

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
February 28, 1995**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, February 28, 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, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Delores Duffie, Marianne Dwight, Phil Friday, Mary K. Isaacs, and Rocky Medrano.

Staff members present were Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Jody Hamilton, Peter Marsh and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Approve construction of boat docks and retaining walls at 609 River Road, boat dock, File # SP-95-0032DS; 4400 Rivercrest, boat dock, File # SP-95-0023DS; 4318 Rivercrest, boat dock, File # SP-95-0012DS; 2705 Westlake Drive, shoreline improvements, File # SP-95-0012DS.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated the committee recommended approval of boat docks and retaining walls at 609 River Road, boat dock, File # SP-95-0032DS; 4400 Rivercrest, boat dock, File # SP-95-0023DS; 4318 Rivercrest, boat dock, File # SP-95-0012DS; 2705 Westlake Drive, shoreline improvements, File # SP-95-0012DS with the exception of the items listed as conditions below:

609 River Road, Boat Dock - File# SP-95-0032DS

Conditions:

1. 10' side property line setback to be provided.
2. Pilings to be CCA or natural decay resistant timber.
3. Deckover boat dock to have handrail to meet Building Code.
4. Navigation light station in accordance with City Code.
5. Owner's attention to be drawn to the fact that this location is subject to high water elevations and increased velocity during discharge from Mansfield Dam.

4400 Rivercrest, Boat Dock - File# SP-95-0023DS

Conditions:

1. 10' side property line set back to be provided.
2. Maximum width of boat dock to be 10'.
3. Navigation light station in accordance with City Code.

4318 Rivercrest, Boat Dock - File# SP-95-0024DS

Conditions:

1. 10' side property line set back to be provided.
2. Maximum width of boat slip to be 10'.
3. Navigation light station in accordance with City Code.

2705 Westlake Drive, Shoreline Improvements - File #SP-95-0012DS

Conditions:

1. The work to remove silt is approved by the Environmental and Conservation Services Department.
2. There is no alteration to the existing shoreline.

The vote was 6-0.

Approve construction of addition to existing pier at 2603 Pearce Road, File # SP-95-0049DS.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated the committee recommended approval of addition to existing pier at 2603 Pearce Road, File # SP-95-0049DS with the following conditions:

1. The total width of the dock not exceed 25.56 ft.
2. Navigation light station be in accordance with City Code.

The vote was 6-0.

Make recommendation to Council regarding 0.16 acre sanitary sewer Use Agreement at Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park.

Peter Marsh, Engineering Associate, gave a brief explanation on the project and stated staff recommended approval of the request for a 0.16 acre sanitary sewer use agreement subject to the following conditions:

1. Construction, restoration and revegetation shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the "Construction in Parks Specifications", adopted by the Board, April 25, 1990, and the notes shown on the project drawings.
2. All restoration and revegetation shall be completed to the requirements and satisfaction of the Parks and Recreation Department.
3. Restoration and tree replacements shall be in accordance with the "Restoration Plan" included in the Information Packet for the project submitted by Espey Huston and Associates.
4. After construction and restoration is completed the cleared frontage onto Cedar Bend Drive must be secured to prevent

unauthorized vehicular entry. The methods outlined in "Construction in Parks Specifications" Section 6.0 should be utilized. If the area is to be used as a maintenance access route, a vandal resistant gate (the design to be approved by PARD) should be installed.

5. The project drawings shall indicate all approved use agreements within the parkland. The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department shall approve and "sign-off" on the drawings after all use agreements have been approved and granted.

Ron Cartlidge moved for approval of the staff recommendation. Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 6-0.

Make recommendation to Council regarding agreement with Aqua Festival for 1995 event.

The Director explained a License Agreement between the City and Austin Aqua Festival (AAF) approved by City Council in December 1990 spells out financial and operational arrangements for conducting the annual Festival held on Auditorium Shores. An amendment approved by Council May 26, 1994 re-negotiated the financial arrangements between the City and AAF.

Jack Macy, Austin Aqua Festival Commodore, asked the Board to approve the staff recommendation on the rental fees for the 1995 event.

Ron Cartlidge moved approval of the staff recommendation which stated that for the 1995 event the Department proposed to amend the Agreement by charging the following rental fees:

1. \$3,000 per event day.
2. \$1,500 for each non-event day in which premises are secured against non-entry.
3. \$250 per non-event, non-secured day.
4. all other components of the License Agreement remain the same.

