRA lots, to create pedestrian crossings from these LCRA lots to the restaurants, and to improve traffic safety through the congested area. Hopefully, these efforts will improve the parking situation at Walsh.

It is possible that the current use of Walsh as a boat landing may become less appropriate as the area is more densely developed. At this time, however, I am confident that Walsh is satisfying a recreation demand, especially given the fact that there are only three free, public ramps on Lake Austin. Therefore, I recommend the following compromise: to limit the parking lot to 24 hours **EXCEPT** for vehicles with **ATTACHED** trailers, which will be allowed to park for 60 hours. ↑
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- o **SIGNS:** I agree with the posting of recommended signs. They have been ordered and should be posted soon.
- o **ECSD TRANSFER SITE:** ECSD currently uses a northern part of the lot to empty street sweepers when they are sweeping in the neighborhood. The debris may remain for a day or so before another truck picks it up for transfer to the landfill. PARD is working with ECSD to try to relocate the transfer site.
- o **PAVING OF LOT:** If and when funds are made available to pave the parking lot, PARD will incorporate as much tree protection into the lot design as possible. However, I do not recommend being held at this time to a particular paving material or method.

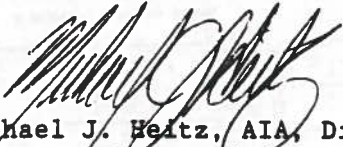
RECOMMENDATION

I request your support for the following positions in response to the Planning Commission's recommendations, made on October 26, 1993, related to the rezoning of Walsh Boat Landing:

- Further study* — (+) ✓ (1) approve the rezoning of the parkland to "P-Public District";
(+) ✓ (2) retain the 60 hour parking limit at the lot for vehicles with attached trailers; reduce the limit to 24 hours for all other vehicles; *BOAT*
(+) ✓ (3) post signs prohibiting parking in the lot except by park and landing users (already under way);
(+) ✓ (4) work with ECSD to relocate the debris transfer site (already under way); and
(+) ✓ (5) provide maximum tree protection if and when the parking lot is paved.

