

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
January 10, 1995

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, Rocky Medrano, and Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Paul Norris, Barton Springs Merchants Assoc. representative, addressed the Board as a spokesperson for the group with their concerns on the transient problem along the area and possible solutions. Mr. Norris asked that the item be added to the next Parks Board agenda.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres requested a special presentation on the situation at the next agenda or as soon as possible.

Bea Lucio addressed the Board requesting an update on the Montopolis Sports Complex.

Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, informed Ms. Lucio that the City Council would determine the selection of the architects at the January 12, 1995 meeting.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Approve naming the Boggy Creek Arboretum as the Catherine Lamkin Arboretum.

Delores Duffie moved the Board follow staff recommendation and approve naming the Boggy Creek Arboretum as the Catherine Lamkin Arboretum. Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 9-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Make recommendation to Council regarding changes in ordinances regulating aquatics.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres stated being that the proposed changes are for the certification of day care center employees, the proposed re-wording will specify the correct certification courses, and changes in the timing of swimming instructions will allow staff more flexibility in scheduling of the instructions, the Programs Subcommittee recommends to the Board approval of the staff recommendations to Council that these changes be made in the specific ordinances which affect our aquatics program.

The vote 9-0.

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

Heather Griffith-Peterson stated the Department concurred with the recommended award.

Doug Johnston, Concession Committee member, stated an evaluation team made up of representatives from the Purchasing Office, the Budget Office, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Design Commission, and the Parks and Recreation Board reviewed the responses from the three proposals received and based on that criteria it was recommended the contract be awarded to Austin Canoe and Kayak.

Howard Barnett, Zilker Canoe Rental owner, - stated the information given to the Board was erroneous and would like for the Board to either award them the contract, re-bid the contract, or find another suitable place for Mr. Buerstetta's concession.

Dan Buerstetta, Austin Canoe and Kayak owner, - would like to have the opportunity to offer the citizens of Austin a great variety of boats, higher level of safety, better concern for the environment, and would like to have the contract awarded to him.

Dorothy Barnett, Zilker Canoe Rental co-owner, - she felt that the bidding process was unfair and they should award the contract based on their years of experience.

Pat Roeling - the Barnett's love their work and should be awarded the contract.

D'Arcy Randall - did not wish to speak, but requested in writing that the Board overturn the proposed contract with Austin Canoe and Kayak.

Karen Shirk - do not destroy the career of Mr. Barnett and vote no on Mr.

Buerstetta's proposal.

Terry Sherrell - supports the Barnett's and would like to have the Board renew their contract.

Jon Massengale - did not wish to speak, but attended in order to support the Barnett's.

Laura Massengale - did not wish to speak, but attended in order to support the Barnett's.

Kimberly Gray - supports the Barnett's and would like to have the Board renew their contract.

Marla Akin, University of Texas Program Coordinator, - questioned the matrix used to review the proposal and also stated she supports the Barnett's and would like to have the Board renew their contract.

John Stockwell, writer, - stated the bottom line was you would not get better service from Mr. Buerstetta, but instead you would get higher fees and not as good service as the Barnett's already render.

Richard Suttle, Attorney, Strasburger & Price, - would like to know how Mr. Buerstetta would be able to build anything to comply with ADA or help with erosion considering the sensitivity surrounding the area and also stated he supports the Barnett's and would like to have the Board renew their contract.

Lyn LaCava - spoke to protest the decision, supports the Barnett's and would like to have the Board renew their contract.

Sheri Romine - stated she felt more secure with Mr. Buerstetta's experience and asked the Board to allow Dan's bid to enter with fair and intelligent consideration.

Barbara Dunn - did not wish to speak, but attended in order to support the Barnett's.

Lynne Andrus, American Canoe Assn. Board, - supports Mr. Buerstetta because of her interest in making boating more available to children, the elderly, people with disabilities and make it easy for the rest and with the equipment and knowledge Mr. Buerstetta has it will help support that vision.

Sharon Larson - read two letters from citizens whom had rented from the current concessionaire and were displeased with their service.

The Board was given a 5 minute break.

There was discussion among the Board members.

Doug Johnston, Concession Committee member, moved the Board recommend to Council the staff recommendation to award the contract to Mr. Dan Buerstetta of Austin Canoe and Kayak.

