

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**January 11, 1994**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on January 11, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office board room. Board members present were ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres, Ron Cartlidge, Phil Friday, Sterling Lands, Doug Johnston, Delores Duffie, Eleanor McKinney, Rocky Medrano, and Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Michael J. Heitz, Jesus Olivares, Kim Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Sandra Chipley, Sarah Campbell, Jody Hamilton, Dolores Posada, and Ann Denkler from Council Member Jackie Goodman's office.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Sterling Lands, Chair.

**CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION**

Horace Carrington encouraged the Board to purchase a nature preserve adjacent to the Education Service Center off of E. 51st. St. and Springdale Road. The Chair informed Mr. Carrington it was the Board's intent to stay abreast of this issue. Mr. Carrington was also referred to two non-profit groups that might assist him--the Trust for Public Land and the Nature Conservancy.

At this time the Chair suggested the order of business be changed due to the number of citizens signed up to speak. The order would go as follows:

1. Special presentation by John King of the Kealing Magnet School Space Project
2. Make recommendation to Council regarding proposed naming of park in Southeast Austin currently known as Langford Park.
3. Make recommendation to Council regarding the siting of the Zilker Hillside Theatre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

John King and Linda Brown made the presentation and asked if they could house their facility on parkland at Kealing Park other East Austin options close to Kealing. Staff recommendation is to refer the above item to the Land and Facilities committee for review.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**ITEMS FOR CONSENT**

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION**

**Make recommendation to Council regarding proposed naming of park in South East Austin currently known as Langford Park.**

Staff recommendation is for the Board to listen to the citizens' comments and for the Board to make its recommendation to Council.

Connie Barr, Assistant Principal of Langford Elementary, encouraged the Board to name the park "Kendra Page Neighborhood Park."

Don Page, Public Representative of Kendra Page, encouraged the Board to name the park "Kendra Page Neighborhood Park."

Joe Meza, President of the Langford PTA, encouraged the Board to name the park "Kendra Page Neighborhood Park."

Delores Duffie moved to name the park "Kendra Page Neighborhood Park". Since there were other citizens waiting to speak, she withdrew her motion.

Sandy Leibich, Principal of Langford Elementary, encouraged the Board to name the park "Kendra Page Neighborhood Park."

Karen Ragland, PTA parent, encouraged the Board to name the park "Kendra Page Neighborhood Park."

Cristina Chavez encouraged the Board to name the park "Kendra Page Neighborhood Park."

Glen Shield, Secretary of Silverstone Neighborhood Assoc., encouraged the Board to name the park "Blue Meadow Neighborhood Park."

Janene Lindholm, President of Silverstone Neighborhood Assoc., encouraged the Board to name the park "Blue Meadow Neighborhood Park."

Ms. Duffie restated her motion to name the park "Kendra Page Neighborhood Park". Rocky Medrano seconded the motion.

Phil Friday moved the above item be sent to the Land and Facilities committee to try to achieve a consensus. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion.

After a brief recess, the Board voted on Mr. Friday's motion. The vote was 2-6. The motion failed.

Ms. Cruz-Torres commented she would like to see the theme "Celebration of Life" incorporated into the naming of the park. The Board then voted on Ms. Duffie's motion. The vote was 6-2.

**Make recommendation to Council regarding the siting of the Zilker Hillside Theatre.**

Girard Kinney, AIA, Architect for the Zilker Hillside Theatre Capital Improvement Project (CIP), gave a presentation. Staff recommendation is to move forward with the project at its current site. Eleanor McKinney, Land and Facilities Chair, recommended the above item be tabled for a Public Hearing to be held on January 25, 1994. Doug Johnston seconded the motion. The vote was 7-1.

Randy Storm, Friends of the Summer Musical Chairperson, encouraged the Board to leave the Zilker Hillside Theatre at its present site.

John Pomeroy encouraged the Board to relocate the Zilker Hillside Theatre to a site off of Columbus Dr.

Helga Williams encouraged the Board to leave the Zilker Hillside Theatre at its present site.

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

The plans for the Rosewood Entertainment Center were presented by Tim Stack of Neighborhood Housing and Conservation. A special presentation will be made to Council in February and the Parks and Recreation Department will be involved in preparing the report. The Board suggested several alternatives for the site, including a day-care facility.

#### **Make recommendation to Council regarding Walsh Boat Landing rezoning.**

Duffy Oyster, Lake Austin Business Owners Assn., Lakehouse Condo Assn., and Lake Austin Neighborhood Group, encouraged the Board to put no parking restrictions on the Walsh Boat Landing parking lot.

