

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
December 13, 1994

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, December 13, 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, Mary K. Isaacs, Doug Johnston, and Rocky Medrano.

Staff members present were Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, Jody Hamilton, and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair.

At this time the Chair changed the order of the agenda with the consensus of the Board.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

There were no sign ups for Citizen's Communication.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Joyce Shelton gave a brief presentation on the Emmett Shelton Bridge. Ms. Shelton offered at her expense to erect a plaque which explains why the bridge is named for Mr. Shelton. The large granite block and surrounding stones have been placed. The plaque has not yet been installed. There will be a dedication event in the near future, and we will be sure the Board receives invitation to this event.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding additional funding for Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center.

Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, gave the staff recommendation as follows:

See Attachment "A"

Nellie Tellez, Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center Board Member, encouraged the Board to find additional funding.

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Ron Cartlidge moved the Board adopt the staff recommendation. ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0.

Jesse Sepulveda thanked the Board for their action.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

David Adair, Sunshine Camp Director, gave a presentation on the improvements that will be done to the Sunshine Camp which include expanding the upstairs loft into more office space since they now run year round programs.

Approve 1993-94 Annual Report.

Phil Friday was to go over all of the minutes and make sure all of the recommendations to Council were included in the Annual Report and would get back to Ms. Hamilton or Ms. Posada with any corrections.

Doug Johnston stated he was present at the May 24, 1994 meeting.

Marianne Dwight stated her address was incorrect.

The Board's 1994-95 Goals are to be added to the report.

Mary K. Isaacs moved to approve the 1993-94 Annual Report with corrections. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0.

At this time the Chair announced that Mr. Olivares reported that the staff recommendation the Board had passed regarding the Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center funding had been acted upon immediately by the Planning Commission and they had adopted it.

Report on Kealing Space Project.

Mr. Olivares gave a brief report on the Kealing Space Project. The Planning and Design Division had been given the project and was to work with Mr. King on it. Mr. King has changed his employment status and no one else has contacted Stuart Strong. Stuart has not been able to contact anyone either. The group had been given three options, one which stated it would not be feasible to build the project on the existing tennis courts because that particular project had already gone through a neighborhood process and they were going to be converted into basketball courts. They were then instructed to work with the school district. They have since then not come to us with any additional options.

The item was placed back on Items Postponed Indefinitely and will be listed on the January 24, 1995 agenda. Mr. Olivares will try to have more information as far as what resolution the Kealing Space Project has taken.

Make recommendation to Council regarding bond issue for a new soccer and multi-sport complex.

The following resolution was introduced to the Board for discussion:

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN

Resolution

New Multi-sport and Soccer Complex

WHEREAS Soccer has become a significant and permanent part of the local sports scene; and

WHEREAS Youth Soccer alone has grown more than 50% in five years to more than 13,000 strong;

WHEREAS Adult Soccer leagues have had to turn teams away in recent years for lack of playing fields;

WHEREAS a general shortage of Soccer fields exists in Austin; and

WHEREAS our Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) has recommended the submission of a \$15 million bond proposal for a new Multi-sport complex including youth and adult soccer fields;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the City Council submit a proposed \$15 million bond issue for a new Multi-sport complex including youth and adult soccer fields at the next bond election.

Bill Forest, Capitol Area Youth Soccer Assn. President, supports resolution.

Michelle Bray, Austin Women's Soccer League Vice President, supports resolution. Perhaps their league would not have to turn teams away because there were not enough fields.

David Laguna, Greater Austin Soccer Coordinator, supports resolution due to lack of fields for the entire soccer community.

Mark Nibbelink, Austin Municipal Soccer Assoc. speaker, supports resolution because unless the city is able to do something about the lack of fields, many of Austin's citizens who would like to play will be denied.

Betty Nowlin, Capitol Soccer Club Vice President and mother of three soccer players, supports resolution because of how far behind Austin is as far as accommodations to the soccer community..

George Henderson, Capital Soccer Club of Austin President, supports resolution because there is a severe shortage of fields for soccer players.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres moved to adopt the resolution with the friendly amendments added to the context and title to include multi-sport complex. Doug Johnston seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding approval of the Department entering into a five-year contract with Austin Canoe and Kayak.

Postponed until further notice.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Olivares introduced Kendall Moss, Administrative Assistant to Assistant City Manager Oscar Rodriguez, to the Board.

Mr. Olivares invited all of the Board members to attend the Parks and Recreation Department Christmas Party to be held December 15 at the Givens Recreation Center beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Hamilton invited all of the Board members to attend the Christmas Door Decorating Contest on December 21 beginning at approximately 3 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ron Cartlidge received a letter from a citizen who lives next to someone with boat dock and asked if Peter Marsh could look into the citizen's request.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Rosemary Castleberry informed the Board that she was driving around and found Yates Park in the Montopolis area and asked if perhaps it would be feasible to use the roadway to access the Colorado River Park.

Doug Johnston would like a report on the expenditures regarding the Trail of Lights.

Mary K. Isaacs wanted to know the status of the Zilker Train Station and its conjunction with the Barton Springs Lift Station. Mr. Olivares and Ms. Hamilton informed the Board that Council Member Nofziger's office had expressed interest in a larger gauge train that would transport people. Ms.

Isaacs also wanted to know what was the status on the maintenance of Barton Springs Pool. Mr. Olivares stated the pool was still being maintained as usual.

Rocky Medrano suggested the Board hold a meeting at the Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center either the last meeting in January or the first meeting in February to reassure the community that they are behind the project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Doug Johnston moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 1994 approved. ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Audio tapes of the Parks and Recreation Board meetings are available through the Director of Parks and Recreation, 499-6717.