



## **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 – 6:00pm

### **MINUTES**

**The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 via videoconference in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.**

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Dawn Lewis; Laura Cottam Sajbel; Richard DePalma; Anna DiCarlo; Sarah Faust; Kate Mason-Murphy; Fred Morgan, Nina Rinaldi and Kimberly Taylor.

Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Romteen Farasat and Francoise Luca.

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly McNeeley; Liana Kallivoka; Lucas Massie; Anthony Segura; Christine Chute Canul and Sammi Curless.

#### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board special meeting of September 23, 2020 were approved on Board Member Faust motion, Board Member Cottam Sajbel second on a 7-0 vote with Vice Chair Farasat, Board Members Luca, Morgan and Taylor absent.

#### **B. NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

##### **1. City of Austin legislative agenda for the 87th State legislative session.**

Presented by Brie Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer. No action taken by the Board.

*Board Member Morgan joined the meeting at approximately 6:10pm and Board Member Taylor joined the meeting at approximately 6:20pm.*

##### **2. Recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director to approve the Pease Park Conservancy's request for an on-site recognition for considerable donations from The DeAngelis Family Foundation and "Friends of Pat Lochridge," which will be used for the future operation and maintenance of the limestone entry wall and the basketball court respectively, located at Kingsbury Commons within Pease District Park.**

Board Member DePalma made a motion to recommend that the Parks and Recreation Department Director approve the Pease Park Conservancy's request for an on-site recognition for considerable donations from The DeAngelis Family Foundation and

“Friends of Pat Lochridge,” which will be used for the future operation and maintenance of the limestone entry wall and the basketball court respectively, located at Kingsbury Commons within Pease District Park; Board Member Cottam Sajbel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Vice Chair Farasat and Board Member Luca absent.

3. Recommendation to the City Council relating to modifications to the bylaws of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Board Member Faust made a motion to approve the resolution related to amending the Parks and Recreation Board bylaws to terminate the Land, Facilities and Programs Committee and establish the Finance Committee; Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with Vice Chair Farasat and Board Member Luca absent and Board Morgan off the dais.

4. Recommendation to the City Council and City Manager relating to the use and renewal of Strategic Partnership Agreements with Municipal Utility Districts and Limited Districts for the maintenance, operation, fees, and public access of public parkland including trails.

Board Member DePalma presented the item and requested the assistance of Board Members Faust, Taylor and one other to draft a recommendation to City Council for action at a future meeting.

5. 2021 Parks and Recreation Board meeting schedule.

Chair Lewis made a motion to recommend the 2021 Parks and Recreation Board meeting calendar as presented; Board Members Cottam Sajbel and Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Vice Chair Farasat and Board Member Luca absent.

#### **C. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

1. 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 would present their recommendations at the next Board meeting.

#### **D. DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON PROGRAM AND PROJECT UPDATES AND EVENTS**

Director McNeeley provided a report.

#### **E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

- Cottam-Sajbel/Lewis – report regarding community engagement plan for the Hancock golf course
- Cottam-Sajbel – memo providing an update on bond funded pool maintenance that occurred during COVID-19 closures
- Faust – memo regarding permitted group exercise classes in parks and recent change in policies and uniform application to youth sports in parks

- Mason-Murphy – map showing planned, current and completed capital projects
- Mason-Murphy – discussion with Director regarding Department relationship with AISD and how Board Members can assist in working with the District
- DiCarlo – status of re-opening playgrounds
- DePalma – final adopted operating and capital budgets for Department

**Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:39pm.**