



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Friday, July 10, 2020 – 1:00-2:30pm

Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a special meeting on Friday, July 10, 2020 via videoconference in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Dawn Lewis; Vice Chair Romteen Farasat; Laura Cottam Sajbel; Richard DePalma; Anna DiCarlo; Francoise Luca; Kate Mason-Murphy; Fred Morgan and Nina Rinaldi.

Board Members Absent: Sarah Faust and Kimberly Taylor.

Staff in Attendance: Liana Kallivoka; Lucas Massie; Suzanne Piper; Anthony Segura; Tiffany Cabin; Charles Mabry and Sammi Curless.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the special meeting of June 24, 2020 were approved on Board Member Morgan motion, Vice Chair Farasat second on an 9-0 vote with Board Members Faust and Taylor absent.

B. NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Recommendation to the City Council for adoption of the Master Plan for John Trevino Jr. Metropolitan Park at Morrison Ranch.**

Public comment from Charles Roeckle, Hermelinda Zamarripa and Stephanie Trevino regarding the skate and BMX portion of master plan, revisions to the plan and trail designation.

Board Member Rinaldi made a motion to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the Master Plan for John Trevino Jr. Metropolitan Park at Morrison Ranch; Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Members Faust and Taylor absent.

- 2. Use of Parks and Recreation Department baseball fields.**

Public comment from Joel Manzo regarding accessibility of baseball fields and contracting to private organizations.

Discussion by Board; no action taken.

C. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Alternative Funding Working Group (Lewis, Farasat, DePalma, Rinaldi and Taylor).

Board Member Rinaldi provided an update and requested further discussion at a future meeting.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the Park and Facility Renaming (Ordinance 20160324-021) Working Group (DiCarlo and Luca).

Board Member DiCarlo provided an update.

D. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members Mason-Murphy and DePalma: Homeless camp impact on Parks property and plans post-pandemic.

Board Members DePalma, Mason-Murphy and Cottam Sajbel: Board Member DePalma will lead discussion on mixed use park spaces specific to skateboarding, derby and BMX facilities focused on need, long range plan, current locations, best practices, health and safety.

Chair Lewis and Board Member DePalma: Lamar Beach Master Plan and Austin Pets Alive.

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 2:39pm.