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Parks and Recreation Board Minutes
December 8, 1998

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department was held on Tuesday, December 8, 1998, at 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present: Mike Librik, Mary Ruth Holder, Elaine Carter, Rosemary Castleberry, Rocky Medrano, Jeff Francell, Carol Kim.

Staff members present: Jesus M. Olivares, Dr. Juan Valera-Lema, Kim Jamail Mitchell, 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 November 24, 1998, were approved with corrections.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Approve Construction of Campion Boat Dock at 1887 Westlake Drive,
File No. SP-98-0386DS

Approve Construction of Swisher Boat Dock at 1210 Bruton Springs Road,
File No. SP-98-0387DS

Carol Kim informed the board both requests are to replace existing boat docks. Campion is a 2-slip dock and Swisher is a 1-slip dock. Both requests meet all requirements of the Land Development Code. With this serving as a motion, Jeff Francell seconded. The vote in favor was 4-0-1 (Holder, Carter, Francell, Kim) (Librik)

Mr. Medrano arrived at 6:50 p.m.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Juan Valera-Lema, Division Manager for Natural Resources Division, updated the board on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Public Access issue. On Friday, December 4th there was a public forum hosted by PARD and facilitated by Mina Brees, consultant, and Sam Graham, a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Diverse groups of people were invited to attend. The forum was held to discuss the requirements of the BCCP Regional 10(a) permit and Land Management Guidelines of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFW); to review the revisions made to the City of Austin (PARD) draft Land Management Access Plan and to receive recommendations for overall access to the BCP. Public access, which includes hiking, biking, horseback riding, guided tours, etc., may be offered within the Austin and Travis County area where possible and manageable. Public access may be allowed when and where this access does not threaten

the welfare of the target species nor cause the degradation of soil, vegetation or water resources. A report is being prepared for presentation to the coordinating committee with a final approval from the USFW.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Reminder to attend the Trail of Lights reception on Sunday at the Garden Center.
Parks Board meetings will take place in various annexed areas beginning in January.
Consider cancelling the December 22nd meeting. (It was agreed to cancel).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Airport Advisory Group – members were presented a copy of the suggested uses for Mueller Airport when it closes.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (not for action)

The public forum on public access was well conducted.
Is there a policy for parking on grass/parkland? According to the Park Rules motorized vehicles need a permit to park on grass/parkland.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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