

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
April 9, 1996

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, April 9, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. at the Riverside Training Room at 901 W. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas. Board members present were Hermelinda Zamarripa, Rosemary Castleberry, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Phil Friday, Ron Cartlidge, Marianne Scott Dwight, Mary K. Isaacs and Louise Nivison, ex-officio member.

Staff members present were Jesus Olivares, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Dr. Juan Valera-Lema, and Mary Ybarbo.

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Guest included Mel Hinson, Environmental Program Supervisor with the Planning, Environmental and Conservation Services Department (PECSA).

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair

B. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

There was no citizen communication.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Juan Valera-Lema, Manager of the Natural Resources Division of the Parks and Recreation Department gave a brief update on the development of the BCCP Land Management Plan and the work that has been accomplished. Staff have been working with PECSA and U.S. Fish and Wildlife to develop the guidelines and management outlines required by the 10A Permit. The 10A Permit will protect the core habitat of species so that preserve areas do not become extinct. The Department is also working with the County to develop a joint management agreement as the City and County are partners in the 10A Permit.

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Recommendation to the City Council on the Pending U.S. Fish & Wildlife 10A Permit for BCCP Properties

Dr. Valera-Lema introduced Mel Hinson, Environmental Programs Supervisor of PECSA, who gave a detailed report on the 10A Permit and how it will affect the preserve lands. On April 25, 1996, the City Council will be asked to formally accept the permit. There was discussion regarding the use of mitigation money collected to fund the maintenance of preserve areas and emphasis given to public access to the preserves.

Ron Cartlidge made the motion to recommend to City Council approval of the 10A permit with a restriction that the City maximize the use of the funds collected under the permit to defray land management and facility maintenance costs and, in particular, the costs of increasing public access on the preserve lands. Marianne Scott Dwight seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. (Cruz-Torres, Castleberry, Cartlidge, Zamarripa, Carter, Isaacs, Friday, Dwight).

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no director's report.

F..COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rosemary Castleberry gave a report on the Parkland Maintenance Task Force and what has been accomplished. Increasing public revenues, increasing private resources and reducing costs have been items for discussion.

Kim Jamail Mitchell stated the Colorado River Park Committee has held three (3) public hearings to receive community input on the park development. The committee has reconvened once to prioritize and narrow the items requested. Park schematics are being drawn. Another meeting is scheduled in April to continue the prioritization process.

A Parkland Dedication Ordinance Task Force meeting will meet on Monday, April 15, 1996.

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres requested the Programs Subcommittee meetings be re-established on a regular basis and members be brought up to date on spring and summer programs.

In addition, the following items were discussed:

1. Aquatics Advisory Board wants to address Parks Board about fees at Dick Nichols Pool.
2. Status of Aqua Fest.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Cartlidge moved to accept the minutes of March 26, 1996. Seconded by Mary K. Isaacs. Vote was unanimous to accept (Isaacs, Zamarripa, Carter, Cartlidge, Friday, Cruz-Torres, Dwight, Castleberry)

I. ADJOURNMENT

Marianne Scott Dwight moved to adjourn. Seconded by Rosemary Castleberry at 8:05 p.m.

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