

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
February 14, 1995**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, February 14, 1995 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 Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Jody Hamilton, Warren Struss, John Giedraitis, Colonel Swift, and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair. At this time the order of the agenda was changed by the Chair with the Board's consensus.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding proposed Public Tree Care Ordinance and related revision of the Land Development Code.

Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director, informed the Board there was no staff recommendation until there was consensus from the other departments involved.

Pat Wentworth, Urban Forestry Board Chair, addressed the Board and informed them the Forestry Board was going to move forward with the ordinance without staff recommendation. (See Attachment A)

After a brief discussion, Mary K. Isaacs moved the Board approve recommending to Council the proposed Public Tree Care Ordinance and related revision of the Land Development Code. Marianne Dwight seconded the motion.

The vote was 5-0-2. Phil Friday and Rocky Medrano abstained. Mr. Friday stated that he abstained because he believes that a combination of specific restrictions, fines, and penalties is preferable to a permit process.

John Giedraitis invited the Board to join in the **BE A PEACH** planting to

take place February 25.

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding codification of Park Police duties.

The Director stated to the Board that he had been working with the City's Law Department to codify the enforcement powers of Park Police. As a result, an ordinance was drafted which defines the jurisdiction of park officers to be city-wide, with the priority remaining the policing of City parks and recreational facilities. (See Attachment B)

Ron Cartlidge moved to approve the staff recommendation to Council regarding codification of Park Police duties. Mary K. Isaacs seconded.

The vote was 6-0-1. Doug Johnston abstained.

Make recommendation to Council regarding improved equipment, staffing, and salary ranges for Park Police.

At the Board meeting of January 24, 1995, Colonel Swift gave a presentation to the Board regarding the concerns he and the Department shared about the Park Police Division and the number of officers on the force, their salaries, and status of equipment. Lack of officers has forced them to focus on problem areas first. Park Police officers are exposed to the same dangers, yet APD officers start at a higher rate than a 9 year Park Police officer. Equipment needs are serious, especially cars and computers.

After discussion, Rocky Medrano moved to approve staff make a recommendation to Council regarding the above item with strong emphasis on equal salary ranges first, improved equipment second, and staffing third. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion.

The vote was 6-0-1. Doug Johnston abstained.

Discuss clarification of criteria for naming of parks and recreation facilities.

Rosemary Castleberry moved to refer this item to Committee. ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres seconded the motion. Phil Friday clarified that the Board would meet as a committee of the whole with Doug Johnston chairing.

The vote was 7-0.

Approve naming of Quail Creek Park Hike and Bike Trail for Chris Mosqueda.

Mary K. Isaacs moved to postpone the above item until the committee had met. Doug Johnston seconded the motion.

The vote was 5-2.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director gave a brief report on the following items:

Colorado River park
Train Concession
Central City Entertainment Center

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no Items From Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Cartlidge moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 1995 approved. Mary K Isaacs seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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