

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
May 9, 1995**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, May 9, 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, Rocky Medrano, and Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

At this time the order of the Agenda was changed with unanimous consent from the Board.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Water and Wastewater Utility regarding Barton Creek Sewer Lift Station Improvements in Zilker Park.

Cathy Harrington, Assistant Director Administration & Planning, Catherine Salls, Engineer Associate III, and Ron Humphrey, Engineer III, from the Water and Wastewater Utility Department gave a brief presentation and answered questions the Board members had in regards to the project.

Mr. Heitz stated that in view of the consequences of a sewage spill in Zilker Park, the Department recommends approval of a new building to house both the lift station improvements and the train station. PARD will review and approve the building designs prior to construction to ensure compatibility with the park environment.

Mary K. Isaacs moved to approve the staff recommendations to the Water and Wastewater Utility Department. Rocky Medrano seconded the motion.

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

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Set Public Hearing on proposed Special Event Policy for 5:30 P.M. May 23, 1995.

After deliberation, on consensus the Board decided the meeting on May 23, would be held at the Town Lake Center beginning at 6:30 P.M. with the Walsh Boat Landing item first on the Public Hearing on the proposed Special Event Policy to begin 7:00 p.m..

Set Public Hearing on proposed Entertainers in Zilker Park for 7:00 P.M. June 13, 1995.

After deliberation, on consensus the Board decided the Public Hearing on the proposed Entertainers in Zilker Park would be held on June 13, at 6:30 P.M..

Discuss attendance requirements for Board Members.

Phil Friday, Chair, presented a recommendation to the Board for their consideration as an Attendance Policy for Board Members.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres moved for approval of Mr. Friday's recommendation. Doug Johnston seconded the motion. The recommendation read as follows:

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OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN

Attendance Policy

Austin City Code, Section 2-4-3, "Removal of members for failure to attend meetings," reads as follows:

Uniform attendance at meetings by all members of council appointed boards, commissions and committees is required. Any member who misses three (3) consecutive regular meetings or misses one-third of all regular meetings in a twelve-month time period, except for health reasons in both instances shall be ineligible to continue serving and his or her vacancy shall be filled by the city council. Attendance records shall be kept by the chairperson in his designate of each board, commission or committee with a report to the city council whenever the need for a new appointment occurs.

The PARD Staff Liaison shall record the attendance or non-attendance of each Board Member after every meeting, and shall attach a copy of the attendance record to the Agenda of each Board meeting. ("PARD Staff Liaison" shall mean that member of the Parks and Recreation Department staff who is assigned to act as liaison between the Department

and the Board, and the PARD Staff Liaison shall act as the designate of the Chairperson of the Board for purposes of Section 2-4-3.)

In the event any Member fails to attend the number of meetings required by Section 2-4-3 (or its successor), without excuse recognized by Section 2-4-3, the PARD Staff Liaison shall, without the necessity of any action by the Board, notify the Member in question, the City Clerk and the Chairman of the Board of such failure; and the Member shall thereupon be ineligible to continue serving.

In order to be effective, any excuse based upon health reasons must be communicated to the PARD Staff Liaison no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the Board meeting next-following the meeting from which the Member was absent.

As used in Section 2-4-3, "twelve-month time period" shall mean the twelve-month period beginning on the date of each Member's appointment, and each twelve-month period thereafter.

This policy shall become effective commencing with the Board Meeting held May 9, 1995.

The vote was 7-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (continued)

Make recommendation to Council regarding the BCCP Shared Vision and revised BCCP "Shared Vision" Community Conservation Plan Working Group's motions.

Phil Friday, Chair, presented recommendations to the Board for their consideration as recommendations that could be sent to Council regarding the BCCP Shared Vision and revised BCCP "Shared Vision" Community Conservation Plan Working Group's motions.

Marianne Dwight moved for the approval of Mr. Friday's recommendations. Rocky Medrano seconded the motion. The recommendations read as follows:

Recommendations Regarding the Report of
the Community Conservation Plan Working Group (BCCP)

On May 9, 1995, The Parks and Recreation Board was asked to make

recommendations regarding various Motions approved by the Community Conservation Plan Working Group in April 4, 1995, pertaining to the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP).

The Parks Board makes the following recommendations:

MOTION #2: "Encourage mitigation measures that will contribute to the completion of the already-defined preserve system."

The Parks Board supports this Motion. The lands of the preserve system should be as contiguous as possible, and should not be fragmented.

MOTION #11: ". . .other governmental entities. . .(should) carry out the responsibilities of a managing partner in specific preserve property. . . . (and adhere to) minimum management responsibilities were the Golden-cheeked Warbler. . ."

The Parks Board believes that, although it is appropriate that the City of Austin should pay management costs associated with public use (MOTION #10), the City should not have to pay for habitat management out of its General Fund. Austin taxpayers have already contributed \$22,000,000.00 plus interest toward preserve acquisition, portions of which are reserved exclusively for habitat. Species preservation costs should be paid out of participation fees voluntarily paid by developers who might expect to benefit directly from participation.

