

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**November 14, 1995**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, November 14, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office Board Room, 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Elaine Carter, 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, Jody Hamilton, Michael Von Wupperfeld, Tana Goodwill, Peter Marsh, and Dolores Posada.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair. Mr. Friday introduced to the everyone the new member appointed by Eric Mitchell to the Board, Elaine Carter.

**CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Since there were no Citizen's Communications, the Board excused themselves and went into Executive Session. The Board returned to the room at 7:15 p.m.

With unanimous consent from the Board, the order of the agenda was changed.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION**

**Make recommendation to Council regarding awarding the miniature train concession in Zilker Park to Texas Special.**

Sue Brubaker, Purchasing Officer, City of Austin, explained to the Board on what criteria the proposals were evaluated. An evaluation team made up of representatives from the Purchasing Office, the Budget Office, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Environmental Board, and the Parks and Recreation Board reviewed the responses and recommended that the contract be awarded to Texas Special.

Tom Larkin, Texas Special owner, was available to answer any questions the Board had.

Charlie Beall, Zilker Eagle owner, addressed the Board and asked that they reconsider awarding the contract to Texas Special.

Mary K. Isaacs moved to approve recommending to Council regarding awarding the miniature train concession in Zilker Park to Texas Special. Rosemary Castleberry seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-1-1. Phil Friday abstained.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Approve construction of a covered two-slip boat dock and swimming pier at 2503 Edgewater Drive, File # SP-95-0419DS.

Staff recommends approval of the request to construct a covered two-slip boat dock with swimming pier at 2503 Edgewater Drive, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-95-0419DS, subject to the following:

1. Four navigation light stations are provided to be located not more than 25' apart, along the side farthest from and parallel to the shoreline in accordance with Section 13-2-793(b)(2)(B)(3) of the Land Development Code.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated the committee concurred with staff recommendation with the following additional condition:

The boat dock be located a minimum of 10' from the adjacent side property line.

Approve construction of a covered two-slip boat dock at 1534 Lisa Drive, File # SP-95-0406DS.

Staff recommends approval of the request to construct a covered two-slip boat dock at 1534 Lisa Drive, in accordance with Site Plan #SP-95-0406DS subject to the dock being located 15' from the property line between Lot 15 and Lot 16.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated the committee concurred with staff recommendation.

The vote was 9-0 in favor of approval of construction of a covered two-slip boat dock and swimming pier at 2503 Edgewater Drive, File # SP-95-0419DS and construction of a covered two-slip boat dock at 1534 Lisa Drive, File # SP-95-0406DS.

Make recommendation to Council regarding negotiation and execution of a parkland improvement agreement regarding Trinity Crossing.

Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director, stated developers of approximately 200 acres of land in east Austin dedicated 16.36 acres to the City to satisfy parkland requirements. The parkland, not yet formally named but informally referred to as Trinity Crossing, is located on FM Road 969 east of 183.

The developers, Global Southwest Development, Inc. (Global), recently requested permission to develop the park at Global's expense to coincide as much as possible with grand opening of their adjacent, new residential development.

Ron Cartlidge moved to approve negotiation and execution of a typical parkland improvement agreement in order to formally accept Global's gift of

a developed park in a new neighborhood. Marianne Dwight seconded the motion

The vote was 9-0.

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION (Continued)

Make recommendation to Council regarding changes in City Code, Chapter 11-1, Section 10-1-6 and 16-5-16 to include definition of a wildlife preserve and provide for law enforcement.

Michael von Wupperfeld, Acting Chief Conservation Officer, stated the City Code, Chapter 11-1, Section 10-1-6 and Section 16-5-16 needs amendment to include definition of a wildlife preserve and provide for law enforcement.

As proposed, the ordinance changes will allow the establishment of rules and regulations on the preserve lands of the Balcones Canyonlands and other non-dedicated parkland under the administrative supervision of the Parks and Recreation Department. It will also authorize Park Police to enforce regulations in these areas. The current ordinance does not include any provisions for regulations on City lands that are not dedicated parkland.

Rocky Medrano moved to approve a recommendation to Council regarding changes in City Code, Chapter 11-1, Section 10-1-6 and 16-5-16 to include definition of a wildlife preserve and provide for law enforcement. Marianne Dwight seconded the motion.

The vote 8-1.

Make recommendation to Council regarding use agreement to allow the installation of a fiber optic cable system in Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park.

Peter Marsh, Engineering Associate III, stated a request has been received from Alexander Utility Engineering, Inc. for a use agreement to install fiber optic cables part of Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park, parallel to the west side of Loop 1 South (MoPac).

Alexander Utility Engineering, Inc. is the consultant to Southwestern Bell Telephone which is the contractor for the Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network. The GAATN is a cooperative telecommunications network linking multiple sites of AISD, the City, Travis County, LCRA, ACC, State of Texas General Services Commission and the University of Texas.

The Department is satisfied that this alignment and the method of construction is the most feasible and prudent alternative for the construction of this project and that all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the parkland has been carried out.

Staff recommends approval of the use agreement to allow the installation of a Fiber Optic Cable System in Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park. The above

use agreements are subject to the following conditions:

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.

Rosemary Castleberry moved to approve making a recommendation to Council regarding use agreement to allow the installation of a fiber optic cable system in Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded the motion.

The vote was 9-0.

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council and/or Department regarding the Annual Concession Report.

Tana Goodwill, Financial Analyst II, was available to answer any questions the Board had.

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres moved to approve forwarding the Annual Concession Report to Council, but with continual review of concessions by the Department. Mary K. Isaacs seconded the motion.

The vote was 9-0.

Reconsider resolution regarding public access to the Hill Country Preserve.

After a brief discussion, no action was taken by the Board.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There was no Director's report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports..

#### **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres asked for a copy of the Aqua Fest financial report.

Ron Cartlidge announced he had attended the dedication of the Zilker Gardens Main Entry Gate earlier that day and was very pleased of the work done.

Rosemary Castleberry invited the Board to the Montopolis Recreation Center Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 16.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Rosemary Castleberry moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of October 24, 1995 approved. Rocky Medrano seconded the motion.

The vote was 9-0.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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