

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
April 26, 1994

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, April 26, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office Board Room, 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Ron Cartlidge, Rosemary Castleberry, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Delores Duffie, Marianne Dwight, Phil Friday, Doug Johnston, Rocky Medrano, and Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Stuart Strong, Peter Marsh, Butch Smith, Cindy Giedraitis, and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director, explained to the Board the events regarding the dog leash ordinance and Stacy Park. Since six (6) citizens signed up to speak on the Stacy Park dog leash ordinance and it was not an agenda item, Mr. Friday asked if they would return to speak to the Board at a later date when the item would be posted on the agenda. After discussion between the Board and the audience, it was concluded that the item would be posted on the agenda for the May 24, 1994 Parks Board meeting. The Board was given copies of some of the speeches to read.

Cecil Pennington, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Member, encouraged the Board to support budget requests for neighborhood programs at the Elizabet Ney Museum.

John Pomeroy, Town Lake Association Founder, encouraged the Board to allocate funds for the Zilker Loop Trail. Mr. Heitz assured Mr. Pomeroy that the Zilker Loop Trail project was included in the budget.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Butch Smith, PARD Planner, and Ted Siff, of The Trust for Public Land, representing the Austin Metro Trails Council, gave a special presentation on the Austin Metro Trails Council Public Review Process.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Approve request to construct underground water quality vault in House Park parking facility.

Approve request to construct underground water quality vault in existing 42" storm sewer pipe in Gillis Park.

Stuart Strong, Principal Planner, gave a brief description of the work involved

in the above two projects.

Rocky Medrano moved approval of both items above. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion. The vote was 8-0.

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION**

At this time the order of the agenda was changed by the Chair.

**Make recommendation to Electric Utility regarding policy for raising and lowering of Town Lake.**

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated the committee moved approval of the above project with the following changes and additions:

1. In the memo, on items #4 and #5 change the inches from 18 to 12.
2. Notification of PARD personnel when the lake will be raised and lowered.
3. A list of Town Lake concessionaires be reviewed annually with Ms. Goodwill to ensure all current concessionaires will be notified.

The vote was 8-0.

**Discussion of Town Lake Comprehensive Plan: Review of Zilker Park Recommendations.**

Mr. Strong gave a presentation on the staff recommendations for Zilker Park in regards to the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan.

Doug Johnston, Land and Facilities Committee Member, stated the committee approval all of the staff recommendations with the following changes:

1. There was not a consensus on #4 and #11.
2. #9 and #14 should be deleted from the plan.

At this point, Mr. Friday asked Mr. Johnston to put in writing his suggestions for the Zilker Loop trail and present them to the Board at the next meeting.

**Make recommendation to Planning Commission and City Council regarding proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP).**

Mr. Strong gave a synopsis of the Parks and Recreation Department's CIP budget.

The Board's recommendations were as follows:

1. Add \$250,000 for recreation center repairs.
2. Add \$250,000 for roof repairs.
3. Add \$100,000 for Barton Creek bridge.
4. Add \$400,000 for Zilker Park improvements.

The Board also recommended the funds be taken from the BCCP funds.

**Make recommendation to Council regarding proposed revision in financial terms of**

License Agreement with Austin Aqua Fest.

The Board postponed the above item until the next meeting and asked to be sent the original agreement with the next agenda.

Approve resolution for former member Sterling Lands.

Mr. Friday moved approval of the resolution for Mr. Lands. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director reported the Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act (ISTEA) grants had already passed the first hurdle and that the prospects were good.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Friday introduced the newest Board member, Rosemary Castleberry. Ms. Castleberry expressed her delight at sitting on the opposite side of the table.

Ms. Cruz-Torres gave a Programs Committee report to the Board which included the following:

**Playgrounds** - this year there will be twenty-seven (27) sites for the program.

**Municipal Pools** - Deep Eddy, Bartholomew, and Northwest are open.

**Summer Concert Series** - there are ten (10) concerts scheduled on Auditorium Shores every Wednesday for the next 10 weeks.

**Pan Am Hillside Concerts** - there is a special effort being made to schedule concerts at that location.

**Summer Camps** - Three (3) out of the fourteen (14) recreation centers offering camps had already filled all of their camps.

**Austin Junior Golf Academy** - has a full enrollment of 300 students for this summer. There will be other summer golf camps and clinics offered.

**National Junior Tennis League** - they will be offering the program at ten (10) PARD sites.

**Summer Food Program** - For Seniors and children.

**PARDners Program** - will be available for young adults to volunteer working at a PARD site to gain experience.

**Cinco de Mayo festivities** - The Department will be doing the festival this year which will run from May 5 through the 7.

**McBeth Spaghetti Dinner** - Friday, April 29 fundraiser for scholarships to be given to participants at the center.

She also asked that a section for committee reports for items not on the agenda be added to the agenda.

Mr. Johnston expressed his concern about cars speeding in Zilker Park.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Cartlidge moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting and Public Hearing of April 12, 1994 approved. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

**ADJOURN**

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

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