



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
Boards and Commissions Room, City Hall
301 W. Second Street
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Cofer called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Rick Cofer, Vice Chair; Michael Casias, Richard DePalma, Tom Donovan, Dawn Lewis, Francoise Luca, Fred Morgan, and Frank Ward.

Board Members Absent:

Jane Rivera, Chair
Romteen Farasat

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of January 22, 2019

Board Member Ward made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of January 22, 2019. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0 with Board Members Farasat and Chair Rivera absent and Board Member DePalma off the dais.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Robin Grace Soto, Flower Hill Foundation, spoke to the Board and extended an invitation to the Board Members to visit the Flower Hill Museum, which is to open in the fall.

Kevin Reinis, Austin Rowing Club (ARC), spoke to the board and provided an update on ARC's activities.

Nicole Goad, Austin Rowing Club (ARC), spoke to the board about ARC's achievements.

Rich DePalma, spoke to the Board and expressed his concern about the River Place Limited District starting to charge \$10 per person and \$10 per pet for hiking the River Place Trail.

Board Member DePalma joined the Board at the dais at 6:25 p.m.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent

2. Make a recommendation to City Council for approval of the Brush Square Master Plan

Kimberly McKnight, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, and, Meghan Skornia, Asakura Robinson, made a presentation to the Board and answered to Board Members' questions.

Board Member DePalma made a motion to fully support the Brush Square Master Plan. Board Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Farasat and Chair Rivera absent.

Board Member DePalma made a second motion to make a recommendation to Capital Metro to consider renaming of the Downtown Station to Brush Square Station. Motion was seconded by Board Member Ward. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Farasat and Chair Rivera absent.

3. Make a recommendation to the Department Director for the adoption of the Grove at Shoal Creek Public Parks Master Plan

Charles Mabry, Park Development Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department, and Robert Deegan, Rialto Studio made a presentation to the Board and answered to Board Members' questions.

Board Member Morgan made a motion for approval of the item. Board Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Members Lewis and Luca abstaining and Board Member Farasat Chair Rivera and absent.

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

Frank Ward, Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee delivered his report to the Board and answered to Board Members' questions.

Board Member Ward made a motion for accepting the report. Board Member Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Farasat and Chair Rivera absent.

Vice Chair reopened the Citizen Communication:

Fred McGhee, Community Development Commission, expressed his concerns about equal access of children of all colors to youth sports and specifically soccer.

Board Member Casias departed at 7:23 p.m.

E. STAFF BRIEFINGS

5. Youth Soccer Programming, Partnership, and Facilities

Lucas Massie, Acting Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, delivered the briefing. Lucas Massie and Tiffany Cabin, Division Manager, answered Board Members' questions.

F. ADDENDUM—NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM

6. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation 20190226-005 seeking increased funding for summer camp programming

Board Members DePalma and Ward presented their recommendation regarding the request for increased funding for summer camps.

Board Member DePalma made a motion to adopt recommendation with edits. Board Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0 with Board Members Farasat and Chair Rivera absent and Board Member Casias of the dais.

G. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item was not discussed. Report was provided to the Board in writing.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member DePalma—requested an item on River Place Trail

H. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Cofer adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.