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Parks and Recreation Board Minutes  
September 8, 1998

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, September 8, 1998, at 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board Members present: Mike Librik, Mary Ruth Holder, Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Jeff Francell, Carol Kim, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present: Kim Jamail Mitchell, Warren Struss, Randy Scott, Mary Ybarbo.

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Rosemary Castleberry called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 11 and 25, 1998, were approved.

#### CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Jana McCann, 607 W. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street (78705), approached the board to inform members of new developments with the pedestrian/bike bridge at Lamar and Town Lake. Ms. McCann showed a scale model of a cantilever design for the bridge. A presentation will be given at the Council Worksession tomorrow. It was suggested that if Council took no action, that Ms. McCann return for a presentation to the Land and Facilities Committee.

Gavino Fernandez, Jr., 208 Caney Street, a member of El Concilio, approached the board to ask their help with keeping events at Fiesta Gardens to a minimum, thus lessening traffic and noise levels.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Warren Struss, Park Police Administrator, informed the board that Park Police now has a web page and he presented each member with a print out of what information is available. Chief Struss further informed the board park police are still working on the August 15th boat collision on Lake Austin which left one person dead. There has been a \$10,000 reward offered by Oak Farms Dairy. Park Police suspect the boat involved in the hit and run is an inboard ski boat about 18 feet to 20 feet in length. There are several leads being worked to locate the boat driver. Biggest concerns with safety issues are using boats at night and boat users not being educated about boating rules and regulations. Park Police patrol Lake Austin, Decker Lake and Town Lake as well as all other PARD facilities.

#### ITEMS FOR ACTION

Approve Construction of Rizk Boat Dock at 3201 Westlake Drive,  
File No. SP-97-0464DS.

Carol Kim informed the board that the Navigation Committee met and made a recommendation to disapprove this boat dock. The owner is asking for construction of 2 additional slips, where five slips are already in place. Residential lots are allowed only

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two boat slips. Mary Ruth Holder seconded the recommendation. The vote to not approve was 5-0-0 (Librik, Holder, Francell, Kim, Cruz-Torres)

Review Legal Opinion Concerning Licensing City Shoreline Property and Make a Recommendation to city Council

Make a Recommendation Regarding Sayers' Wall at 2454 Scenic Drive, File #SP-06-0085DS

At the request of the chair these two items were combined for discussion. Mary Ruth Holder informed the board that Land and Facilities reviewed the Land and Development Code and the Water and Wastewater resolution. It was suggested to do a separate resolution for a cohesive relationship between city departments. Land and Facilities members did not make a specific recommendation regarding either item. After much discussion, Mary Ruth Holder suggested adopting guidelines from staff to rewrite the Water and Wastewater resolution and present these to the board for consideration. Jeff Francell seconded. The vote in favor was 4-1-0 (Librik, Holder, Francell, Kim) (Cruz-Torres)

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Although Jesus M. Olivares, Director, was not present, Rosemary Castleberry gave a brief synopsis of the recent budget sessions held by Council. The South Austin Recreation Center will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 12<sup>th</sup>. On September 19<sup>th</sup> there will be an all day session to discuss Town Lake issues.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee will meet Monday September 21st.  
Municipal Airport Advisory Group will meet September 9<sup>th</sup>. Dewayne Naumann has been retained as a member of the advisory group.

#### ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (not for action)

Jeff Francell will appear on Tom Spencer's television show on Thursday to discuss Town Lake issues.

Mary Ruth Holder, Elaine Carter and Mary K. Isaacs served on the Arts Peer Panel recently.

#### ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.