

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
June 13, 1995

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, 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, 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, Warren Struss, Tana Goodwill, 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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Special Presentation on Natural Resources Division--Juan Valera-Lema
No presentation was made.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Make recommendation to Council regarding use agreement for permanent sanitary sewer in Jimmy Clay Golf Course.

The staff recommended approval of the request for the following permanent sanitary sewer use agreements:

1. 2.371 ac. (3,675' x 30' wide)
2. 0.935 ac. (2,350' x 20' wide)

The above use agreements are subject to the following conditions:

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. Tree replacement to compensate for the 221 diameter inches of trees that will be removed shall be 110 - 2" diameter trees. The species and location for the replacements shall be approved by the Parks and Recreation Department.
3. 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.

4. All restoration and revegetation shall be completed to the requirements and satisfaction of the Parks and Recreation Department.

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.

Mary K. Isaacs, Land and Facilities Committee member, stated the committee approved of the staff recommendation.

The vote was 7-0.

Approve construction of a single-slip boat dock at 611 River Road, File # SP-95-0181DS.

Approve construction of a single-slip boat dock at 4700 Island Cove, File # SP-95-0196DS.

Approve construction of a two-slip boat dock at 2015 River Hills Road, File # SP-95-0197DS.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee chair, stated the committee recommended approval the above items with the following staff recommendations:

I. Staff recommends approval of the request to construct a covered single-slip dock at 611 River Road, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-95-0181D, however the applicants attention should be drawn to the fact that this section of the lake is subject to high water levels and water velocity during storm events when discharges occur from Mansfield Dam. To avoid possible damage to the boat dock and to stored watercraft consideration should be given to utilizing a floating structure.

II. Staff recommends approval of the request to construct a covered single-slip boat dock at 4700 Island Cove, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-95-0196DS subject to the following:

1. The maximum width of the boat dock be 28.6', 20% of the shoreline width of 143'.

III. Staff recommends approval of the request to construct a Two-slip boat dock with deck over at 2015 River Hills Drive, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-95-0197DS, subject to the following conditions:

1. The boat dock must be located at least 10' from the side property line.
2. Navigation lighting in accordance with Section 13-2-793 of the City Code must be provided.

3. The applicants attention be drawn to the fact that this section of the lake is subject to high water levels and water velocity during storm events when discharges occur from Mansfield Dam. To avoid possible damage to the boat dock and to stored watercraft consideration should be given to utilizing a floating structure.

The vote was 7-0.

Approve variance for construction of swimming dock that exceeds 30' length at 2705 Westlake Drive.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee chair, stated the committee recommended to disallow the variance.

Susan Benz, AIA, from Moore/Anderson Architects, gave a brief summary on the project.

The vote was 8-0-1 in favor of the Navigation Committee's recommendation. Delores Duffie abstained.

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Public Hearing on proposed Entertainers in Zilker Park.

At this time, the Chair opened the floor for speakers.

Since there were none at the time, Ron Cartlidge moved to close the Public Hearing and have staff present recommendations at the next meeting. Doug Johnston seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0-1. Phil Friday abstained.

The Chair informed the Board that the following performs had arrived and, with unanimous consensus from the Board, they were allowed to speak on the proposal of Entertainers in Zilker Park.

Mike Winslett, Magician, 3 Ring Service - recommended the Department develop criteria for permits to regulate the type of people who perform at Zilker Park, charge a fee for processing the permit, and if problems should come from a performer have the permit withdrawn at the discretion of the Director or the Park Manager.

Errol Schuyler, Entertainer/Balloon Artist - recommended the Department use some form of regulation to limit the amount of performs allowed, the quality of the performers, and some type of identification that would let the public know they are quality entertainment in the park.

Make recommendation to the Department regarding proposed Entertainers in Zilker Park.

Postponed until the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding proposed Special Events Policy.

Jody Hamilton, gave an overview of the recommended changes made to the policy at the last meeting. (See Attachment A)

Mary Margaret Quadlander, member, Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association - asked the Board to lower the decibel level and to share the number of concerts with other parks.

Jack Macy, Aqua Festival Commodore - due to the fact that Aqua Festival had a license agreement, his concerns had been addressed.

