

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
February 22, 1994**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, February 22, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department main office board room. Board members present were Eleanor McKinney, Marianne Dwight, Sterling Lands, Phil Friday, Doug Johnston, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Ron Cartlidge, and Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Jesus Olivares, Kim Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Peter Marsh, Jody Hamilton, and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

No one signed up for Citizen's Communication.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Approve proposed floating boat dock at the Hyatt Hotel on Town Lake.

Phil Friday moved the above item be referred back to Navigation Committee. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

Make recommendation to Council regarding authorization of negotiation and execution of an on-going agreement with the Austin Independent School District for food service.

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Program Committee Chair, stated the Programs Committee recommended the approval of the above item.

The vote was 7-0.

Discuss Town Lake Comprehensive Plan Review: Colorado River Park.

Stuart Strong, Principal Planner, gave a presentation on the staff recommendation. The Board discussed additional recommendations.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Reconsider previous recommendation to Council regarding ordinance concerning fences extending into Lake Austin.

Ron Cartlidge moved the above item be reconsidered. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, presented to the Board the following recommendations:

- A. No fences shall extend into the water beyond the shoreline.
- B. Subsection 13-2-795(1)(A) shall not apply to fences that constitute part of a commercial livestock operation. For the purposes of this section of the Code, the raising of domestic pets shall not constitute a commercial livestock operation as of the effective date of the ordinance.
- C. Fences extending beyond the shoreline in accordance with subsection 13-2-795(1)(B) shall comply with the following requirements:
 1. Only smooth wire or mesh shall be used. Barbed wire or similar shall be prohibited.
 2. Navigation buoys indicating "DANGER", in accordance with Texas Water Safety Code, shall be installed at the end of the fence.
 3. No fence shall extend more than 40 feet from the shoreline.
 4. After the livestock operation ceases, all fences that were permitted under subsection 13-2-795(1)(B) shall be removed.
- D. Except for those fences covered by subsection 13-2-795(1)(B), those portions of existing fences that extend beyond the shoreline of Lake Austin, Town Lake and Lake Walter E. Long shall comply with the requirements of subsection 13-2-795(1)(A).
- E. The time limit should be extended to January 31, 1995.

The vote was 7-0.

Make further recommendation to Council regarding exclusion of City park land

from the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP).

Phil Friday proposed a resolution regarding the BCCP as follows:

**City of Austin Parkland and
the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan**

WHEREAS this Board has previously recommended that the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) should provide that the City of Austin will retain ownership and management control over all of its dedicated parkland; but

WHEREAS the revised draft of the BCCP ("Conserve As You Grow") continues to call for the inclusion of more than 2,500 acres of Austin's dedicated parkland in the BCCP preserve system; and

WHEREAS this dedicated parkland includes several much-used city parks, including the Barton Creek Greenbelt, Emma Long Park ("City Park"), Bull Creek Greenbelt and Bull Creek District Park; and

WHEREAS the revised draft also calls for the inclusion of 764 acres out of the Barton Creek Wilderness Park in the preserve system; and further calls for the use by the BCCP of \$3,700,000 in Wilderness park bond funds; and

WHEREAS the Wilderness Park bond proceeds were specifically intended by Austin voters to be used to acquire parkland separate from the preserve system to be acquired by the BCCP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends as follows:

1. No part of the Barton Creek Wilderness Park nor its bond money should be included in the BCCP; and

2. No park tracts should be included in the BCCP preserve system unless that tract has been acquired with BCCP bond funds.

Eleanor McKinney, Land and Facilities Committee Chair, stated the Land and Facilities Committee approved the resolution Mr. Friday proposed.

The vote was 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus, asked the location, on the north shore of Town Lake across from Austin High School, of the observation point to be approved on Town Lake be added.

Ron Cartlidge moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 1994 approved with the above correction. Doug Johnston seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director, presented to the Board the Audit Report on the Recreation Centers. Ms. Cruz-Torres encouraged Board members to attend a Work Session on February 28, 1994 at 5:30 p.m. at which they will review the Audit Report in detail.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBER

Ms. McKinney encouraged Board members to read the newsletter sent to them from the Friends of the Parks and also to try to attend their meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 1994 at the Zilker Clubhouse from 5:30-6:30 p.m. She also wanted to commend Jody Hamilton for coming in before anyone and answering the phones for everyone on the Thursday we had the ice storm.

Mr. Cartlidge asked for the status on the moving of the Norwood House to its original location. The Director replied that the fund raising for the project was being handled by the Women's Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Friday asked Mr. Cartlidge if under the "ITEMS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY", item "Staff report on decibel limits and speed limits related to distance from shore" could be deleted, since this was be a Navigation Committee issue. Mr. Cartlidge stated it would be fine to delete the item.

Ms. Cruz-Torres thanked the Programs staff at all levels for attending the committee meetings.

Mr. Cartlidge extended an invitation to Ms. Nivison to the next Navigation Committee meeting at which they will discuss the extension of the boat docks into Town Lake on March 7, 1994, at 12 noon.

Ms. Hamilton reminded the Board that their next meeting on March 8, 1994 was a Public Hearing regarding Colorado River Park and to be held at the Town Lake Center.

Mr. Heitz reiterated the changes at City Hall, since some Board members were absent at the last meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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