



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
Tuesday, August 28, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.  
**Boards and Commissions Room, City Hall**  
301 W. Second Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Rick Cofer, Vice Chair; Richard DePalma, Dawn Lewis, Francoise Luca, Randy Mann, Fred Morgan, and Frank Ward

Board Members Absent:

Michael Casias; Tom Donovan; Romteen Farasat

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of July 24, 2018.**

Board Member DePalma made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of July 24, 2018. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Cofer and Lewis off dais and Board Member Casias, Donovan, and Farasat absent.

**C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

**Sharon Blythe**, expressed her concerns regarding the “Memorial Park bodies” possibly buried under Mo-Pac highway, about equipment being stored at a cemetery overnight, new Cemetery Rules, cemetery maintenance and watering. Ms. Blythe asked the Board to tend to the issues.

**D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

Board Member Lewis and Vice Chair Cofer arrived at 6:07 pm.

**Consent**

- 2. Make a recommendation to the City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District for a language and culture revitalization program**

Chair Rivera read the item on the consent agenda into the record. Item was recommended for approval by the Contracts and Concession Committee.

Chair Rivera moved for approval of the item. Board Member Luca seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Casias, Farasat, and Donovan absent.

### **Non-consent**

#### **3. Appoint a member for the staff initiated Cemetery Rules Committee**

**Sharon Blythe** expressed her concern about citizen engagement and new Cemetery Rules.

Anthony Segura, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation, explained the purpose of the staff initiated Cemetery Rules Committee.

Board Member DePalma nominated Board Member Morgan to serve on the Committee and Board Member Morgan accepted the nomination.

Board Member Luca seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias, Farasat, and Donovan absent.

#### **4. Discussion and possible action regarding Council Resolution No. 20180628-070 and the request for feedback on the appropriate process to use in a concession agreement extension with the Austin Rowing Club and potential contract terms**

**Liz Barthydt, Austin Rowing Club**, addressed the board and spoke about programs that are offered to the community.

**Jen Lord** donated her time to **Kevin Reinis**.

**Kevin Reinis**, Executive Director, **Austin Rowing Club, Austin Rowing Club (ARC)**, spoke about the partnership opportunity with the City of Austin and investments to the Waller Creek Boat House facility and highlighted their programs.

Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager; Idella Wilson, Contract Management Specialist IV, Patricia Rossett, Contract Management Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department; Dawn Lewis, Chair; Rich DePalma, Committee Member, Contract and Concessions Committee, made a presentation to the board regarding Council Resolution 20180628-070 and the recommendations of the Contracts and Concessions Committee.

Board Member Lewis made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Contracts and Concessions Committee regarding the terms of the contract with the Austin Rowing Club and to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Department Director to negotiate and execute the Contract based on these recommendations. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Casias, Donovan, and Farasat absent.

#### **5. Discussion and Possible Action - Parks and Recreation Recycling Task Force Report**

**Roy Waley**, donated time to Andrew Dobbs.

**Andrew Dobbs**, Texas Commission for the Environment, spoke in favor of the Recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Recycling Task Force and urged the Board to support them.

Rick Cofer, Vice Chair, Parks and Recreation Board, explained the Recycling Task Force Recommendations and answered Board Members' questions.

Member DePalma made a motion to approve the Recycling Task Force Report recommending option B2 for exploration and implementation. Board Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias, Farasat, and Donovan absent.

**6. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding the superiority of Camelback PUD as it pertains to parks**

**Christie Nalle** donated time to Bill Nalle.

**Bill Nalle**, addressed the Board and expressed his concerns about Camel Back PUD development and requested that Board postpones the decision until Planning and Zoning and Environmental Board make their recommendations.

**Wayne Radwanski, Bunny Run Neighborhood Association**, spoke about his concerns regarding the Camelback PUD development and requested that the Board postpones the vote.