+ Keep the site as natural as possible

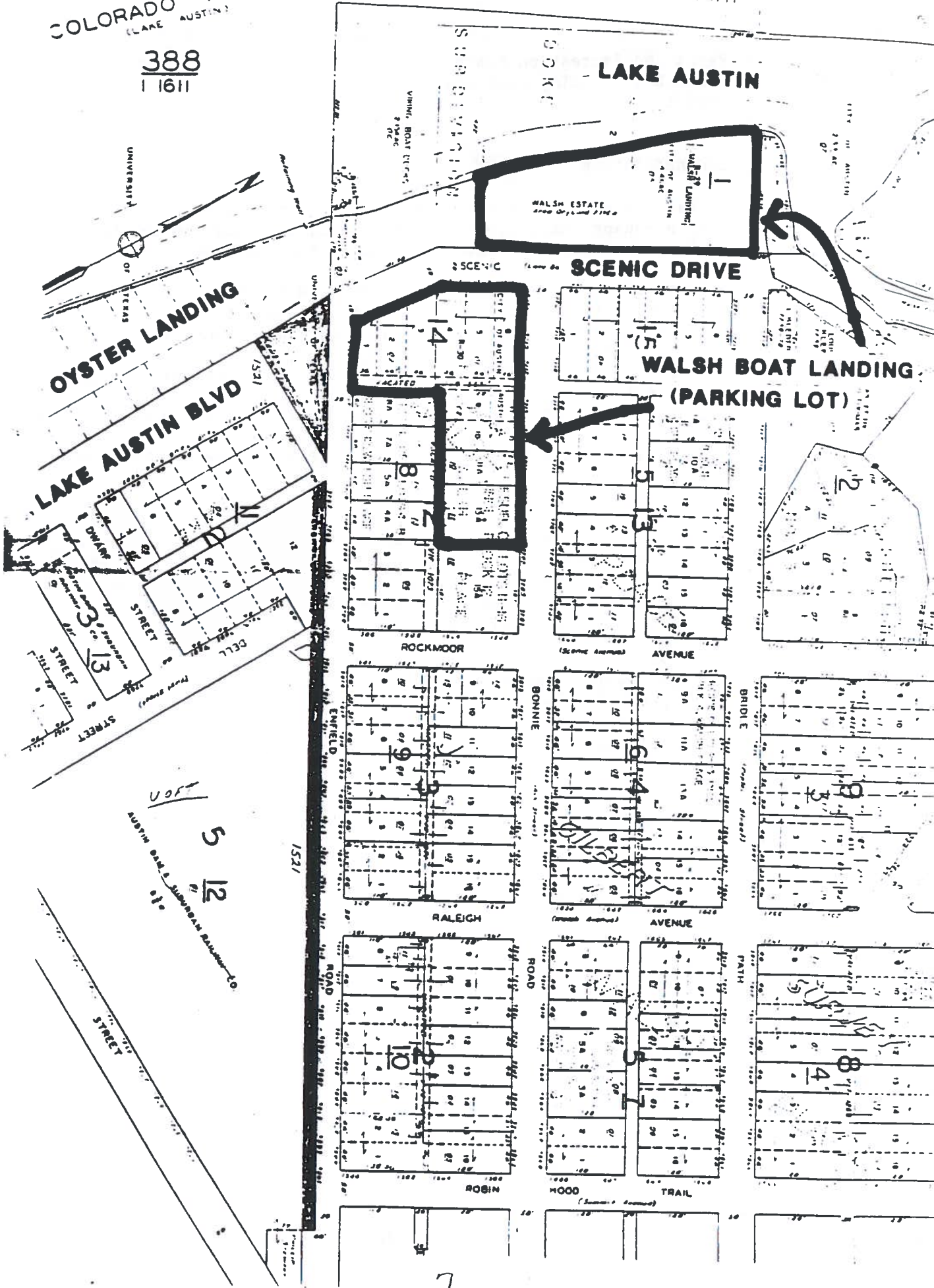
Neighborhood organizations in the area, as well as the developer of Oyster Landing, have been invited to attend the Board's meeting. City Council is scheduled to review this rezoning, along with the Planning Commission's recommendations and the Board's response, on January 27, 1994.


Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

COLORADO RIVER
(LAKE AUSTIN)

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OYSTER LANDING

LAKE AUSTIN BLVD

LAKE AUSTIN

SCENIC DRIVE

WALSH BOAT LANDING
(PARKING LOT)

ROCKMOOR

AVENUE

RALEIGH

AVENUE

ROBIN

HOOD

TRAIL

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: January 5, 1994

SUBJECT: Zilker Playscape - Sand and Water Play Area

At its April 13, 1993 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Board approved entering into a proposed agreement with The Friends of the Parks for Improvements to Zilker Playscape. Three components included in the agreement were the Firetruck, the Playscape, and the Sand and Water Play Area. PARD staff was given the authority to review and approve all designs and plans for the improvements.

In conjunction with the Friends of the Park, the Zilker Playscape Committee retained an artist, James Talbot, to design the Sand and Water Play Area portion of Zilker Playscape. The play area will be located in the currently vacant triangular space between the miniature train tracks and the Phantom Ship. Mr. Talbot is both an artist and a playground designer who studied under Dr. Joe Frost, a well known professor of child development, at The University of Texas at Austin. He specializes in fantasy playgrounds constructed with ferro-cement. As part of his contract, he produced a model of the schematic design of a Sand and Water 'Seascape'.

The 'Seascape' is envisioned as a passive fantasyland of sea creatures, sandy beaches, and conch shells. Water would be in the form of play pumps and shell fountains. The whole area would be a setting for the production of sand castles and the stirring of youthful imaginations. Sand tables, rubberized safety surface and a variety of textures would provide access to the playscape and its activities to disabled children as well as disabled parents. Priority will be given to providing as much interactive play space as possible.