Marianne Dwight added the friendly amendment that 30 days be the maximum days Aqua Fest would be on Auditorium Shores.

Rocky Medrano seconded the motion and accepted the friendly amendment.

The vote was 6-0-1. Delores Duffie abstained.

Make recommendation to Council regarding Central City Entertainment Center.

The Director gave the Board a brief overview stating that the Central City Entertainment Center is currently planned to have a skating rink, sixteen bowling lanes, three theaters, one which can be converted for live performances or movies, a courtyard in the center, and video games. Estimated cost is approximately \$9 million. There is a contract for the architect for approximately \$800 thousand which is to go before Council March 9 to get the architect moving forward on the project with the \$170

thousand the Department currently has. The Department has not signed the contract with HUD, which has approved the Section 108 Loan for the construction, and the architect fee is a charge that can be reimbursed, so the plan is to use the money available to expedite the project.

After discussion, Marianne Dwight made the following motion:

"In the event the Parks and Recreation Department is asked to manage the Central City Entertainment Center, it should receive full additional funding for operation, maintenance, and debt services and that its responsibility should not impact its existing operations".

Rocky Medrano seconded the motion.

The vote was 5-0-1. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres abstained.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director gave a brief report on the following items:

Council work session on Triple A Baseball - March 1
Girls Fast Pitch - Butler and Williams fields being used
State Theater - lease purchase

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Phil Friday summarized the recommendation of the Committee As A Whole regarding the naming policy. The proposed guidelines are as follows:

Guidelines for Recommending Names for City Parks and Recreational Facilities

The Parks and Recreation Board finds that one of its responsibilities is to make recommendations to the City Council regarding proposed names for parks and recreation facilities, including improvements, or any part thereof within a park. The Board further finds that the Street and Facility Naming policy adopted by the City of Austin on June 12, 1984, does not provide sufficiently clear guidelines to aid the Board in discharging this responsibility. The Board therefore adopts the following guidelines, superseding all of its previous guidelines:

1. Where possible, names should reflect prominent land features.
2. Where a park or playground shares the same site with a school facility, it is desirable that the park or playground should have the same name.
3. Parks and recreational facilities may be dedicated in honor of a living or deceased person(s) who has rendered valuable and creditable service to the community and City of Austin.

4. Once a park or facility has been officially named for a person(s), that name shall not later be changed.
5. The Board shall provide two weeks advance public notice at any site which is proposed to be named, and the Board shall allow public comment on any proposed name(s). The notice shall include any proposed name(s).

Mr. Friday requested that the proposed naming policy and the naming of the Hike and Bike Trail at Quail Creek Park for Chris Mosqueda be added to the agenda for March 14 as Action Items.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Rocky Medrano - Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center ground breaking was a success.

Mary K. Isaacs - The "Be A Peach" planting was great.

Phil Friday - Received a memo from Mayor's office stating Board/Commission reports will be taken at the Wednesday Work Session and specifically suggested reports included a mission statement, Board/Commission members names, and the City staff who support them. Mr. Friday asked if someone could create a page to that effect.

Letter from Mark Goodrich on Veloway - Ms. Hamilton stated staff assessed the type of surface was done properly, but traffic is not heavy enough to keep the surface flexible. Other problems are also caused by moisture differential between the soils in the area and tree roots. A phased maintenance plan will be proposed that would allow for the surface to be at the highest possible quality at about the time the Department would take over maintenance from Bradley Development.

CIP - Bond Election not until November.

Planning Commission agenda - asked if Board members could be informed when park issues appear on agenda.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres - Could not attend the Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center ground breaking due to health problems.

AmeriCorps Volunteers are to be in Austin; could they be used to help clean Colorado River Park? Ms. Hamilton is working with the group and is trying to find different projects for the members who have limited skills.

Jody Hamilton noted that there will be training offered for Board Members at the NRPA Conference to be held in October in San Antonio.

Phil Friday - Introduced Ted Siff from the Trust for Public Land.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Cartlidge noted the date was omitted and he would like to have the recommendations regarding the Park Police elaborated. Phil Friday wanted to add a sentence explaining his abstention.

Mr. Friday, with the consensus of the Board, asked they not vote on the

minutes for February 14, 1995 until the next meeting so the could be corrected.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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