

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**January 25, 1994**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on January 25, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department main office board room, 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Phil Friday, Doug Johnston, Sterling Lands, Rocky Medrano, Ron Cartlidge, Eleanor McKinney, Marianne Dwight, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres and Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Jesus Olivares, Kim Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Sarah Macias, Jack Anderson, Bil Pfuderer, Jody Hamilton, Dolores Posada, Sally Henley of the Law Department and Ann Denkler of Council Member Goodman's office.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by Sterling Lands, Chair.

**CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION**

There were no Citizen's communications.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Sally Henley, Assistant City Attorney, gave a brief overview on the Ethics Ordinance.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**ITEMS FOR CONSENT**

**Approve revision to approved plan for Courtyard boat docks. File #SP-92-0109D Update 4.**

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, recommended approval of the above item.

The vote was 8-0.

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION**

**Make recommendation to the Department regarding a timetable for review of the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan.**

Stuart Strong, Principal Planner, gave a presentation on the staff recommendation. Eleanor McKinney, Lands and Facilities Committee Chair, recommended approval of the staff schedule.

The vote was 8-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on siting of Zilker Hillside Theatre

Stuart Strong, Principal Planner, gave a summary of what the other boards and commissions were recommending to Council.

Chair Lands submitted a letter written by Mary Louise Tindle encouraging the Board to renovate the Theatre at its current site.

Randy Storm, Friends of the Summer Musical President, encouraged the Board to recommend renovating the Theatre at its current site.

C.O. Smith encouraged the Board to recommend renovating the Theatre at its current site.

Paul Carapetyan, Tapestry Dance Company President, encouraged the Board to recommend renovating the Theatre at its current site.

Tom Shefelman, A.I.A., Design Commission Member, presented the Design Commission's recommendation to renovate the Theatre at its current site.

Girard Kinney, Kinney & Assoc. Architect, encouraged the Board to recommend renovating the Theatre at its current site.

Ken Caswell, Austin Symphony Executive Director, encouraged the Board to recommend renovating the Theatre at its current site.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Make recommendation to Council regarding siting of Zilker Hillside Theatre.

Doug Johnston provided an explanation of an alternative site.

Phil Friday moved the Board recommend to Council that the Zilker Hillside Theatre be left where it is. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion.

Marianne Dwight proposed a friendly amendment to the motion stating the Zilker Hillside Theatre be left where it is, but that relocation be considered as part of the consideration and discussion of the comprehension plan. Doug Johnston seconded the motion. Mr. Friday declined to accept the amendment.

Ms. Dwight moved to amend Mr. Friday's motion stating that relocation be considered as part of the consideration and discussion of the comprehension plan. Doug Johnston seconded the motion.

Mr. Friday reaffirmed his motion stating that the Board recommend that the first phase improvements and renovation of the Zilker Hillside Theatre go forward as recommended by staff and Mr. Kinney's team. Ron Cartlidge reaffirmed his second.

The vote on Ms. Dwight's amendment was 4-4. The amendment failed.

The vote on Mr. Friday's motion was 4-4. The motion failed.

Eleanor McKinney moved that the Board recommend to Council the approval of the renovation of the Zilker Hillside Theatre and that they also recommend a large amphitheatre be carefully considered and approved in the overall Town Lake Comprehensive Plan for the Colorado River Park. ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres seconded the motion.

Ron Cartlidge proposed a friendly amendment to the motion stating that the Zilker Hillside Theatre be left at its current site and in addition that they also recommend a large amphitheatre be carefully considered and approved in the overall Town Lake Comprehensive Plan for the Colorado River Park. Ms. McKinney accepted the friendly amendment.

The vote was 6-1-1. Mr. Lands abstained.

Make recommendation to Council regarding Walsh Boat Landing rezoning.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, presented to the Board eight (8) recommendations:

1. "Signs should be placed at Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot instructing those parking in the lot that the lot is for park users only." [Signs have been posted].
2. "Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot should be restricted to 24 hour parking unless boat trailers are attached to vehicles." [No limit on the latter].
3. "Upper portion of Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot (i.e. Lots 9, 10, 11A & 13A) should be restricted to vehicles with boat trailers attached at all times.
4. "Upper portion of Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot should be separated by some type of barrier from lower parking lot (Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6).
5. Lower portion of Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot would be available to all types of vehicles (i.e. vehicles or vehicles with boat trailers attached).
6. "Some type of barrier should be placed along the borders of the Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot and the residences on Enfield Road and Bonnie Road (i.e. railroad ties).
7. A survey should be conducted by staff/Park Police to determine the use of Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot by vehicles with boat trailers attached and reported back to the Navigation Committee. The Committee is particularly interested in the use of the lot between the dates of May 1 to September 30.
8. The Navigation Committee recognizes the first priority use of Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot to be by vehicles with boat trailers attached."

Ronald McCann encouraged the Board not to place any restrictions on the parking lot.

Robb Williams, West Austin Neighborhood Group, encouraged the Board to follow the staff and Navigation Committee recommendations.

Craig Gatewood, Lodge at Lakewood Proprietor, encouraged the Board not to place any restrictions on the parking lot.

Duffy Oyster, Lake Austin Business Owner, encouraged the Board not to place any restrictions on the parking lot.

The vote was 5-2-1. Marianne Dwight abstained.

Set date and time for Board retreat during this quarter.

Jody Hamilton polled the Board members and the tentative date for the retreat is April 16, 1994. Ms. Duffie was absent so the item was postponed for a future agenda.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, and Stuart Strong, Principal Planner, gave a brief summary on the CIP status report.

**ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Eleanor McKinney requested the department obtain a copy of "How to Survive as a Parks and Recreation Board Member" for each of Board member.

Phil Friday thanked Jody Hamilton for obtaining a copy of "Robert's Rules of Order" for each Board member.

Ron Cartlidge asked about the status of Dove Springs Park.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres thanked Mr. Olivares for the prompt attention given to the trees at the Montopolis Practice Ballfields after she called the office to voice her concern.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Marianne Dwight moved to have the December 14, 1993 minutes approved with the following corrections:

Ms. Nivison asked that on page 9, the location of the Town Lake Observation Point be added in the minutes.

Mr. Friday asked that on page 10, the second paragraph under the Botanical Garden Fence, the word "single" should read "few."

Eleanor McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 8-0.

Eleanor McKinney moved to have the January 11, 1994 minutes approved with the following corrections:

Ms. McKinney stated that on page 23, she did not abstain on the vote regarding the Zilker Playscape Sand and Water area. That also changed the vote to 7-0-1.

Mr. Cartlidge stated that on page 23, he did not recommend the committee tour the site at noon on January 19, but instead that the committee meet at noon on January 19 and that they also needed to tour the site.

Ms. McKinney stated that #4 of the Land and Facilities Committee Goals for 1993-94 needed to have the sentence "Emphasize early review of all projects at the initial conceptual phase" added. Also, there should be a #5 that reads "Re-evaluate the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan."

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

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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