On October 26, 1993 the Parks and Recreation Board and its Land and Facilities Subcommittee approved this project in its conceptual form. I am presenting the schemmatic design of the project to the Parks and Recreation Board for approval.

Steven DeGroot, a local landscape architect working as a volunteer for the Southwest Area Chamber of Commerce, has prepared a schematic development plan of the project. This plan analyses the function of each of the play events within

the 'Seascape'. It also indicates some general dimensions intended for the final construction drawings. The analytic plan will be presented at the January 11th meeting.



Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT 1992-93**

1. **OFFICIAL NAME OF THE COMMISSION**

Austin Parks and Recreation Board

2. **OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS**

To advise the Austin City Council and City Manager on matters pertaining to the acquisition, development, sound management, maintenance and use of parks, recreational facilities and leisure services owned or controlled by the City of Austin.

3. **AUTHORITY**

Created February 8, 1934, City Code, Volume a, Chapter 24, Article II, Section 24-3; amended March 15, 1951, Ordinance No. 590604-F; amended further by Ordinance No. 771013-0, Ordinance No. 780223-F, and Ordinance No. 780223-G.

4. **NAMES, ADDRESSES, OCCUPATIONS AND ETHNICITY OF THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION**

<u>Names and Address</u>	<u>Ethnicity and Sex</u>
a. Rev. Sterling Lands II, Chair 8407 Danville Dr. (53) Business: Greater Calvary Missionary Baptist Church	BM
b. Doug Johnston 1607 Virginia Ave. (04) Business: Property Management	WM
c. Ron Cartlidge, Secretary/Parliamentarian 1802 Woodland Avenue (41) Business: Mendez Middle School	WM
d.. Delores G. Duffie 3004 Cherrywood Rd. (22) Business: Judicial Aide, Travis County Court At Law #7	BF
e. Phil Friday 1207 W. 10th. Street (03) Business: Attorney	WM
f. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres 2714-B Parker Ln. (41) Business: San Juan Child Development Center	HF

January 1993

Recommended approving the first four pages of the subcommittee draft response regarding the Audit Report as presented by Eleanor McKinney. The subcommittee should complete the update of the appendices a, b, c, and d, to reflect the intent of the first four pages.

Recommended approval of the temporary construction easement on Walnut Creek Greenbelt.

Recommended to Council a Concession Policy.

Recommended approval of the Annual Concessions Report.

Recommended to Council entering into a contract with Rodriguez Concession, Inc. to provide the food and drink concession at Barton Springs Pool for a period of two years with no extensions.

Recommended to Council entering into a contract with Mr. Albert Kinser for the operation of Butler Pitch and Putt concession for a period of 2 years with no extension options.

Recommended to Council a resolution regarding the proposed Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan in which the Board would like to meet with the City Council regarding the park related questions still unresolved.

February 1993

Recommended to Council naming the park in in the Dove Springs area "Dove Springs Park."

Recommended to Council accepting a grant for Dick Nichols District Park.

Recommended approval of the concept presented and work with the Capital Area Statues regarding plans for installation of a sculpture adjacent to Barton Springs Pool.

Recommended approval of park improvement agreement plans for renovation of Trail and construction of deck adjacent to the Radisson Hotel.

March 1993

Recommended to Council naming the minor league ballfield for Ronald Lloyd Meyer at Garrison Park.

April 1993

Recommended to Council declaring June 5, 1993 as Barton Springs Day and resolving to provide full admission to Barton Springs Pool on that day; approving an ordinance waiving admission fees to Barton Springs Pool for June 5, 1993.

Recommended to Council acceptance of \$19,720 from Work/Family Development Corporation to enhance summer camp programs at the Austin Nature Center.

Recommended to Council to negotiate and execute the agreement with Friends of the Parks for Zilker Park Playscape improvements.