**Juan Penelas and Jill vanVoorhis** donated time to **Lloyd Bemis**.

**Lloyd Bemis**, addressed the board and spoke about his concerns about the Camelback PUD, proposed restaurant and elevator, and asked that the City and staff take a very close look at the development before making a decision.

**Ed J. Ueckert**, addressed the board and spoke about his concerns regarding the proposed project.

**Jan Ueckert**, donated time to Lyra Bemis.

**Lyra Bemis, Bunny Run Neighborhood Association**, addressed the board and spoke about the community's stewardship of the affected area and proposed staff has more time to review the proposal to make sure all environmentally sensitive areas are protected.

**Linda Bailey** addressed the Board and spoke about the support of 83 neighborhoods and of over 222 individuals for the proposed Camelback PUD and included park. Ms. Bailey urged the Board to not postpone the vote.

**Pat Scott**, addressed the board and spoke about the proposed park. Mr. Scott expressed his support for the Camelback PUD and asked the Board to recommend it without a delay.

**Tony Iglesias**, addressed the board and spoke in support of the Camelback PUD and asked the board to consider the broader population hiker, bikers, and boaters, who would have opportunity to access the park safely in the future if approved.

**Tom Burns, Bunny Run Neighborhood Association**, addressed the board and expressed his concerns about the PUD, his support for the park, and asked the Board to postpone the vote on this item.

**Hilton Puckett, Bunny Run Neighborhood Association**, addressed the board and expressed his gratitude to the owner for offering the land as parkland. Mr. Puckett asked the Board to study the proposal further.

**Allison Baucom**, donated time to Marisa Lipschner.

**Marisa Lipschner, Shepherd Mountain Neighborhood Association**, addressed the board and expressed her concern regarding Mr. Nalle's opposition to the Camelback PUD. On behalf of her community, Ms. Lipschner expressed her support for the Camelback PUD.

**Roy Waley, Austin Sierra Club**, spoke about the lack of information regarding the PUD, expressed his support for the park and asked that the Board explain how they can make the decision separately from the decision about the PUD.

**Stefan Phars and Ron Thower** donated time to Jonathan Coon and Jeff Howard.

**Jonathan Coon and Jeff Howard, Camelback PUD**, made a presentation to the Board regarding the plan for Camelback PUD.

Randal R. Scott, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, explained the criteria for a development to be considered superior and explained the staff recommendation.

Jonathan Coon, Jeff Howard, and Randal Scott answered the Board Members' questions.

Board Member Lewis made a motion to recommend the acceptance of staff recommendations of the superiority of the Camelback PUD as it pertains to the proposed park. Board Member Ward seconded the motion.

Board Member Luca proposed an amendment to the motion and asked for the inclusion of the August 28, 2018 memo from PARD outlining the evaluation of the park component to the PUD. The motion carried on a vote of 7-1 with Board Member Mann opposing and Board Members Casias, Farasat, and Donovan absent.

**Chair Rivera recessed the meeting at 8:49 pm.**

**Chair Rivera called the meeting back to order at 9:00 pm.**

Chair Rivera decided to postpone items E. 8 and E. 9.

## **E. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

### **7. Briefing on the design and construction of the Waterloo Park**

Terry Jungman, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, and Peter Mullan, CEO, and Meredith

Bossin, Waller Creek Conservancy, delivered a briefing on the design and construction of the Waterloo Park, and answered Board Members' questions.

Board Member Lewis departed at 9:17 pm.

**8. Briefing on the Zilker Café Renovation Project**

Item was tabled.

**9. Briefing on Recreational Programs: A comprehensive look at Out of School Time Programs**

Item was postponed to September 2018.

**F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, updated the Board on the master plan efforts, park development, ongoing maintenance projects, Cemetery Rules, summer camps, and upcoming programs and events.

**G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Mann—requested update on Veterans Park

Board Member Ward—requested update regarding membership of the Zilker Park Working Group

Board Member DePalma—information on the Circle C dedication

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.