



MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
October 11, 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, Delores Duffie, Marianne Dwight, Phil Friday, Mary K. Isaacs, Doug Johnston, and Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Jesus Olivares, Jody Hamilton, Peter Marsh, Heather Griffith-Peterson, Tana Goodwill, and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Mark Gentle addressed the Board and stated he had requested the maintenance at Barton Springs pool to be placed on the agenda and was not. Mr. Friday apologized and asked Ms. Hamilton to be sure to include this item on the November 8, 1994.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Approve construction of two-slip boat dock at 2806, Rivercrest Drive, File # SP-94-0339DS.

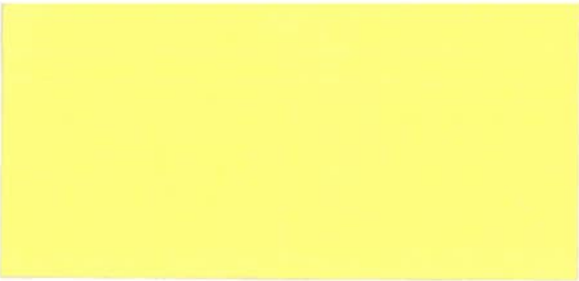
Staff recommends approval of the request to construct a covered two-slip boat dock at 2806 Rivercrest Drive, in accordance with Site Plan #SP-94-0339DS, subject to the following conditions:

1. The boat dock structure must be located at minimum of 10' from the adjacent side property line.
2. The navigation light station must be located on the upstream side of the structure to enable it to be seen by all approaching watercraft.

Approve construction of a single-slip boat dock at 5301 S. Scout Island Circle, File # SP-94-0340DS.

Staff recommends approval of the request for a variance to Section 13-2-795(1) of the City Code to enable the construction of a covered single-slip boat dock at 5301 S. Scout Island Circle, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-94-0339DS, subject the following conditions:

1. The maximum length of the boat dock does not exceed 40' from the shoreline.

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2. The navigation light station is located on the upstream side of the structure to enable it to be seen by all approaching watercraft.

Approve construction of a single-slip boat dock at 3105 Brass Buttons Trail, File # SP-94-0312DS.

Staff recommends approval of the request to construct a single-slip boat dock with deck over at 3105 Brass Buttons Trail, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-94-0312DS, subject to the following conditions:

1. The navigation light station be located on the upstream side of the structure to enable it to be seen by all approaching watercraft.
2. The applicants attention be drawn to the fact that the method of constructing the foundation to the timber pilings requires that it most easily be done when the lake is lowered. The Lower Colorado river Authority have to confirmed that the lake will or will not be lowered during this winter.
3. The applicants be advised that this boat dock is located in an area of the lake subject to flooding during storm conditions and high volume releases from Mansfield Dam. Permanently fixed structures may be subject to damage during these times.

Approve construction of four boat dock units at Cliffs over Lake Austin Subdivision, File # SP-94-0277DS through SP-94-0380DS.

Staff recommends approval of the request to construct four boat dock units in the Cliffs over Lake Austin subdivision in accordance with the Parks and Recreation Board approval of 4/22/80 and in accordance with the following Site Plans:

Dock #10	Pat Howard	4809 Palisade Drive	SP-94-0378DS
Dock #11	Charles Loflin	5608 Craggy Point	SP-94-0377DS
Dock #12	Emilio Gutierrez	5606 Craggy Point	SP-94-0379DS
Dock #13	William Barbour	5604 Craggy Point	SP-94-0380DS

This approval is subject to navigation light stations being provided on the new docks in locations so that they are spaced not more than 25' apart. (Section 13-2-792 (B)(3))

Phil Friday, Navigation Committee member, stated the committee recommended the Board approve the above items according to staff recommendations.

The vote was 7-0.

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Review and make recommendation to Council on the approval of the Department entering into a five year contract with the Austin Canoe and Kayak.

Tana Goodwill, Concessions Contract Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the selection process for concession contracts. Ms. Goodwill presented each of the Board members a copy of the matrix used to evaluate the awarding of the contract. (See Attachment A)

The Chair opened the floor for public comments.

Howard Barnett - Zilker Park Boat Rentals, owner - asked the Board to reconsider the staff recommendation and award the concession contract to him again based on his 25 years experience with the existing contract.

John Stockwell - Zilker Park Boat Rentals, employee - asked the Board to reconsider the staff recommendation and award the concession contract to the Barnett's based on his years of experience.

John Massengale - asked the Board to reconsider the staff recommendation and award the concession contract to the Barnett's stating there had been not been a rate increase, such as the Austin Canoe and Kayak company has recommended. (See Attachment A-1.)

Laura Massengale - asked the Board to reconsider the staff recommendation and award the concession contract to the Barnett's stating that the type 3 lifejacket was the least effective especially were accessibility was concerned. (See Attachment A-2.)