OTHER MOTIONS: The Parks Board takes no position the remaining Motions.

The vote was 7-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Heitz reminded the Board that the Department would have to make a 6% budget cut and that maintenance would be the most effected. Park Police would not be effected.

(Marianne Dwight asked to be excused from the meeting to go back to work.)

At this time, Mr. Friday informed the Board that at the suggestion of the Director, a sub-committee would be formed to sit in on the Department budget meetings and bring any ideas from the rest of the Board, such as cuts and fee increases, with the commitment that they would not expose the Department to any criticism from the City Manager's Office. With consensus from the Board, the two member to serve on the sub-committee will be:

Phil Friday
Rosemary Castleberry

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Navigation Committee would be meeting on Thursday, May 11 at 12 noon in the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office Conference Room. Mr. Friday announced Ron Cartlidge was not at tonight's meeting because of a previous commitment, but would try to come before the meeting was adjourned.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Rosemary Castleberry stated the Cinco de Mayo celebration had been a success and she hoped in the future each recreation center could do a similar event.

Doug Johnston asked how the Department decided how much to charge for parking at Zilker since people going towards Barton Springs were charged and those who went to the Florarama Show at the Botanical Gardens and parked in the grass were not charged.

Mr. Heitz informed Mr. Johnston that the decision had been made 6 or 7 years before and at the time he was not the Director. The decision was made to discourage people from parking inside the park due to an over flow of cars during the summer. That is why it is only done on weekends and peak periods throughout the summer.

Mary K. Isaacs informed those who did not attend the awards banquet that it had been very nice and that Ron Cartlidge had given an exceptional acceptance speech when he was given his award.

Ms. Isaacs asked the Director what was the status on the idea to capture and relocate the Barton Springs Salamander that had been suggested awhile back.

The Director stated he knew only what was in the paper, but that he feels the new method of cleaning the pool was better. He stated the salamander issue was still alive and he last read they were trying to capture them and send them to Dallas TX to breed.

Phil Friday asked what was the Austin Sports Development Authority. The Director informed him that the Austin Sports Development Authority is associated with the baseball team. Mr. Heitz chairs the Council appointed committee which is composed of 3 members from the City and 2 members from the team.

Mr. Friday asked what was the status on the Grove Blvd. extension. The Director informed the Board there would be a presentation made to Council regarding the Grove Blvd. extension the latter part of May. The estimated cost is between \$7,000 and \$9,000. The Department is hoping to get the at least the minimum funds to get it built. With the \$2.9 million

for the Sportplex the Department should have enough to tie it into the driveway and parking lot of the complex. Mr. Heitz stated the Department is in negotiation with Capitol Metro on the extension of Lakeshore Blvd. east of Pleasant Valley Rd. Capitol Metro would build the road and in exchange use the parking lot as a Park-n-Ride station.

(Ron Cartlidge arrived.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Cartlidge moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 1995 approved with the following:

page 69: 1. Right before the Director's Report, add the Board action. "The vote was 7-0.

page 69: 2. Rosemary Castleberry was the mistress of ceremonies at the awards banquet for the Parks Board and the Community Education Consortium.

It was noted that the Walsh Boat Landing parking under ITEMS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY should have been placed under ITEMS POSTPONED/SCHEDULED FOR DEFINITE DATE and scheduled for May 23, 1995. Also, the memorandum on page 57 regarding should have been dated May 4, 1995.

Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

**MINUTES/PUBLIC HEARING
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
May 23, 1995**

The Public Hearing on proposed Special Events Policy and regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, May 23, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Lake Center Assembly Room, 721 Barton Springs Rd. Board members present were Ron Cartlidge, Rosemary Castleberry, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Delores Duffie, Phil Friday, Mary K. Isaacs, Doug Johnston, Rocky Medrano, and Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Make recommendation to Council regarding use agreements for detention pond, inundation, sanitary sewer, and temporary access in Bartholomew Park.

Tom Hegemier, Engineer III, Transportation and Public Services Department, and Peter Marsh, Engineering Associate III, PARD, gave a brief summary of the use agreement.

The Department recommended approval of the request for:

1. 13.065 ac. Permanent Inundation Use Agreement
2. 80' Temporary Access Use Agreement
3. 0.807 ac. 20' wide Permanent Sanitary Sewer Use Agreement
4. 0.296 ac. 60' wide Temporary Access Use Agreement

The above use agreements are subject to the conditions listed below:

1. Restoration and shall be in accordance with the "Restoration Plan" included in the Information Packet for the project submitted by the Department of Public Works and Transportation.
2. 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.
3. All restoration and revegetation shall be completed to the requirements and satisfaction of the Parks and Recreation Department.