

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
August 25, 1995**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, August 25, 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, and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding approval of a use agreement for a 12" wastewater main through Dick Nichols Park.

Mary K. Isaacs reported she had reviewed the plans and concurred with the staff recommendation.

Staff recommended approval of the request for:

1. 25' wide x 2350' long permanent wastewater use agreement.
2. A parallel 25' wide temporary construction use agreement.
3. Approximately 23,000 square feet (0.52 ac.) temporary construction use agreement

The above use agreements are subject to the following conditions:

1. Restoration and shall be in accordance with the "Restoration Plan" included in the letter submitted by Carlson Engineering and Associates.
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.

4. 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.

Marianne Dwight moved to recommend approval of the staff recommendation to Council. Rocky Medrano seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

Make recommendation to Council regarding proposed Austin Bicycle Plan.

Rick Waring, Community Services Coordinator, Public Works and Transportation Department, gave an overview of the proposed Austin Bicycle Plan.

Staff recommended the following:

The Department agrees with the goals, the intent and the spirit of the plan; and to such extent fully support the proposed bicycle plan. Furthermore, it is urged that any additional planning for the location and development of on-road bicycle routes be coordinated with the planning and development of off-road trails in order to maximize the potential for alternative transportation corridors.

After a brief discussion, Ron Cartlidge moved to recommend approval to Council regarding the proposed Austin Bicycle Plan. Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

Election of Officers.

Mary K. Isaacs nominated Phil Friday for Chair. Since there were no other nominations, Rosemary Castleberry moved that the be closed and by acclamation Phil Friday become Chair. Rocky Medrano seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres nominated Ron Cartlidge for Vice Chair. Since there were no other nominations, Rocky Medrano moved that the be closed and by acclamation Ron Cartlidge become Vice Chair. Rosemary Castleberry seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

Rosemary nominated Erma Linda Cruz-Torres for Secretary. Since there were no other nominations, Mary K. Isaacs moved that the be closed and by acclamation Erma Linda Cruz-Torres become Secretary. Rocky Medrano seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus Oivares, Deputy Director, informed the Board the Department would present the Budget to Council on Wednesday, August 23, at 9:30 a.m. Town Lake Center and expressed gratitude to the Board members who spoke at the Public Hearing and to the different Council members.

At this time, the Chair noted that under ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION the following item:

Make recommendation to the Department regarding proposed guidelines and by-laws for advisory associations.

had been pulled at the request of Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Programs Subcommittee Chair, and she would discuss it under Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Programs Subcommittee Chair, reported the committee had met on August 21 and they felt the "Proposed guidelines and by-laws for advisory associations" was not ready and would like to have it rescheduled for the Board Retreat and after the retreat schedule a public hearing on the document before recommendation is made to Council.

The Board unanimously agreed.

Ms. Cruz-Torres also reported they had reviewed Senate Bill 212. The City of Austin is exempt from licensing requirements, however, the Department is working toward adopting standards that can be reviewed annually and hopefully by ordinance. There would need to be a public hearing to set programs, guidelines, and policy. She also mentioned there had been a presentation done by Juan Valera and Cindy Giedraitis regarding the Barton Springs Gift Shop being converted to an exhibit on the aquifer and make it an educational component. This project should be presented to the Board soon.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, asked if there was any progress on the Walsh Boat Landing parking problem. Mr. Olivares reported that they were still negotiating.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mary K. Isaacs - what happened to the Tree Care Ordinance? It is still in process.

Rosemary Castleberry - what about the Riverboat Concession? The Department is having to do an audit on all concessions and then we will review them all. What happened to the testing of the Wind Harp on Townlake? The artist's contract had to be redone to allow for the testing and it was still being negotiated.

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres - requested the signage regarding NO ALCOHOL along Pleasant Valley Road across the Krieg Field Complex be replaced. What is the status on the South Austin Senior Activity Center, Dove Springs Recreation Center, and the Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center? At this time they are all on line. What is the status on the Montopolis Sports Complex? At this time we are awaiting an answer from the citizens in the community on what type of facilities will be located on site. When will the Board receive a financial report from Aqua Fest? Aqua Fest has 30 days from the event to bring a report to the Department and Mr. Heitz is working with them to make sure it is done on time.

Phil Friday - reported on success the Board had with Council in regards to the budget presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Cartlidge moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 1995 approved with the following corrections:

p. 29 should read:

Phil Friday stated the Board had the following choices to make:
third choice should read:
grant variance to all sections

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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