



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Wednesday, September 2, 2020 – 10:00-11:30 a.m.
MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a special meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 via videoconference in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

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

Board Members Absent: Nina Rinaldi.

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly McNeeley; Liana Kallivoka; Lucas Massie; John Nixon; Anthony Segura; Zach Baumer; Celine Rendon; Don Bland; Kevin Gomillion and Sammi Curless.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the special meeting of July 10, 2020 were approved on Board Member Faust motion, Board Members Morgan and Cottam Sajbal second on an 10-0 vote with Board Member Rinaldi absent.

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

NON-CONSENT

1. Austin Climate Equity Plan (five-year revision to the Austin Community Climate Plan).

Presented by Zach Baumer, Climate Protection Manager and Celine Rendon, Community Engagement Specialist, Office of Sustainability. No action taken by the Board.

Board Member Cottam Sajbal departed the meeting at 10:30am.

2. Lamar Beach Vision Plan and License Agreement with Austin Pets Alive.

Public comment by Pat Valles-Tres regarding Austin Pets Alive agreement with the City of Austin. Presented by Kimberly McNeeley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department and Don Bland, Chief Animal Services Officer, Animal Service Department. No action taken by the Board.

CONSENT

3. Recommendation to the City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal cooperation agreement with the Save Muny Conservancy to operate the food and beverage concession at Lions Municipal Golf Course.

Chair Lewis corrected the agenda to indicate that the interlocal agreement is with the Save Historic Muny District rather than the Save Muny Conservancy. Chair Lewis made a motion to recommend to the City Council the negotiation and execution of an interlocal cooperation agreement with the Save Historic Muny District to operate the food and beverage concession at Lions Municipal Golf Course; Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Members Cottam Sajbel and Rinaldi.

C. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

1. Discussion of mixed-use park spaces specific to skateboarding, derby and BMX facilities.

Presented by Board Member Richard DePalma. No action taken by the Board.

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

No update given.

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

Board Member DiCarlo reported that the Working Group is finalizing their recommendations to report to the Board at a future meeting.

D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON PROGRAM AND PROJECT UPDATES AND EVENTS

Director McNeeley provided a report.

E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Luca – memo regarding youth programming and safety measures related to COVID-19.
- DePalma/Taylor – memo related to state statutes or regulations that challenge relationships with public partners such as school districts, TxDot or private entities to develop park facilities and amenities.
- Mason-Murphy/DePalma – presentation related to homelessness.
- Faust/DePalma – presentation related to greenbelt registration system.
- Cottam-Sajbel/Faust – information related to strategies for pools reopening and communications or rules related to swimming in Lady Bird Lake.
- Lewis – information related to recycling in parks and recent progress and historical interpretive signage projects.

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 11:46am.