

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
June 27, 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, Marianne Dwight, Phil Friday, Mary K. Isaacs, Rocky Medrano, and Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Jesus Olivares, Jody Hamilton, Peter Marsh, Juan Valera-Lema, and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Special Presentation on Natural Resources Division--Juan Valera-Lema
(See Attachment "A")

Special Presentation on Proposed Addition to Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum--Friends of the Umlauf (See Attachment "B")

Special Presentation on proposal to relocate Trail of Lights from Zilker Park to Downtown Austin--Christopher G. McFadden, Austin Downtown Management Organization, Marketing Manager

After Mr. McFadden spoke to the Board, he stated he would return to the Board with details and financial reports on the relocation.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Make recommendation to Council regarding .566 ac. permanent Drainage use agreement for water quality pond in Gillis Park.

By unanimous consent, the Board postponed the above item.

Make recommendation to Council regarding use agreements for fiber optic cable according to the Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network (GAATN).

Mary K. Isaacs, Land and Facilities Committee member, stated the committee recommends approval with the following staff recommendations:

1. Restoration and revegetation shall be in accordance with the "Restoration Plan" included in the information packet submitted by

Alexander Utility Engineering Inc.

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.

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

The vote was 6-0.

Approve Site Plan exemption permits for silt removal from Lake Austin.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated the committee recommends approval with the following additions be added to the staff recommendations:

"Staff recommends that the Board indicate their approval of a Site Plan exemption permit for the silt removal projects in Lake Austin, but that the applicants be required to notify the Environmental Department and the Parks Board of the extent of the project and the location of the upland disposal site for the removed silt."

(Add an S to applicant and the words Environmental Department and the Parks.)

The vote was 6-0.

Approve construction of a swimming dock at 2705 Westlake Drive File # SP-95-0226DS.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated the committee recommends approval with the following staff recommendations:

1. The swimming dock extend from the shoreline a maximum of 30'.
2. The navigation light station (consisting of two lamps) should be located at the upstream corner of the structure furthest from the shore so that it is visible to all approaching watercraft.
3. Any additional lighting on the dock should be located or shielded so that no beams of light shine outwards to the lake.

The vote was 6-0.

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

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Approve variances to allow construction of a boat dock at 1872 Westlake Drive (Lot 6, Emmett Shelton Subdivision).

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated the committee did not have a recommendation.

Peter Marsh, Engineer Associate III, gave a brief summary on the boat dock in question and stated the staff recommendations to be as follows:

1. Lot 5, Emmett Shelton Subdivision not be permitted to construct any boat dock on the lot unless the subject boat dock within the easement is removed and the easement is vacated.
2. If the existing wooden boat ramp located on Lot 5, Emmett Shelton Subdivision is found to be constructed illegally, it shall be removed and the City will take all necessary action to ensure its removal.
3. Any boat dock constructed on Lot 6, Emmett Shelton Subdivision (1871 Westlake Drive) shall be restricted to the storage of one boat provided the easement, and the boat dock within the easement, is existing.

Ron Cartlidge moved not to recommend the variance, nonetheless, recommend staff provisions 1 and 2, and that the wooden boat ramp on staff recommendation #2 seems to be illegal and should be tagged, then removed. Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 2-4.

Ron Cartlidge moved for approval of the variance with the staff recommendations 1 and 2 the additional following revisions:

Add to staff recommendation #2: " and that the boat ramp on Lot 5 seems to be illegal and should be tagged, then removed."

3. Variance be granted for a horizontal dock not to exceed 15' into the water.
4. Be limited to a single slip.
5. The applicant has 90 days to submit boat dock plans or the variance will be null and void.
6. The boat dock be a minimum of 10' from the downstream property sideline.

Marianne Dwight added the following amendment:

3 & 4 be combined and rephrased to read:

"It be limited to a single slip boat dock, 15' in width, until the removal of the boat dock on the easement."

Mr. Marsh stated recommendation #6 was a part of the City Code also, the Navigation Committee has adopted a policy which restricts the length of

boat docks to 25% of the total width of the slough.

Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 1-5.

Marianne Dwight moved to approve the variance with staff recommendations and with the additional following revisions:

Rephrase staff recommendation #2 to read as follows:

"The existing wooden boat dock located on Lot 5, Emmett Shelton Subdivision shall be removed."

4. Variance be granted for a single slip, horizontal dock not to exceed 15' into the water, until such time as the boat dock on the easement is removed.

5. The boat dock be a minimal of 10' from the downstream property sideline.

Rocky Medrano seconded the motion.

The vote was 5-1-1. ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres abstained.

Make recommendation to the Department regarding entertainers performing for donations in Austin parks.

Tom Mitchell, Clown-Balloon Artist - addressed the Board and stated there was need for regulation among the performers. There was also a need for communications between them and staff, including Park Police, and the Board.

Betsy Kemper (Doodle Bug the Clown), Park Performer - suggested to the Board all entertainers should be insured.

At this time the Jody Hamilton asked the Board for their view on this issue.

Ms. Castleberry - asked if there was a need for regulation.

Mr. Medrano - there probably is need for minimal regulation.

Ms. Dwight - there should be some kind of registration for the performers so staff can be aware of who is in the park.

Ms. Isaacs - monitoring number the performers in the park, perhaps through registration.

Ms. Cruz-Torres - performers should not exclude anyone because they did not give money.

Mr. Cartlidge - performers add to the character of the park and one does not have to participate to enjoy them. Some regulation is needed.

Ms. Nivison - has seen where entertainers do not ask for donations, but sell their product.

Mr. Friday - has a need been shown for regulation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, extended an invitation to the Board to attend ground breaking ceremonies for the Dove Springs Recreation Center Saturday, July 8, at 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, informed the Board that due to the fact the last ride on Lake Austin was canceled, they would go on June the 28 at 9:00 am.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres, Programs Subcommittee Chair, informed the Board they did meet, but she not had the time to prepare a report and would have one available soon.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Rocky Medrano expressed he was proud of the work Jesus Olivares was doing to help the Park Police and of the work the Department was doing in making Givens Park a more enjoyable park.

Phil Friday had questions regarding the Park Rules as follows:

p. 48 1.12 Plant Life What is the provision on picking up dead wood or dead plants. Answer: To determine the why the vegetation has died.

p. 49 Animals H. "... pet and animals should not be brought into designated park preserves." Answer: Habitat driven.

p. 53 1.19 Trail Use E. "Bicyclist will ...", suggest it read, "Bicyclist shall...".

1.20 Adhere to Park Signs Remove the word "to".

1.22 Alcohol 3. Suggest it read "In athletic fields within the playing boundaries of athletic fields".

Ms. Nivison stated there was a problem of people on canoes being harassed by people drinking on other canoes and perhaps there should be a sign placed at the Zilker Canoe Rental banning alcohol.

What is the Design amendment that regarding the Central City Entertainment Center? There was conflict in regards to the type of game that were being considered for the center.

Has the final revision for the Special Events been finished and when will they receive a copy? Ms. Hamilton will have it mailed with the next agenda

packet.

Suggested the Department contact WANG and let them know that the Walsh Boat Landing issue will be on the July 25 agenda.

Mary K. Isaacs is concerned with the money that would be involved in the moving of the Trail of Lights and would like for the DMO to present a full proposal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By unanimous consent, approval of the minutes was postponed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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