Approved the quarterly report to Council on the Parks and Recreation Board Goals and Objectives for 1993.

Recommended the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Capital Metro for continued use of the Park-and-Ride Dillo lot with the added amendment that Capital Metro do a study on the feasibility of a Dillo ride between the lot and Zilker Park.

Recommended to Council to identify additional funding for lighting at the Montopolis Practice Fields.

Recommended approving the Department enter into negotiation and execute an agreement with two model aircraft clubs with the amendment that the model aircraft clubs put cable around the driveway and parking lot.

May 1993

Recommended to Council regarding proposed CIP for fiscal year 93-94.

Recommended to Council supporting the Guided Growth Programs.

Recommended to Council supporting the recommendations regarding navigation issues at Lake Walter E. Long to update the 1986 Navigation Plan.

Recommended to Council a new location for the memorial sculpture of Stevie Ray Vaughan along the shoreline at Auditorium Shores.

June 1993

Recommended to Council the endorsement of the Parks and Recreation Department proposed alternatives to the Northtown MUD Consent Agreement amendments with amendments added recommended by the Land and Facilities Committee.

July 1993

Recommended to Council approval of naming the park in the Quail Creek neighborhood "Quail Creek Neighborhood Park."

Recommended to Council to include funding for Civitan Park walking trail in the proposed operating budget for 1993-94.

August 1993

Recommended approval of the negotiation and execution of an "Agreement for the Donation of Artwork" between the City and the Stevie Ray Vaughan Memorial Fund, Inc. for the installation and maintenance of a new statue in Town Lake Park.

Recommended to Council approval of naming approximately 2 acres of land along East Bouldin Creek, adjacent to the existing greenbelt, "Dawson Park."

Recommended to Council to approve proposed ordinance change regarding Chapter 14-2-2, the exemption process for boats on Town Lake, to allow the Director rather than the City Manager to approve exemptions.

Recommended to Council to approve proposed ordinance change regarding Chapter 3-3-3, regarding designation of areas for dog owners to allow their dogs to be without direct physical control (leash), to allow the Director rather than City Council to designate such areas.

Recommended to Council regarding authorization of an exchange of land to convey a portion of Water and Wastewater Utility land on Williamson Creek (approximately 420 acres) to the General Fund in exchange for land under the Waller Creek Center Office Building for construction of an 18-hole addition to Jimmy Clay Golf Course and a public library.

Approved the extension of ban on glass containers as specified in Ordinance 11-1-9 to all City of Austin parks.

Recommended staff issue Request for Proposals for the four concessions to provide the same basic service they are now providing and that the RFP's should address all of the concerns raised by staff in the memo and summarized by Ms. Griffith Peterson.

September 1993

Recommended approval of the Gracywoods Park, Jefferson at Walnut Creek Multi-Family Project, 0.112 acre (4890 sq. feet) 15' wide permanent Water and Wastewater use agreement.

Recommended approval of the Mary Moore Searight Metropolitan Park, Slaughter Lane Wastewater Interceptor, 1.124 acre (48,950 sq. feet) 15' wide permanent Water and Wastewater Use agreement and parallel 20' wide temporary construction.

Recommended to Council regarding approval of the Travis Country (Barton Creek Municipal Utility Districts).

Recommended to Council the acceptance of donation of \$2,064.50 from Friends of the O. Henry Museum for Opportunities for Youth O. Henry Writing Club.

Recommended to Council the proposed change for driving motor vehicles on parkland.

Recommended to Council regarding approval of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Phases II and III.

Recommended to Council approval of naming the practice baseball field adjacent to Austin High School for "R. D. Thorp."

Recommended to Council approval of the proposed Harris Branch MUD Consent Agreement amendments regarding parks and recreational facility requirements on the condition that the City in its contract with the Harris Branch MUD obtain a binding commitment from the MUD that they will manage in perpetuity the 123 acres of greenbelt for public benefit at their expense and their liability.

