



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, May 28, 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 Interim Director, Liana Kallivoka, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and presided over the meeting until Item 4 was been taken up and a Chair and Vice Chair elected.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent:

Tom Donovan

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of April 23, 2019.

Board Member Cottam-Sajbel made the motion to change the order listed in the minutes of the citizens communication: Kevin Reinis switched with Malcom Yeatts.

Board Member DePalma made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of April 23, 2019 with changes. Board Sajbel seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Taylor off dais and Board Members Donovan absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Joe Riddell spoke to the Board and expressed concern regarding the dam above the Barton Springs Pool on the Barton Creek Greenbelt.

Board Member Kimberly Taylor arrived at 6:10pm.

Kevin Reinis, Austin Rowing Club, spoke to the Board to update the Board regarding the youth rowing competition at the Austin Rowing Club.

Richard Suttle, Statesman Site Project, spoke to the Board regarding the Statesman site and the South-Central Waterfront plan.

Bill Stout spoke to the Board in support of the name change and dedication of the Indiangrass Wildlife preserve to Louis Rene Barrera, in his memory.

Robert Corbin spoke to the Board regarding concerns regarding amplified music in parks and park users with off-leash dogs.

Oren Rosenthal and Michelle Polgar, Austin Music Commission and Art Commission Working Group, spoke regarding allocation of Bond funding without designation, is seeking input on how to utilize that funding via a Speakup Austin website.

D. STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Assistant City Manager Chris Shorter Introduction and PARD Director Recruitment Process

Presenter: Chris Shorter, Assistant City Manager

ACM Shorter answered questions from Board Members regarding the PARD Director recruitment process.

3. The Trail Foundation Update Presentation

Presenter: Heidi Anderson, Executive Director, The Trail Foundation

Heidi Anderson answered questions from Board Members regarding tree planting and lighting on the Ann Butler Hike and Bike Trail.

E. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Non-consent

4. Elect the Parks and Recreation Board Officials

Board Member Farasat nominated Dawn Lewis for the Board Chair. Board Member Sajbel seconded the motion. Board Member Lewis accepted the nomination.

The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Member Donovan absent.

Board Member Luca nominated Romteen Farasat for the Board Vice Chair. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. Board Member Farasat accepted the nomination.

The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with and Board Member Donovan absent.

5. Discuss the role and purpose of the Land, Facilities, and Programs and Contracts and Concessions Committee

Chair Lewis opened the item for discussion the role of the committees. Board Members discussed the options of keeping the committees as they are, changing the by-laws to amend the committees or

to eliminate the committees.

6. Select members to serve on the Contracts and Concessions Committee, on Land Facilities and Programs Committee, on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board, and Joint Sustainability Committee

Chair Lewis asked for members interested in serving on the Contracts and Concessions Committee. Board Member Farasat made a motion to nominate Nina Rinaldi. The motion was seconded by Board Member Taylor. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member absent.

Chair Lewis asked for another member interested in serving on the Contracts and Concessions Committee. Board Member DiCarlo nominated herself, Board Member Dawn Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Donovan absent.

Chair Lewis asked for members interested in serving on the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. Board Member Cottam-Sajbel nominated herself, Board Member Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion carried on a vote of 10-0, with Board Member Donovan absent.

Chair Lewis asked for additional members interested in serving on the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. Board Member Taylor nominated herself, Board Member Cottam-Sajbel seconded the motion, and the motion carried on a vote of 10-0, with Board Member Donovan absent.

Chair Lewis asked for additional members interested in serving on the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. Kate Mason Murphy nominated herself, Board Member Morgan seconded the motion, and the motion carried on a vote of 10-0, with Board Member Donovan absent.

Chair Lewis asked for members interested in serving on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member DePalma expressed interest in that position. Board Member Farasat nominated Board Member DePalma. Member Morgan seconded the motion, and the motion carried on a vote of 10-0, with Board Member Donovan absent.

Chair Lewis asked for members interested in serving on the Joint Sustainability Committee, as Board Member Luca would like to give someone else the opportunity to serve. Board Member Farasat nominated himself, Board Member DePalma seconded the motion, and the vote carried on a vote of 10-0, with Board Member Donovan absent.

