

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
December 12, 1995**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, December 12, 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, and Rocky Medrano.

Staff members present were Jesus Olivares, Jody Hamilton, Kim Mitchell, Juan Valera-Lema, Stuart Strong, Leon Barba, Peter Marsh, and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Leon Barba, Engineer I, addressed the Board and gave them a status report of ADA improvements.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Dick Kallerman, Austin Sierra Club, Chair, addressed the Board and asked for them to carefully review poor highway designs near parks.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Juan Valera-Lema, Natural Resources, Division Manager and Mel Hinson, ECSD, Environmental Programs Supervisor gave a brief presentation regarding the Proposed Request for Proposals for management of natural habitat and facilities at South Lake Austin macrosite and Balcones Canyonlands preserves.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Make recommendation to Council regarding use agreement for a sanitary sewer at Yett Creek Park.

Peter Marsh, Engineering Associate III, gave a brief presentation and stated staff recommended approval of the request for:

1. 0.562 ac. permanent wastewater Use Agreement, approximately 637' long and average 40' wide, through part of Yett Creek Park.

The above use agreements are subject to the following

conditions:

1. Restoration and shall be in accordance with the "Restoration Plan" included in the information packet submitted by Gray Engineering Inc., and shall include 426 square inch equivalent tree replacement.
2. Restoration of the sewer line should include the construction of an 8' wide granite gravel trail along the length of the sewer line to connect to public entrance to the park at West Cow Path.
3. 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.
4. All restoration and revegetation shall be completed to the requirements and satisfaction of the Parks and Recreation Department.
5. 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.

Rosemary Castleberry moved to approve staff recommendation.

The vote was 8-0.

Make recommendation to Council regarding use agreement for a water line at "Rundberg Park".

Peter Marsh, Engineering Associate III, gave a brief presentation and stated staff recommended approval of the request for:

1. A permanent Water Line Use Agreement, approximately 470' long and 15' wide, through part of "Rundberg Park".

The above use agreements are subject to the following conditions:

1. 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.

The disturbed area shall be revegetated with an intermediate mix of native grasses, reference Section 6.1(E).

2. All restoration and revegetation shall be completed to the requirements and satisfaction of the Parks and

Recreation Department.

3. 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.

Mary K. Isaacs moved to approve staff recommendation. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0.

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Appoint a task force to review the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan regarding Colorado River Park.

Staff recommended appointment of a task force according to the guidelines in the attached memorandum. (See Attachment B)

Ted Siff, Trust for Public Lands, Texas Director, addressed the Board and stated his approval of staff recommendation.

Paula Fracasso, Austin Parks Foundation, Executive Director, addressed the Board and stated his approval of staff recommendation.

Margaret Gomez, Travis County Commissioner Precinct 4, addressed the Board and asked them to carefully consider group representation when appointing the task force.

Marianne Dwight suggested the Parks Board be instrumental in selecting the task force members and that they make sure public hearings are held.

After discussion, Rosemary Castleberry moved to create a selection committee composed of:

Rocky Medrano, Chair
Rosemary Castleberry
Erma Linda Cruz-Torres
Elaine Carter
Mary K. Isaacs
Ted Siff
Paula Fracasso

and supported by Travis County, Precinct 4. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT (con't)

Make recommendation to Council regarding purchase of playscape equipment for Allison Elementary School and Civitan Park.

Mary K. Isaacs, Land and Facilities Committee, member, gave a brief presentation.

Paula Fracasso, Austin Parks Foundation, Executive Director, addressed the Board and stated they had been approached by the community to support them with the project.

Staff recommended approval of the request to enter in an Interlocal Agreement with Austin Independent School District for a playscape at Allison School. (See Attachment A)

Rocky Medrano moved to approve the above recommendation. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0-1. Ron Cartlidge abstained.

Approve construction of a covered single-slip boat dock at 1504 Rockcliff Road. File # SP-95-0433DS.

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

Staff recommended approval of the request:

1. To construct a covered single-slip boat dock at 1504 Rockcliff Road,

2. To grant a variance from the provisions of Sec. 13-2-795(2) of the Land Development Code, prohibiting development within 10' of the side property line,

in accordance with Site Plan # SP-95-0433DS. This approval is subject to the following:

1. A navigation light station being provided on the outermost, upstream corner of structure in accordance with Section 13-2-793 of the Land Development Code

The vote was 8-0.

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION (con't)

Make recommendation to Department regarding fountain donation for Auditorium Shores in memory of Sims Ellison.

Stuart Strong, Planning and Design, Division Manager, gave a brief presentation and stated staff recommended approving the donation of the water fountain and bench improvements in memory of Mr. Sims Ellison with the Parks and Recreation Department reserving the right of approval/

disapproval of the final design/construction drawings.

Ron Cartlidge moved to approve the above recommendation. Rosemary Castleberry seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0.

Appoint Parks and Recreation Board representative to the Community Education Consortium.

Jody Hamilton, Community , gave an explanation of the representative's role.

With unanimous consent from the Board, Mr. Friday appointed Erma Linda Cruz-Torres to serve as the Parks and Recreation Board Representative to the Community Education Consortium.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Discussion of additional strategies to improve park maintenance.

With unanimous consent, the Board formed a special committee composed of the following members:

Elaine Carter, Co-chair
Mary K. Isaacs, Co-chair
Marianne Dwight
Rosemary Castleberry
Phil Friday

The committee will meet early January and have some information and data presented to them by the Department on different methods being used throughout the nation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, gave a brief summary on the following:

Downtown Report
Hike-n-Bike trail along Mopac
Request by the Friends of the Summer Musical for a proposed building/use of existing storage space at Lake Walter E. Long

After the Director's report, the Board unanimously decided on deleting the following items from the agenda under **ITEMS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY:**

- Make recommendation to the Department regarding siting of a Wind Harp on Town Lake (Request of AIPP Panel and Arts Commission); The AIPP Panel and Arts Commission may bring it back to the Board at a later date.
- Make recommendation to the Department regarding proposed building/use of existing storage space at Lake Walter E. Long Park (Requested by the Friends of the Summer Musical); The Department will reply to the request and will bring a copy of the reply to the Board.
- Make recommendation to Council regarding proposed Hill Country Rail-Trail (Requested by Phil Friday); Mr. Gandy may bring back

the item to the Board at a future date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Programs Committee Chair, gave a brief summary of the following events:

- Halloween activities attendance - down
- Thanksgiving Dinners attendance - up
- Recreation Center attendance - up
- Holiday Camps/C Day Camp available
- Door Decoration Contest to be held at the PARD main office

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated they were amending the Land Development Code.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Carter - check mailing address for her; she did not receive an agenda

Mr. Cartlidge - visited Ms. Louise Nivison in the hospital

Ms. Cruz-Torres - Casa Navidena volunteers needed; asked to see the Aqua Festival financial report

Mr. Medrano - complimented the Department on the outcome of the Holiday Party

Ms. Castleberry - complimented the Department on the Trail of Lights

Mr. Friday - asked for an explanation on "Capital budget amendment to appropriate fees" which was listed on the Council agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marianne Dwight moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 1995 approved. Rocky Medrano seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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