

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
July 27, 1995

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, July 27, 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, Marianne Dwight, Phil Friday, Mary K. Isaacs, Rocky Medrano, and Hermalinda Zamarripa.

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair. At this time, with unanimous consent from the Board, the Chair changed the order of the agenda.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Phil Friday, Navigation Committee member, stated the committee recommended to approve the following construction site plans with the staff recommendations:

Approve construction of a covered two-slip boat dock at 4212 Watersedge Cove. File # SP-95-0237DSM.

Staff recommended approval of the request to construct a covered two-slip boat dock at 4212 Watersedge Cove, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-95-0273DS, subject to the following:

1. Two navigation light stations shall be provided in accordance with Section 13-2-793(b)(2)(B)(2), one navigation light station located at each end of the structure on the side farthest from the shoreline.

Approve construction of a covered single-slip boat dock at 5309 Cone Circle. File # SP-95-0199DS.

Staff recommended approval of the request to construct a covered single slip boat dock at 5309 Cone Circle in accordance with Site Plan # SP-95-0199DS, subject to the following:

1. Approval of the variance to Section 13-2-795(1) to allow the boat dock to extend not more than 50' from the shoreline.
2. Three (3) navigation light stations shall be provided in

accordance with Section 13-2-793(2)(A)(1). One light station shall be provided on each side of the structure at the midpoint of the length between the shoreline and end of the structure farthest from the shoreline. One light station on the side of the structure farthest from and parallel to the shoreline, located at the end so as to be visible to all properly approaching watercraft.

Approve construction of a covered single-slip boat dock at 5303 S. Scout Island Circle. File # SP-95-0198DS.

Staff recommended approval of the request to construct a covered single slip boat dock at 5303 Scout Island Circle in accordance with Site Plan # SP-95-0198DS, subject to the following:

1. Approval of the variance to Section 13-2-795(1) to allow the boat dock to extend not more than 50' from the shoreline.
2. Three (3) navigation light stations shall be provided in accordance with Section 13-2-793(2)(A)(1). One light station shall be provided on each side of the structure at the midpoint of the length between the shoreline and end of the structure farthest from the shoreline. One light station on the side of the structure farthest from and parallel to the shoreline, located at the end so as to be visible to all properly approaching watercraft.
3. The boat dock is located at least 10' from the adjacent side property lines.

The vote was 6-0.

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

After a brief discussion, Marianne Dwight moved to have the above item postponed until the next meeting and requested staff ask Public Works to comment specifically on the barriers in relation to the area. Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 6-0.

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to the Department regarding relocation of the Trail of Lights to downtown sites.

Chris McFadden, Marketing Manager and Lucy Buck of the Austin Downtown Management Organization (DMO) addressed the Board and gave a brief summary on the Austin DMO proposal to relocate the Trail of Lights to downtown sites.

Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director, stated he was concerned with the safety

issues and the additional cost this proposal would have on the department.

It was suggested the PARD staff and the Austin DMO staff work together on an idea that could be planned for downtown parks. Since it is already too late to do something this year, perhaps planning for next year would be best.

Make recommendation to City Council regarding proposed Encampment Ordinance.

Lucy Buck, Austin DMO - addressed the Board and asked them to approved the proposed Encampment Ordinance.

Trey Salinas, Assistant to the Mayor - addressed the Board and asked for support of this proposed ordinance on behalf of the Mayor.

The Director explained the Department already has a no camping rule except in designated areas (i.e. Emma Long Metropolitan Park, Lake Walter E. Long, and special permission requests) and this ordinance would help enforce the rule.

Ron Cartlidge moved to recommended to City Council the approval of the proposed Encampment Ordinance. Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 4-1-2. Marianne Dwight and Rosemary Castleberry abstained.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Update on Walsh Boat Landing Parking Issues

The Director reported that Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, has been meeting with the neighborhood group, the restaurant group, Park Police, and users of the boat ramp. They have not found a solution yet. There is a need to resolve the issue to meet the needs of the community, the businesses, and the users of the facility.

Blake Tollett, Director/Executive Committee, West Austin Neighborhood Group - addressed the Board to asked them to enforce city wide curfew and limit parking lot solely to users of Walsh Boat Landing.

The Board did not take any action on the issue since it was not on the agenda as an action item.

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION (continued)

Set date and time for annual retreat.

By unanimous consent, the Parks and Recreation Board Annual Retreat will be Saturday, September 30, 1995 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The location will be announced at the next regular meeting.

Make recommendation to Council regarding proposed Parks and Recreation Policy Budget for 1995-96.

Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director gave a brief summary on the proposed Parks and Recreation Policy Budget for 1995-96. Recommendations were as follows: (See Attachment "A")

Phil Friday asked that the item be placed on the agenda again for the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Department regarding the park rules for entertainers in parks.

By unanimous consent, the Board agreed with the staff recommendations which will be added to the new Park Rules as follows:

ARTISTS OR ENTERTAINERS IN PARKS

Individuals may perform as artists or entertainers in any City park within the following guidelines:

1. May not block sidewalks or in any way impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic circulation.
2. May not be within 100 feet of existing park concessions.
3. May set up at special events only with written permission of the event organizer.
4. Use of amplified sound is prohibited.
5. Juggling of potentially hazardous materials or items, such as fire or knives, is prohibited.
6. Any money exchanged should be on a tips or donation basis only.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, reported to the Board that members Rosemary Castleberry, Mary K. Isaacs, Louise Nivison, and himself toured the lake and visited every slough and cove all the way to the top of Lake Austin.

Mr. Cartlidge asked if the existing wooden boat dock located on Lot 5, Emmett Shelton Subdivision, had been tagged as recommended at the last Board meeting.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Ron Cartlidge moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 1995 approved. Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

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

p.32 1.22 Alcohol 3. Suggest it read "In athletic fields within the playing boundaries of athletic fields".

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p.30 3 & 4 be combined and rephrased to read:

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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.

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