



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, April 23, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
Boards and Commissions Room, City Hall
301 W. Second Street
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

As the Parks and Recreation Board did not have Chair or Vice Chair, the Parks and Recreation Department Director, Sara Hensley, called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m. and presided over the meeting.

Board Members in Attendance:

Laura Cottam Sajbel, Anna Di Carlo, Richard DePalma, , Romteen Farasat, Dawn Lewis, Francoise Luca, Kate Mason-Murphy, and Nina Rinaldi.

Board Members Absent:

Fred Morgan
Tom Donovan
Frank Ward

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of March 26, 2019

Board Member DePalma asked that “scenic” in Scenic Brook on page 3 is capitalized, Board Member Rinaldi asked that “EROC” (East Riverside/Oltorf Combined Contact Team) is spelled out.

Board Member DePalma made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of March 26, 2019 with the noted changes. Board Member Farasat seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Morgan, Ward, and Donovan absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Malcolm Yeatts, East Riverside/Oltorf Combined Area Contact Team, spoke to the Board and provided an update on Waller Creek Boathouse contract and on events.

Kevin Reinis, Austin Rowing Club, spoke to the Board and expressed his concerns about the possibility of right-of-way easements being used for development in Roy Guerrero Park.

D. STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Presentation to the Parks Board regarding the FY19-20 Budget

David Hillers, Financial Analyst, and Suzanne Piper, Chief Administrative Officer, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board and answered Board Members' questions.

E. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Non-consent

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Parks and Recreation Board's FY19-20 Budget Recommendation

Board Member Cottam Sajbel departed at 6:32.

Based on the staff FY19-20 Budget Forecast presentation, Board Members had a discussion regarding budget related recommendations to Council.

After the discussion, Board Member Farasat made a motion to support the Department-wide cost drivers totaling \$2,363,000, as well as supporting best practices and financial support for the areas of park lighting and park rangers. The motion was seconded by Board Member DePalma. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0 with Board Member Cottam Sajbel off the dais, and Board Members Morgan, Ward, and Donovan absent.

G. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sara Hensley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, provided a report with updates on master plans, parks development and maintenance, and past and upcoming programs and events.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Lewis—requested presentations on the Guerrero Park and 97 Acres Project.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Director Hensley adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.