6. NUMBERS OF MEETINGS HELD

23

7. ATTENDANCE

(see attached sheets)

8. NUMBER OF PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD

3

9. NAVIGATION

The Parks and Recreation Board acted on 42 navigation items.

10. EXPENSE

\$ 74,624.67 Total

This includes \$ 302.03 for postage; \$ 36.00 for office supplies; \$722.40 for photocopying; and \$ 73,564.24 for staff.

11. CITY PERSONNEL WHO REGULARLY ASSIST THE COMMISSION

- a. Michael J. Heitz, Director, Parks and Recreation
- b. Jesus M. Olivares, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation
- c. Carolyn D. Nelson, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation
- d. Jody Hamilton, Staff Support Services Supervisor II, PARD
- e. Robert Sopronyi, Division Manager, Programs
- f. Stuart Strong, Principal Planner, Planning and Design
- g. Peter Marsh, Engineering Associate II, Planning and Design
- h. Sarah Campbell, Senior Planner, Planning and Design
- i. Sandra Chipley, Park Development Coordinator, Planning and Design
- j. Donna Bohls, Administrative Assistant III, Planning and Design
- k. Dolores R. Posada, Public Information Assistant

12. FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD WHICH ARE DUPLICATED BY ANY OTHER COMMISSION

There are no other boards that duplicate the functions of the Parks and Recreation Board.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Parks and Recreation Board very strongly recommends that the Board be continued as we feel it is a very vital liaison between the community and the City Council in matters involving parks and recreation services for the citizens of Austin.

**1993-94 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD GOALS
BY COMMITTEE**

Concessions Committee

1. Study train concession in Zilker Park.
2. Refine concession policy and submit it to Austin City Council for adoption.

ad hoc Concessions Committee Membership
1993-94

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres
Marianne Dwight

Land and Facilities Committee

1. Advocate for regular use of CDBG funding for parks projects.
2. Study the need for additional public access for the Barton Creek greenbelt.
3. Continue working for completion of Bull Creek greenbelt.
4. Implement project review process through all phases. Status on all projects in process monthly or quarterly.

Long Range Three to Five Year Goal

1. Follow status of all facilities and land acquisitions projects approved by voters in the bond election utilizing CDBG funds where appropriate.

Land and Facilities Committee Membership
1993-94

Eleanor McKinney, Chair
Erma Linda Cruz-Torres
Marianne Dwight
Doug Johnston

Navigation Committee

1. Monitor the number of watercraft on Town Lake in order to have information for planning and to prevent overcrowding.
2. Continue working for the removal of safety hazards in Town Lake.
3. Identify safety hazards on Lake Austin by monitoring Lake Austin with Park Police and receiving their input.
4. Study the need for additional public access on Lake Austin.
5. Stress the continued decrease of gasoline powered engines on Town Lake and monitor the use of power boats on the lake. Request electric motors to be used when possible.
6. Decrease the number of waivers issued for the use of gasoline powered boats on Town Lake. Benchmark established in 1991-92 with monitoring to continue in 1992-93.

Navigation Committee Membership 1993-94

**Ron Cartlidge, Chair
Phil Friday**

Program Committee

1. Increase the volunteer workforce by 15% in PARD related activities, Cultural Affairs and Programs Division by the completion of FY 1992-93.
2. Increase annually by 15% the number of eligible youth utilizing PARD programs.
3. Increase by 15% the number of programs available for youth by the end of the fiscal year.
4. Assist the Department in obtaining a high level working relationship with state, county, local school districts and other agencies.
5. Utilize the public information office to promote all Cultural Affairs and Programs Division activities.
6. Improve attendance at PARD related activities to show Board representation and support.
7. Use innovative activities and alternative sports to challenge targeted youth through PARD's Adventure Programs and the Austin Nature Center.
8. Support "Guided Growth" programs.

**Programs Committee Membership
1993-94**

**Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Chair
Rocky Medrano**