

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

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, March 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, Rosemary Castleberry, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Delores Duffie, and Phil Friday.

Staff members present were Jesus M. Olivares, Jody Hamilton, Peter Marsh, Tana Goodwill, and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Harold McMillan, Clarksville Jazz and Arts Festival Director, addressed the Board with his concerns on the administrative procedures of the Special Events Policy Focus Groups/Committee and their actions which relate to the Clarksville Fest and Pease Park policy.

Al St. Louis addressed the Board with his concern on the decline of salamanders in Barton Springs pool.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

At this time the Chair with consensus from the Board took the following item out of order.

Request for approval of construction of boat dock at 1871 Westlake Dr.

Phil Friday stated the Navigation Committee recommended the following resolution:

1. Recommend that the applicant negotiate further with the adjacent landowner to find an acceptable solution.
2. The Board would not favor the approval of a second dock for the adjacent landowner.

Committee recommendation is to postpone the item until an acceptable

solution is found.

The vote was 5-0.

Make recommendation to Council regarding the Barton Creek Community Agreement.

Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, introduced to the Board Assistant City Manager Jim Smith and stated he was available to answer any questions that the Board may have regarding this agreement. He explained that the letter in the agenda packet to them from City Manager Jesus Garza was self explanatory in that Council wanted the Boards' input on this agreement. Mr. Olivares also stated that the Department did not have a presentation of its own.

Phil Friday, Chair, stated that of the items that were listed in the Goodman-Garcia proposal for a compromise, those affecting the Parks and Recreation Department consisted of the sentence proposed to be added in section 2.01A (See Attachment A). The Board was reminded that this problem had been addressed in its earlier version in September of 1993 and adopted a resolution (See Attachment B) since they felt the greenbelt would have little value to the citizens of Austin if they could not have access to it.

With consensus from all Board members, Mr. Friday announced that the Board would be concerned only with the parkland aspects of the agreement.

Dennis Hicks did not recommend approval of the agreement and felt it would be absurd to have this agreement without having access for the general public at regular points along the greenbelt.

Robert Singleton asked the Board not to approve a development agreement in which they could not honestly trust the people they are being asked to agree with. He also stated the FM Properties had shown no interest in reopening the negotiations after the February 14 deadline.

Al St. Louis did not recommend approval of the agreement because it was not a good deal the way it was written now. He especially not like the attitude of the company which did not care about Barton Creek or the aquifer.

Phil Friday stated one option the Board had was to reiterate the position they took a year and a half ago. Another would be picking up the same concerns and framing them a little differently.

After discussion, Mr. Friday proposed the following motion:

The Parks Board recommends that the FM Properties agreement should include:

1. a requirement that FM Properties provide three (3) additional access points to the Barton Creek Greenbelt as shown on the enclosed map. (See Attachment C)
2. in reference to Section 2.01A, that public use be preferred over habitat preserve or water quality buffer.

3. FM Properties be required to contribute \$160,000 to reimburse the City for the construction of the trail along the greenbelt.

4. FM Properties be required to contribute the same amount of land to the greenbelt as they had offered to contribute in the fall 1993 draft.

Ron Cartlidge moved to approve the proposed motion. Rosemary Castleberry seconded the motion.

The vote was 4-0-1. Delores Duffie abstained.

Make recommendation to Council regarding the reconstruction of Holly Street Plant transmission lines.

Neal Graham, Manager of Public Involvement, Electric Utilities Department, gave a brief summary and stated that since his last presentation to the Board on January 24, Council made a decision on February 1 to go ahead and set a Public Hearing for April 5 on the possible use of parkland for non-park like activities.

Ed Stokes, Towers of Town Lake Condominiums Association Director, addressed the Board and stated his association was in favor of Alternative Route #2 because Alternative Route #1 was obtrusive to the beautiful view of Town Lake enjoyed by the condominium residents and patrons of the Holiday Inn.

Robert Donley, Holly Plant Closure Committee Co-chair, stated the recommendation of the community, the Holly Plant Closure Committee, and the Planning Commission concurred that the southern most route (Alternate #1) would be the most feasible and the one that would be in the best interest of the citizens that are impacted.

Ron Cartlidge moved that the Board accept Alternate Route #2, with the Electric Department looking into the feasibility of shifting the route off of Haskell St. as he had proposed. Delores Duffie seconded the motion.

The vote was 3-2.

Mr. Friday informed Mr. Graham if Council chose to use Alternative Route #1, the Board would want to have every bit of the proposed mitigation done and possibly even more.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding extension of current contract for Zilker Eagle.

Charles Beall, Zilker Eagle concession owner, addressed the Board and stated his new fee increases would be as follows:

	<u>Current Fees</u>	<u>Proposed Fees</u>
Adults and children over the age of twelve	1.25	2.00

Children under the age of twelve	1.00	1.25
Children under one	free	free
Groups (20 or more)	.75	1.25
Senior Citizens	.75	1.25

Mr. Beall also stated that in the case of the contract extension approval it would help to have an interim position that would allow them to make the kind of improvements they would like to make while working towards the future of the things that would be involved in the Council resolution.

Ron Cartlidge moved the Board recommend to Council approval of the increase in fees for the Zilker Eagle and the extension of the concession contract as recommended by staff. Rosemary Castleberry seconded the motion.

The vote was 5-0.

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION (continued)

Make recommendation to Planning Commission regarding the 1996 City of Austin CIP.

There was unanimous consensus that there will be a Public Hearing on the 1996 City of Austin CIP at the next meeting on April 11, 1995.

Make recommendation to Council regarding proposed Interlocal Agreement with Travis County and Texas Forest Service.

Phil Friday summarized the agreement for the Board in which it was proposed the City should would benefit from the agreement in its efforts to eliminate the tree disease oak wilt. This agreement would enable taking of aerial photographs with which forestry personnel would be able to effectively identify all existing areas of oak wilt within the City limits and on City-owned property outside the City limits.

Delores Duffie moved the Board recommend to Council approval of the proposed Interlocal Agreement with Travis County and Texas Forest Service. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion.

The vote was 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With consensus from the Board, Phil Friday requested the March 14 minutes, page 38, be revised as follows:

"Doug Johnston moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 1995 approved with the following amendment, and the attachment of information concerning the Central City Entertainment Center:

pg. 22 Add: - Attached to the minutes is a summary of some of the information presented."

Rosemary Castleberry moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 1995 approved. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded the motion.

The vote was 5-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Director's Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Phil Friday would like to have the alcoholic ban update added to the next agenda.

Rosemary Castleberry would like a follow up on the Mt. Bonnell issues that were to be discussed at the neighborhood meeting that was held on March 19 as indicated in the letters received by the Board.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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