Ingrid Weigand, President, Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association - was pleased that suggestions made by the community at the last meeting were incorporated into the policy and asked that the amount of events held at the Shores be lowered to 25 a year, the events be limited to three consecutive days, there be no waivers given for 2 a.m. curfews, and that the neighborhood be included in the testing of noise levels.

Gail Armstrong, resident - addressed the Board and recommended to lower the decibel level to 80, would like the number of events at the Shores reduced to 20, asked if an event would be closed down for the evening only or not be allowed to return if committed a violation, and if there was any way to lessen the traffic caused by the July 4th. Symphony Concert and Fireworks Display.

Doug Johnston moved to make a recommendation to Council that the decibel level be lowered to 80 starting at 8 p.m.. Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 2-7.

Mr. Johnston and Ms. Duffie excused themselves from the meeting.

By unanimous consensus, the Board approved the following changes in the Proposed Revisions under RESTRICTIONS ON EVENTS IN SPECIFIC PARKS:

Phil Friday asked the wording in first paragraph be changed by deleting the word "would" from the second sentence and make it a maximum of 25 days.

Mary K. Isaacs recommended the word "special" be added before the word "event" in the second paragraph.

At this time the Board began to review the draft policy as a whole.

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Under FUNDS RAISED: add that all non-profit organizations will be asked to provide a copy of their solicitation permit.

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Under EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: Mary K. Isaacs moved to remove the last sentence from the paragraph. ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

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Under ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION/SALES: at the request of ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres, the Department will contact TABC and asked about the alcoholic beverage serving classes.

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Under LIMITS ON NUMBER AND SIZE OF EVENTS AT SPECIFIC SITES: Rosemary Castleberry moved that no additional events the size and nature of Freedom Fest be allowed in Zilker Park. Marianne Dwight seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

Mr. Friday asked that the Department research the reservation listings for the past 3 years at Zilker Park and make a presentation to the Board the first meeting in August. He asked to have the item posted on the agenda under ITEMS POSTPONED FOR A DEFINITE DATE.

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Under DEPOSITS FOR EVENTS: suggested the wording in the first sentence be changed and have it to read "...the deposit paid for the event maybe forfeited in whole or in part."

Marianne Dwight moved to recommend the policy subject to the specific recommendations made by the Board. Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director reported on the following items:

The budget had gone to the City Manager and is awaiting his approval.

The Department proposal to bring Park Police up to 90% parity over a 3 year period has been sent to the City Manager's office and awaiting the outcome.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, reported Ms. Nivison and himself had gone out with the Lake Patrol. They observed the two lots in question regarding the request for approval of construction of boat dock at 1871 Westlake Dr. that was on the March 28, 1995 agenda in which the Board recommended that the applicant negotiate further with the adjacent landowner to find an acceptable solution. The Board also had stated they would not favor the approval of a second dock for the adjacent landowner and postponed the item until an acceptable solution was found. They saw a small boat dock on the lot that is now being used for a sail boat and recommended it be tagged because it was the committee did not think it had

ever been approved.

Mr. Cartlidge invited all the Board to ride with the Lake Patrol on Monday, June 26.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mary K. Isaacs commented that Doug Johnston was an exemplary Board member who brought with him the wonderful prospective of the average park user and never let it get out of his sight.

Ron Cartlidge, on behalf of Board members and the Department, expressed to Mr. Friday our sympathy to him and let him know our prayers are with him and his family.

Phil Friday announced the re-appointment of Marianne Dwight, Mary K. Isaacs, and Rocky Medrano to the Board.

Rocky Medrano informed the Board he would be soliciting their support in regards to the Montopolis Sports Plex. The Director informed the Board the Department is trying to find a solution to acquire the fourth field.

Phil Friday asked for clarification on the Central City Entertainment Center Authority. The Director informed Mr. Friday there were going to be nine members serving, to be Council appointed.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres stated she felt the Arts Commission Board members did not want Parks Board members serving on the Arts Subcommittee panel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted that the minutes of May 23 stated Ms. Nivison was present and were to be corrected to state she was absent.

Rosemary Castleberry moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 1995 and regular meeting/public hearing of May 23, 1995 approved. Rocky Medrano seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.