For the alternate serving on this committee, Board Member DePalma expressed his interest in that position. Board Member Taylor nominated Board Member DePalma, Board Member Morgan seconded the motion, and the motion carried on a vote of 10-0, with Board Member Donovan Absent.

F. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Chair Lewis moves to recess the meeting for 5 minutes, Board Member Morgan seconds the motion, and the motion carried on a vote of 10-0, with Board Member Donovan absent, to reconvene at 7:35pm.

Chair Lewis called the meeting back to order at 7:38pm.

7. Make a recommendation to City Council for approval of the negotiation and execution of an agreement with the successful proposer, Pecan Grove Golf Partners, to provide management and operation of the Butler Pitch and Putt Golf Course.

Kevin Gomillion, Division Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation Department and Gabrielle Restivo, Contract Management Specialist, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, gave a presentation to the Board on the history of the Butler Pitch and Putt Golf Course and the bid solicitation process. Claudia Rodriguez and Matt Duree, of the Corporate Purchasing Office, were available to answer questions regarding the City's Anti-Lobbying Ordinance, as this solicitation is currently in the no-contact period.

Steve Grohl spoke to the Board with concerns regarding the new proposed management and expressed wanting to keep the character of the Butler Pitch and Putt Golf Course the same.

Gail Rothe, of Zilker Neighborhood Association, spoke to the Board with concerns regarding the rejection of Lee Kinser's proposal for the management of the Butler Pitch and Putt Golf Course, and recommends that the Council re-bids the solicitation.

Neysa Joseph-Orr spoke to the Board regarding the rejection of Lee Kinser's proposal for management, to recommend that the Council re-bids the solicitation.

Jason Black, of Pecan Grove Golf Partners, spoke to the Board regarding the proposal going forward to express how the new proposer would keep the course affordable and the attitude the game the same.

Lee Kinser, of Kinser Ranch, LLC, spoke to the Board to recommend that the Council re-bid the solicitation of the contract.

Anna Morales, of Pecan Grove Golf Partners, spoke to the Board regarding the proposal going forward to express how the new proposal would keep Butler iconic (affordable, ability to bring children and dogs, etc.) and would be able to renovate the property.

Stewart Ford spoke in support of the new proposer Pecan Grove Golf Partners and improving the management of the golf course.

Chair Lewis opened the item up to discussion with Board Members. Kevin Gomillion, Gabrielle Restivo, Matt Duree and Claudia Rodriguez answered questions from Board Members regarding the scope of work and the solicitation process.

Board Member Morgan made the motion to recommend the item with the successful proposer, Pecan Grove Golf Partners. Board Member DePalma moves to second the motion.

Board Member DePalma moves make an amendment incorporating language in to the recommendation "to work to improve the solicitation process by utilizing existing procurement technology to help prevent future errors." This motion was seconded by Board Member Farasat, and the motion passed on a vote of 9-1 with Board Member Sajbel opposed and Board Member Donovan absent. The approved motion now reads:

Make a recommendation to City Council for approval of the negotiation and execution of an agreement with the successful proposer, Pecan Grove Golf Partners, to provide management and operation of the Butler Pitch and Putt Golf Course and to instruct the City Purchasing Officer to improve the solicitation process by utilizing existing procurement technology to help prevent future errors.

G. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Liana Kallivoka, Interim 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 Rinaldi — requested discussion and possible action for a working group on alternative revenue ideas.

Board Member Morgan — requested discussion and possible action on a resolution from the Board regarding impact of the upcoming revenue cap.

Board Member Luca — requested a staff report on parklands in native condition (prairies, preserves, wetlands, etc.)

Board Member Cottam-Sajbel — requested a staff update on the project at Guerrero Park.

Board Member Cottam-Sajbel — requested discussion on the item that Mr. Riddell had brought forward in citizen communication.

Board Member DePalma — requested update from staff regarding recreation programs at end of the summer season.

Board Member DePalma — requested update from staff on law enforcement and park rangers on littering and off-leash dogs.

Board Member Mason-Murphy — discussion and possible action on a memorial for Louis Rene Barrera.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lewis moves to adjourn, Board Member Morgan seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 10-0, with Board Member Donovan absent. The meeting at adjourned at 9:19 pm.