



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 - 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 6:02 p.m.

#### Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Rick Cofer, Vice Chair; Romteen Farasat, Richard DePalma, Tom Donovan, Dawn Lewis, Francoise Luca, and Fred Morgan.

#### Board Members Absent:

Frank Ward  
Michael Casias

### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of December 4, 2018**

Board Member Cofer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of December 4, 2018. Board Member Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Casias absent and Board Member Ward absent.

### **C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

**David Santos**, spoke to the board and asked that the Department curates cultural heritage in parks and expressed his concerns regarding Chicano Rock, sculptures in parks not being maintained, and cultural landscapes being erased.

**Kevin Reinus**, Austin Rowing Club, provided an update on the Rowing Center activities.

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

#### **Consent**

- 2. Make a recommendation to Parks and Recreation Director for the approval of the Givens Park Master Plan**

**3. Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Board to recommend to the Department Director the approval of the Little Walnut Creek Greenbelt Master Plan**

Chair Rivera read the items on the consent agenda into the record. Items were recommended for approval by the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee.

**Larry E. Thomas, Original People's Coalition**, addressed the Board and urged for minimal changes to the Givens Park and to keep the original layout. Mr. Thomas spoke against dog park and too many changes.

**Board Member DePalma pulled item 2 for staff presentation and discussion.**

Board Member DePalma moved for approval of item 3. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Casias and Ward absent.

**2. Make a recommendation to Parks and Recreation Director for the approval of the Givens Park Master Plan**

**Per Board Member DePalma's request staff and consultant delivered presentation on item 2.**

Rebecca Pittman, Landscape Architect, Freese and Nichols, Inc., made a presentation to the Board. Ms. Pittman and Greg Montes, Park Development Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department, answered Board Members' questions.

Board Member DePalma made a motion for approval of item 2. Chair Rivera seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Casias and Ward absent.

**Non-consent**

**4. Make a recommendation to City Council for approval of the 2019 Local Standards of Care Ordinance to be discussed via public hearing and adopted by City Council as a part of the State of Texas' child care licensing exemption**

Tiffany Cabin, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, explained the need for the Local Standards of Care.

Board Member Lewis made a motion for approval of this item. Board Member Farasat seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Casias absent and Board Member Ward absent.

**5. Make a recommendation to the City Council for the award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with the recommended offeror, Gustafson Guthrie Nichol LTD (GGN), (FRP 8600 GLB3000) to complete the John Trevino Jr. Metro Park Master Plan, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$430,150**

Charles Mabry, Park Development Coordinator, and Samuel Hernandez, Contract Management Specialist, Parks and Recreation Department made a presentation to the Board regarding the John Trevino Jr. Metro Park and the solicitation process, and answered Board Members' questions.

Board Member DePalma made a motion for the approval of this item. Chair Rivera seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias and Ward absent.

**6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Annual Internal Review of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee**

Item was not discussed and had to be postponed to February meeting, as the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee Chair was not present.

**7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Annual Internal Review of the Contracts and Concessions Committee**

Dawn Lewis, Committee Chair, Contracts and Concessions Committee delivered the Annual Internal Review of the Contracts and Concessions Committee.

Chair Rivera made a motion for the approval of this item. The motion was seconded by Board Member Farasat. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with Board Members Casias and Ward absent.

**E. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**7. Our Austin Story: A comprehensive Interpretive Strategy for downtown Austin Historic Public Spaces**

Melissa Barry, Downtown Austin Alliance, and Ted Eubanks, Fermata, delivered a briefing on Interpretive Strategy for downtown Austin Historic Public Spaces

**8. PARD Office of Performance Management Report**

Michael Strycharske, IT Business Systems Analyst, delivered a presentation regarding the PARD Office of Performance Management. Suzanne Piper, Chief Administrative Officer, Parks and Recreation Department, and Mr. Strycharske answered Committee Members' questions.

**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, bond election, and upcoming programs and events.

**G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member DePalma—mentioned a possible resolution regarding summer camps

DePalma—requested a discussion item regarding Latino artists

Board Member Luca—requested update on Red Line trail from Walnut Trail and Gracywoods Park

Board Member Cofer—requested update on Wi-Fi in parks (in Director's Report or via a memo)

Board Member Chair—requested that the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee report be moved to February 2019

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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