



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, October 22, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
Boards and Commissions Room, City Hall
301 W. Second Street Austin, Texas 78701

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS

Dawn Lewis (D-10), Chair	Anna L. Di Carlo (D-2)	Francoise Luca (D-7)
Romteen Farasat (D-4), Vice Chair	Kate Mason-Murphy (D-3)	Kim Taylor (D-8)
Richard DePalma (Mayor)	Tom Donovan (D-5)	Laura Cottam Sajbel (D9)
Nina Rinaldi (D-1)	Fred Morgan (D-6)	

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board Members Donovan and Farasat were absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of September 24, 2019.

Board Member Cottam Sajbel made a motion to approve the minutes, Board Member Mason-Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0, with Board Members Donovan and Farasat absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Kevin Reinis spoke to the Board regarding the Austin Rowing Club.
Erik Harris spoke to the Board regarding Northern Walnut Creek Trail.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Consent

2. Recommend to City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City of Austin and the University of Texas Health Science Center to conduct a grant-funded study of green schoolyards as a tool for urban heat island adaptation and health promotion in underserved communities.

Board Member DePalma made a motion to recommend City Council approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City of Austin and the University of Texas Health Science Center. Board Member Luca seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0, with Board Members Donovan and Farasat absent.

Non-consent

Chair Lewis announced item 4 on the agenda would be taken up due to the number of speakers signed up, and then the Board would hear item 3.

3. Briefing and possible discussion to review the City of Austin Golf System.
Citizen Communication: Mary Arnold spoke on the item.

4. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding the renaming of the Dove Springs Recreation Center.

Citizen Communication: Adrenne Luna, Robert Kibbie, Ana Aguirre, Fred Cantu, Bryon Curtis, Freddy Zamora, James Stanesic, Jill Ramirez-Coronado, Stacy Solis, Angela Garza, Connie Morales, Mona Gonzalez, and Martha Cotera all spoke in favor of the item.

Board Member Di Carlo made a motion to recommend City Council rename the Dove Springs Recreation Center to the George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a vote of 9-0, with Board Members Donovan and Farasat absent.

5. Briefing, discussion and possible action regarding the existing Parkland Dedication Ordinance and proposed changes in the Land Development Code revision.

Chair Lewis made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting the Parkland Dedication Ordinance as it now is in City Code. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a vote of 8-0-1, with Board Member Rinaldi abstaining and Board Members Donovan and Farasat absent.

6. Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director regarding the miniature train concession at Zilker Metropolitan Park.

Citizen Communication: Abel Rodriguez spoke in favor of keeping the current concession vendor.

Board Member Luca made a motion to recommend the Department re-compete the concession contract. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a vote of 6-3, with Board Members Mason-Murphy, Morgan and Cottam Sajbel voting against, and Board Members Donovan and Farasat absent.

7. Briefing, discussion and possible action regarding parking meter strategy and the impacts related to park access.

Board Member Cottam Sajbel made a motion to postpone until December 3, 2019. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a vote of 9-0 with Board Members Donovan and Farasat absent.

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PARD Director Kimberly McNeeley reviewed highlights of the Parks and Recreation Board Director's Report.

F. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Francoise Luca – Requested information regarding Balcones Park and Northern Walnut Creek Trail.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:59 pm.

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