The vote was 1-1-7. Doug Johnston abstained.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres moved the Board recommend to Council the process be thrown out and send the proposal out to re-bid. Rocky Medrano seconded the motion.

The vote was 2-6-1. Doug Johnston abstained.

Mary K. Isaacs moved the Board recommend to Council to not follow staff recommendation but instead award the contract to Mr. Howard Barnett of Zilker Canoe Rentals. DeLores Duffie seconded the motion.

The vote was 6-2-1. Doug Johnston abstained.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus Olivares discussed the following:

1. CIP project status report
2. The new section added to the agenda titled "City Council Agenda Report".
3. Closure of the Montopolis Recreation Center for repairs.
4. Memo regarding the Kealing Space Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres, Programs Subcommittee Chair, reported the Program Subcommittee had discussed the following items:

1. Received a preliminary report on the participation at Yule Fest.
2. Received an update on the Recreation Center Camps.
3. Received a report on the Christmas break activities at Pharr and South Austin Tennis Centers by Randy Russell.
4. Received a break down on the lifeguard training courses being held December/January.
5. Received an update on pool fees/ opening date will be one week early/ conversion of gas chlorine.
6. Received a boxing report update and they were asked what equipment does the Department.
7. The Subcommittee requested an update on the 1994 Aqua Fest audit.
8. The Subcommittee requested clarification on whether Park Police would remain within the Department or become a part of APD.
9. Requested a status report on the Montopolis Sports Plex.
10. Reviewed the CIP update.
11. Discussed the City's liability on special events.
12. Discussed the Kealing Space Center.
13. Requested a status report on the recreation center from Rosewood.
14. The Subcommittee reviewed the draft copy of the Boards and Commissions Policies.
15. Discussed the Montopolis Recreation Center closing.

Mr. Olivares commented that the application for funding for the Rosewood Entertainment Center had been submitted that week through the Housing and Urban Development Agency. He also stated the subcommittee had discussed the heavy traffic on the hike-n-bike trails and that the Board should be prepared to look into the problem.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, reported they had discussed the following:

1. What was the status on the response to the letter Mr. Cartlidge had received that was given to staff to prepare.
2. They had approved the three boat docks that had been presented to them.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Marianne Dwight was concerned with regards to the newspaper article stating that the silt in Barton Creek was contaminated and the effect it could have on the regular swimmers at Barton Springs Pool.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rosemary Castleberry moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 1994 approved. Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 9-0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
Prepared January 18, 1995

Items Being Prepared for Council Review

Recommendations for Council Action (RCA's) are being prepared for:

- . Construction contract for flood repair in Shoal Creek.
- . Construction contract for flood repair in Barton Creek.
- . Renewal of contract for Austin Softball Umpires' Association.

Items Under Active Review

These RCA's are drafted and under review within Parks and Recreation and/or the Law, Budget, and Assistant City Manager's Offices:

- . Appropriation of funds for Youth Athletic Council utility fund.
- . Design and construction management contract award for Central City Entertainment Center.
- . Acceptance of grant from National Trust for Historic Preservation for landscape restoration at the Ney Museum.

Items Approved and Scheduled for A Specific Meeting

The following items will be on the Council agenda within the next few weeks:

For January 19 meeting (results of action will be presented at January 24 Parks Board meeting):

- . Robert L. Thomas to speak regarding Rosewood. (Citizen Communication).
- . Selection of firm to provide environmental assessment at Springdale Park.
- . Set public hearing on Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan.
- . Set public hearing on Rosewood (Central City) Entertainment Center.
- . Direct City Manager to prepare Blunn Creek Watershed Management Plan.
- . Appointments to Arts Commission, Mexican-American Cultural Center Task Force, Renaissance Market, Urban Forestry Board.

For January 26 meeting:

- . Supply agreement for concrete.

For February 2 meeting:

- . Food service concession agreement for Lions Municipal Golf Course.
- . Contract for canoe concession in Zilker Park.

Items Approved

The following items were approved by Council within the last two weeks:

- . Budget amendment for tree grate repair on 6th Street.
- . Change order for erosion control project underway on Waller Creek.
- . Change order for construction project underway at the new South Austin Senior Activity Center.
- . Approval of sale of three tracts of land near Highway 183 and Loop 360 by the State of Texas.
- . Selection of architect for Montopolis Sports Complex.
- . Approval of supply agreement for chemical toilets.