Robert Williams, West Austin Neighborhood Group (WANG), encouraged the Board to follow the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Blake Tollett, resident, encouraged the Board to follow the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, recommended the committee tour the site at noon on January 19, 1994 and table the item until the January 25 meeting.

Eleanor McKinney moved to table the item until the next meeting and refer the parking section to the Navigation Committee. Doug Johnston seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0-1. Board member Lands abstained.

#### **Set date and time for Board retreat during this quarter.**

After discussion, the Board tabled the above item until the next meeting.

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **Make recommendation to Department regarding the Zilker Playscape Sand and Water area design.**

Staff presentation was done by Stuart Strong. Eleanor McKinney, Land and Facilities Chair, recommended approval of the above item. The vote was 6-0-2. Board members Duffie and McKinney abstained.

#### **Make recommendation to Council regarding Annual Concession Report.**

The ad hoc Concession Committee members are as follows:

Doug Johnston - Chair

Rocky Medrano  
Marianne Dwight

After discussion, Mr. Friday moved to recommend to Council the Annual Concession Report as submitted to them. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0-1. Board member Duffie abstained.

Approve Annual Report.

Phil Friday moved the approval of the Annual Report with the following corrections made by several members:

- add the five (5) sub-resolutions to the motion the Board passed in September.
- list Phil Friday present at the Board Retreat.
- correct Eleanor McKinney's professional title to read Landscape Architect
- add the phrase "took public comment at numerous other occasions" under Public Hearings.
- staff needs to develop a tracking system that would itemized staff time spent on Board issues.
- update Committee Goals and Objectives as follows:

**NAVIGATION COMMITTEE**

<u>GOAL</u>	<u>COMP.</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
1. Monitor the number of water craft on Town Lake in order to have information for planning and to prevent overcrowding.	12/93	50%
2. Continue working for the removal of safety hazards in Town Lake, Lake Austin, and Lake Walter E. Long.	Ongoing	Completed
3. Work to develop a plan for emergency closing of Lake Austin by boat and recreation traffic during emergency closing.	Ongoing	Completed
4. Identify safety hazards on Lake Austin by monitoring Lake Austin with Park Police and receiving their input and mark hazards for reasons of public safety.		Completed
5. Work to remove problems of congestion (parking and boat traffic) at the Walsh Boat Landing ramp on Lake Austin.	Lack of \$	50%
6. To 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. 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 1993-94.		100%

7. To develop a set of recommendations for private property in the upper portion of Lake Austin to minimize loss and damage of property during flood conditions on Lake Austin. 100%

8. To work with the City and staff to develop a permanent facility for Lake Patrol on Lake Austin. Lack of \$ 50%

Next year's Navigation Committee Goals and Objectives will remain the same with the exception of dropping #3.

**LAND AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

<u>GOAL</u>	<u>COMPL.</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
1. Develop policy for public access for the Barton Creek Greenbelt.	4/7/93	100%
2. Develop master plan for Bull Creek Greenbelt for connectivity of park acquisitions.	12/14/93	80%
3. Implement project review process through all phases. Status on all projects in process monthly or quarterly.		100%
4. Follow status of all facilities and land acquisition projects approved by voters in the bond election, utilizing Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds where appropriate. Implement project review process through all phases. Status on all projects in process monthly or quarterly.	Ongoing	100%
5. Develop master plan for Colorado River Park.		postponed til 6/94
6. Work with neighborhood to develop plan for \$100,000 of improvements at RBJ park to be constructed in 1994.		50%

Next year's Land and Facilities Committee goals and objectives will add the following:

1. Advocate for regular use of CDBG funding for parks projects.

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Programs Committee Chair, indicated the goals would be made available to mail out with the agenda packets.

Phil Friday restated his motion to approve as corrected. Rocky Medrano seconded the motion. The vote was 8-0.



### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Opportunity for participation in PARD Total Quality Management Training (TMQ). The Director extended an invitation to Board members to attend TQM sessions held by the Department every Thursday.

### **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no items from Board members.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Phil Friday moved to have the minutes from the Board Retreat of August 28, 1993 and from the regular meeting of November 9, 1993 approved with the follow corrections:

In the Board Retreat Minutes - under "Board members present" Phil Friday's name should be added.

In the November 9, 1993 minutes - under "APPROVAL OF MINUTES" the date October 27, 1993 should be added.

Doug Johnston seconded the motion. The vote was 8-0.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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