

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
September 12, 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 Rosemary Castleberry, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Marianne Dwight, Phil Friday, Mary K. Isaacs, Rocky Medrano, Hermelinda Zamarripa, 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 6:40 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Mike Workman, resident, addressed the Board on the following issues:

- * asked the Department to investigate the possibility of connecting Waterloo Park to the Capital and Downtown.
- * supports October 7 City bond issue
- * noted Item D3d not in order for action by the Board, but encouraged the Board to vote in favor of the Triple-A baseball stadium.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding proposed changes for better traffic control on Barton Springs Rd through Zilker Park.

Alan Hughes, Engineer II, Public Works, gave a brief summary and recommended to the Board to install two (2) 20 mph reduced speed park zones. One will run from the Barton Creek to Stratford Drive, the other from Stratford Drive to Loop 1 (MoPac). They can be operated individually or concurrently. They could be controlled by Park Police during the weekend or a special event.

After a brief discussion, Rocky Medrano moved to endorse the recommendation and approve recommending it to Council. Rosemary Castleberry seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

Make recommendation to Council regarding "Swede Hill Park".

Mike Tolleson, resident, asked the Board to recommend to Council not to allow Jo Baylor, developer, to build affordable housing on the property in question, but to allow the neighborhood to maintain it as parkland.

Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, stated the Department had no recommendation at this time.

Phil Friday moved to recommend to Council that "Swede Hill Park" be maintained as a park. Rocky Medrano seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

Set a public hearing for the proposed Guidelines and By-laws for Advisory Groups.

On unanimous consensus, the Board approved a public hearing for the proposed Guidelines and By-laws for Advisory Groups be set for Saturday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m. At the retreat, the Board will decide if they or the Programs Subcommittee will hold the public hearing.

Make recommendation to the voters regarding proposed Triple-A baseball stadium.

Due to the fact the proposed Triple-A baseball stadium is scheduled for an election, the Board as a whole could not act on the item, but as an individual person and Board member, they were allowed to voice their opinions and ask questions about the stadium.

Mike Workman addressed the Board and expressed his thanks to them for discussing issues regarding the baseball stadium even though there was no action taken.

Hermelinda Zamarripa expressed her concerns regarding the traffic the baseball stadium would bring into neighborhood streets.

Rocky Medrano stated he was in favor of the proposed Triple-A baseball stadium.

Set agenda for retreat.

The Board was reminded that the retreat was scheduled for September 30, at 9:00 a.m. at Riverside Center.

On consensus the Board decided to postpone their regularly scheduled meeting on September 26 and discuss any pressing items at the retreat unless there was an urgent matter. Jody Hamilton would send draft retreat agendas to all Board members no later than Friday, September 22 and they would have all revisions back to her no later than 12:00 noon Monday, September 25.

Other items Board members asked to be discussed at the retreat:

- * Resource Manual update
- * Division overview
- * Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) update
- * More thorough presentation on "SPLASH"
- * Aquatics information
- * Park Police update
- * Special projects the Department is pursuing
- * Recreation Center audit review
- * Budget overview
- * 1994-95 Annual Report draft review/Update committee goals

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, invited the Board to attend the Dick Nichols Pool ground breaking ceremony on Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m. He announced the boxing program is steadily coming back into the Department as it had been requested by various Board members. There was a smoker boxing match at the Pre-Diez y Seis celebration done the past Saturday at Gillis Park sponsored by the South Austin Recreation Center. Mr. Olivares also mentioned the following Diez y Seis de Septiembre celebrations to be held throughout the City:

- * Fiestas Patrias/Fiesta Gardens: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- * Mexican Consulate Program/Auditorium Shores: Friday
- * Fiesta/Parque Zaragoza: Saturday

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres thanked the Department for replacing the "NO ALCOHOL" signs along Pleasant Valley Road as she had requested.

Rocky Medrano reported to Mr. Olivares he had received a call from Christina Chavez regarding a ballfield that was to be built at Kendra Page park but since there were no funds left in the project the Department would not build it. Ms. Cruz-Torres reported she had also received a call from Janine of the Silverstone Neighborhood Association regarding the same issue.

Phil Friday asked what would it take for the City to acquire the land Mr. Workman had spoken of during his comments under Citizens Communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rosemary Castleberry moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of August 28, 1995 approved with the following corrections:

p.3 under COMMITTEE REPORTS should read:

"Ms. Cruz-Torres also reported they had reviewed Senate Bill 212

which is in reference to child care."

"She also mentioned there had been a presentation done by Juan Valera and Cindy Giedraitis regarding "Splash" and the Barton Springs Gift Shop being converted to an exhibit on the Edwards Aquifer and make it an educational component."

p.3 under ELECTION OF OFFICERS:
Add "Castleberry" to Rosemary.

Nominations should read:

"Since there were no other nominations, Rosemary Castleberry moved that the nominations be closed and by acclamation Phil Friday become Chair."

"Since there were no other nominations, Rocky Medrano moved that the nominations be closed and by acclamation Ron Cartlidge become Vice Chair."

"Since there were no other nominations, Mary K. Isaacs moved that the nominations be closed and by acclamation Erma Linda Cruz-Torres become Secretary."

Rocky Medrano seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

ADJOURN

Before adjourning, Ms. Castleberry mentioned she had seen a TV show that showed a chemical you could spray on paint that would allow you to spray wash graffiti. Mr. Olivares assured her that the Department was investigating all available products that would decrease the cost of graffiti removal.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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

**MINUTES
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SEPTEMBER 30, 1995**

The Annual Retreat of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Saturday, September 30, 1995 at 9:00 a.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 Hermelinda Zamarrippa.

Staff members present were Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Jesus Olivares, Jody Hamilton, Kim Mitchell, Jack Anderson, Heather Griffith-Peterson, Tino Garcia, Warren Struss, Col. Leroy Swift, Juan Valera-Lema, Stuart Strong, Ray Lopez, Randy Russell, and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Phil Friday, Chair.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Budget Overview--Mike Heitz

Division Overviews--Mike Heitz

Division Presentations--Division Managers (approx. 15 min. each: overview of division & services, 1994-95 accomplishments, focus and direction for 1995-96, special partnerships--will include CIP Update, Rec. Ctr Audit update, Aquatics, SPLASH) as follows: (see attached outline of each discussion)

Jack Anderson - Cultural Affairs

Heather Griffith-Peterson - Management Services

Tino Garcia - Organization Development

Warren Struss - Operations

Col. Leroy Swift - Park Police

Juan Valera-Lema - Natural Resources

Stuart Strong - Planning and Design

Ray Lopez - Programs

Randy Russell - Sports Management

Special Projects--Mike Heitz, Jesus Olivares (see attached list)

By unanimous consent, the Board postponed the rest of the agenda items until the next regular meeting of October 10.

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