Dorothy Barnett - Zilker Park Boat Rentals, co-owner - asked the Board to reconsider the staff recommendation and award the concession contract to them again stating she was appalled that the oral presentation weighed more than their 25 years of experience.

Marla Akin - asked the Board to reconsider the staff recommendation and award the concession contract to the Barnett's based on the amount of community services they have provided. (See Attachment A-3.)

John Dwyer - asked the Board to reconsider the staff recommendation and award the concession contract to the Barnett's and stated that canoes were the ultimate water craft for the Town Lake concession. (See Attachment A-4.)

Kathleen Stockwell - asked the Board to reconsider the staff recommendation and award the concession contract to Mr. Barnett and stated it may be difficult for the new concessionaire to fulfill his commitment to erosion due to permits required for such work. (See Attachment A-5.)

Arnie Villarreal - asked the Board to reconsider the staff recommendation and award the concession contract to the Barnett's and stated they were always willing to help during regattas, Lake clean ups, and that their equipment was sound and safe.

Steven Doss - asked the Board to reconsider the staff recommendation and award the concession contract to the Barnett's and stated Mr. Barnett took

pride in the concession and volunteer work he provided.

Mr. Brasetta - Austin Canoe and Kayak, owner - stated his concession would include the latest erosion control and was ADA conscious. He also stated kayaking is a growing sport, he acknowledges canoeing is Austin's first joy, and that the type 3 life vest is better and more sophisticated.

After discussion, the Delores Duffie motioned to postpone the item until the next meeting. Marianne Dwight seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0.

Make recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director regarding appointments (2 or 3) to the Cultural Facilities Policy Committee (no back up).

Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, gave a synopsis on what the responsibilities of the members of the Cultural Facilities Policy Committee would entail. (See Attachment B)

Mr. Friday appointed Rosemary Castleberry and Mary K. Isaacs to the Cultural Facilities Policy Committee on consent.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to City Council regarding use of ballfields, particularly for girls' fastpitch.

Doug Johnston, Land and Facilities Committee member, stated that on Tuesday, October 18, 1994, the Land and Facility and Programs subcommittees met to consider the options available for providing a way to assist girls' fastpitch softball.

After a discussion, the committees passed a joint recommendation as follows:

On a temporary basis until a permanent location can be found, the girls' fastpitch program continue to use Williams Field and have access to all currently unscheduled time on one or both Butler Fields on a reduced rental basis provided funds for the rentals do not come from existing Parks and Recreation budgets.

The department supports this resolution as it provides a satisfactory short term answer to the needs of the girls' fastpitch program, protects the programming and integrity of the Athletics Enterprise Fund, and allows time to develop a long term solution to this issue as well as look at the needs of all youth sports.

Ron Cartlidge motioned to pass the recommendation with an added friendly amendment:

The Board also request the Council to look at the Bergstrom fields as permanent locations to reduce overcrowding of other softball facilities.

Doug Johnston seconded the motion.

The vote was 4-2-2. Ms. Dwight and Mr. Johnston abstained.

Review Board Bylaws, Ordinance, Goals as they relate to PARD Goals and Objectives 1994-95.

Ms. Cruz-Torres, Programs Committee Chair, stated the new Programs Committee goals for 1994-95. (See Attachment C)

Mr. Cartlidge, Navigation Committee chair, stated the new Navigation Committee goals for 1994-95. (See Attachment C-1.)

Mr. Johnston, Land and Facilities Chair, stated the new Land and Facilities Committee goals for 1994-95. (See Attachment C-2.)

Mr. Friday stated the Concession Committee goals for 1994-95. (See Attachment C-2.)

The goals were adopted on consensus.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Castleberry is concerned with asbestos and lead abatement are a major problem that she feels must be addressed.

Mr. Johnston toured the Barton Creek Greenbelt with staff members Warren Struss, Sarah Macias, and Jeff Clements and commented that the work the International Volunteers had done was great. He was concerned and stated the evaluation process on awarding concession contracts should be reviewed.

Ms. Cruz-Torres asked for a report on the Aqua Fest revenues, on a proposal for special events held on parkland, and asked if the "ITEMS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY" could be taken care of soon.

Mr. Cartlidge asked what type of signage was on the upper and lower parking lots at Walsh Boat Landing. What is the status on the weed harvester used on the lakes?

Mr. Friday asked for an updated roster of the Boards members and which committee they served on. He also stated the Lone Star Riverboat concession was to be on the agenda the second meeting in November. He suggested perhaps the Board should meet November 29 instead of the 22 due to that being Thanksgiving week. The Board agreed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cartlidge moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of October

11, 1994 approved with the following corrections:

p. 1 - correct the word plagues to read plaques

p. 2 - delete "The Chair called for a vote" and change it to read "The Board voted on the Programs Committee recommendation to concurred with option #3 with the revision that fund for renovation and operational costs should be allocated from another source and not from the Parks Department budget."

Ms. Castleberry seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Audio tapes of the Parks and Recreation Board meetings are available through the Director of Parks and Recreation, 499-6714.