

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. Britton, Durst, Howard and Spence Building 1183 Chestnut Avenue, Austin, Texas 7802

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS

Dawn Lewis (D-10), Chair

Romteen Farasat (D-4), Vice Chair

Richard DePalma (Mayor)

Vina Rinaldi (D-1)

Anna L. Di Carlo (D-2) Kate Mason-Murphy (D-3) Vacant (D-5) Fred Morgan (D-6) Francoise Luca (D-7) Kim Taylor (D-8) Laura Cottam Sajbel (D9)

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Board Member Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes, Board Member Cottam Sajbel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0, with Board Members Rinaldi and Taylor off the dais, and Board Members Mason-Murphy and Luca absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The following citizens spoke in favor of renaming the Dove Springs Recreation Center to the George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center: Mona Gonzalez, Adolpus Anderson, Cecelia Burke, Maria Isabel Lopez, Brian Stover, Juan Gallegos, Gabriel Padilla, Brian Curtis, Sammy Salas, Ricardo Zavala, Rachel Salas, Sara Salas, Jill Ramirez Coronado, Marissa Morales, Juan Cabrebo, Maria Morales, Santos Morales, David Chincanchan, Cynthia Valadez, and Adrenne Mendoza Luna

The following citizens spoke against the renaming of the Dove Springs Recreation Center to the George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center: Rosie Salinas, Christina Chavez Vesurun, Gloria Lugo, Annie Harton, Ofelia Zapata, Rebecca Hernandez, Ruby Mercado Aguirre, Pat Smith, Rodolfo Sanchez, and Emmanuel Martinez

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Consent

2. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding the Local Standards of Care Ordinance.

Board Member DePalma made a motion to recommend City Council approve the Local Standards of Care Ordinance. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0, with Board Members Mason-Murphy and Luca absent.

Non-consent

3. Approve the board meeting schedule for calendar year 2020.

Board Member DePalma made a motion to approve the 2020 schedule, including cancelling the regular July and November meetings, and rescheduling the regular December meeting to December 1, 2020. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0, with Vice Chair Farasat off the dais, and Board Members Mason-Murphy and Luca absent.

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

Item withdrawn by staff.

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

Board Member Rinaldi made a motion to create a working group to address parking adjacent to parks, parking on parkland facilities, and multi-mobility issues regarding access to parkland and park facilities. Board Member Cottam Sajbel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0, with Board Members Mason-Murphy and Luca absent. Board Members Rinaldi, Cottam Sajbel and Vice Chair Farasat were named to the working group.

6. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding creation, continuation, termination and status of Lady Bird Lake concessions contained in the 2019 Annual Report of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department managed concessions on Lady Bird Lake.

Board Member Morgan made a motion to recommend the City Council approve the creation, continuation, termination and status of Lady Bird Lake concessions contained in the 2019 Annual Report of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department managed concessions on Lady Bird Lake. Board Member Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a vote of 7-0-1, with Board Member DePalma abstaining, and Board Members Mason-Murphy and Luca absent.

7. Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director regarding the improvements being proposed in the Parkland Improvement Agreement for Lamar Beach Park.

Board Member Taylor made a motion to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Department Director the improvements being proposed in the Parkland Improvement Agreement for Lamar Beach Park. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a vote of 8-0, with Board Members Mason-Murphy and Luca absent.

8. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding the First Amendment to the Consent Agreement by and among the City of Austin, Onion Creek Metro Park District, and Austin Goodnight Ranch LP.

Board Member DePalma made a motion to recommend City Council approve the First Amendment to the Consent Agreement by and among the City of Austin, Onion Creek Metro Park District, and Austin Goodnight Ranch LP. Board Member DiCarlo seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0, with Board Members Mason-Murphy and Luca absent.

9. Trail Pilot Program Briefing

Acting Assistant Director Lucas Massie and Division Manager Amanda Ross gave a briefing regarding Trail Pilot Program.

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

Board Member DiCarlo – Requested information regarding the renaming ordinance process.

Board Member Cottam Sajbel – Requested information regarding real time alerts for park/trail closures.

Chair Lewis – Requested a briefing on the status of Lions Golf Course.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm.

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