

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
May 10, 1994

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, 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, Marianne Dwight, Phil Friday, Doug Johnston, Rocky Medrano, and Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Jesus Olivares, Stuart Strong, Sandra Chipley, Sarah Campbell, Peter Marsh, Cindy Giedraitis, Juan Valera, Vallerie Edelbrock, Jody Hamilton, Jim Halbrock, Suzanne Garofalo, and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Make recommendation to Department regarding proposed "No Wake" zone at Walsh Boat Landing.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated the committee approved the staff recommendation on the above item. The vote was 7-0.

Make recommendation to Council regarding naming of two additional youth ballfields at Roy Velasquez Complex.

Doug Johnston, Land and Facilities Committee member, stated the committee approved the recommendation of the names "Capuchino" and "Haros". Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Programs Committee Chair, stated the committee concurred. The vote was 7-0.

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

At this time the order of the agenda was changed due to the Public Hearing.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding negotiation and execution of a Parkland Improvement Agreement with the Women's Chamber of Commerce for the Norwood Estate.

Sarah Campbell, Senior Planner, gave a brief explanation of the agreement to be negotiated.

Mr. Johnston, Land and Facilities Committee member, stated the committee approved the negotiation with the following key changes:

1. The City would incur no cost from the Gardens, as far as maintenance and electricity.
2. The Women's Chamber of Commerce would receive all the revenue from rentals/reservations at the Gardens to offset the City not participating in the maintenance expenses.

Mr. Carlidge moved to postpone until the Law Department could look at the language requiring the Women's Chamber of Commerce to proceed with the project in a timely manner. Marianne Dwight seconded the motion. The vote for postponement was 5-2.

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

7:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING on Town Lake Comprehensive Plan Review of Zilker Park Recommendations.

Stuart Strong, Principal Planner, gave a brief overview of the Zilker Park recommendations for the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan.

The following citizens spoke at the Public Hearing:

Charlotte Boyle, Austin Natural Science Assn. (ANSA) Board member and Umlauf Gardens volunteer - suggested the Board consider building a parking lot for the Austin Nature Center and the Zilker Gardens.

Thomas Twombly, Austin Municipal Soccer Assn. President - encouraged the Board to maintain the existing soccer fields.

Chris Peterman, ANSA Board of Directors - approves with staff recommendation #2, #4, #7, #9, and #11 if the train becomes accessible.

Diane Weidner, Austin Runners Club Parks Liason - encouraged the Board not to allow any water taxis, trams, or concessions add to Zilker Park.

Michelle Bray, Austin Women's Soccer Assn. Vice president - encouraged the Board to maintain the existing soccer fields and to acquire more fields.

Robert Corbin - suggested stiffer policies on concessions and move or cancel the train concession.

Joe Bruno, Parkside Community School Director - encouraged the Board to make it safer to cross Barton Springs Rd.

Joe Fisher, Austin Area Garden Council President - expressed his concerns regarding the relocation of Stratford Dr. and additional parking that is needed.

Barry Lovelace, Austin Area Garden Council member - voiced his need for additional parking for the Nature Center and the Garden Center.

Bill Forest, Capitol Area Youth Soccer Assn. President - encouraged the Board to maintain the existing soccer fields.

Connie Moore - expressed her concerns and encouraged the Board to keep the Zilker Loop away from the Zilker Gardens.

John Dromgoole - expressed his concerns and encouraged the Board to keep the Zilker Loop away from the Zilker Gardens.

Diane Weidner - encouraged the Board to complete the Zilker Loop project.

David Swann - suggested using mass transit over building additional parking.

At this point, the Public Hearing was closed.

Discussion of addition of Zilker Loop to recommendations for Town Lake Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Johnston explained the recommendation for the Zilker Loop.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (continued)

Make recommendation to Council regarding proposed revision in financial terms of License Agreement with Austin Aqua Fest.

Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director, gave an explanation of the proposed financial terms of the License Agreement with Austin Aqua Fest.

Gail Armstrong, Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Assn. (BCNA), Creek/Park Committee Chair - spoke against the proposal.

Ingrid Weigand, BCNA President - spoke against the proposal.

Susan Barnett, South River City Citizens - spoke against the proposal.

Jack Macy, Austin Aqua Festival Entertainment Coordinator - spoke for the approval of the proposal.

Pat Strutman, Austin Aqua Festival member - spoke for the approval of the proposal.

Monica Davis, Austin Aqua Festival Commodore - spoke for the approval of the proposal.

Ellen Johnson, BCNA Vice president - spoke against the proposal.

Mr. Johnston moved not to recommend the proposal to Council. Marianne Dwight seconded the motion. The vote was 4-3.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Director's Report.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no Items from Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Friday had a correction on page 24 regarding recommendations on the Capital Improvement Projects budget. The sentence should read "The Board's unanimous recommendations were as follows as the bonds sales:"

Mr. Cartlidge moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of April 26, 1994 approved with corrections. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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