



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Friday, December 4, 2020 – 1:00pm
MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a special meeting on Friday, December 4, 2020 via videoconference in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 1:04pm.

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

Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Romteen Farasat and Nina Rinaldi.

Board Member Mason-Murphy joined the meeting at approximately 1:09pm and Board Member Taylor joined the meeting at approximately 2:24pm.

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly McNeeley; Liana Kallivoka; Lucas Massie; Suzanne Piper; Anthony Segura; Davin Bjornass; Kevin Gomillion; Greg Montes; Patricia Rossett; Ricardo Soliz; Margaret Stenz; Glen Taffinder; John Wepryk and Sammi Curless.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No general citizen communication.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting of October 27, 2020 were approved as corrected on Board Member DePalma motion, Board Member Cottam Sajbel second on an 8-0 with Vice Chair Farasat and Board Members Rinaldi and Taylor absent.

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

Board Member Cottam Sajbel made a motion to recommend Items B2-B5; Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed on an 8-0 with Vice Chair Farasat and Board Members Rinaldi and Taylor absent.

Following discussion, Board Member DePalma made a motion to recommend Item B1; Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed on an 8-0 with Vice Chair Farasat and Board Members Rinaldi and Taylor absent.

CONSENT

1. Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Director regarding support for a Parkland Improvement and Maintenance Agreement with Austin Travis County Vietnam

Memorial Association and others for the placement of a Vietnam Veterans Memorial adjacent to the Nash Hernandez Building at Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach to recognize the men and women who honorably served from all of Travis County and in particular from East Austin.

Public comment from Paul Ancira and Julio Trevino in support of item.

2. Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Director to approve the Temporary Staging Area (9,920 sq. ft.), not to exceed 240 Calendar Days on parkland located at 2407 Canterbury Street (Metz Neighborhood Park). Total mitigation value is \$54,441.
3. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the renewal of the Local Standards of Care for the Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Recreation Programs to be discussed via public hearing as required for State of Texas' Child Care Licensing exemption for youth programs operated by a municipality (public facilities) - Code Chapter 42. State of Texas' child care licensing exemption; Public Hearing request date February 4, 2021.
4. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal cooperation agreement with the Austin Independent School District for support of the Literacy First Program.
5. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the acceptance of the 2020 Annual Concession Report as required per Austin City Code, §8-1-73.

NON-CONSENT

6. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding modifications to Austin City Code for naming or renaming a park facility or feature.
Presenters: Board Members Anna DiCarlo and Francoise Luca

Board Members DiCarlo and Luca presented the item. Discussion ensued but no action was taken on the recommendations presented by the working group. The item will return to the Board at a future date for consideration. Board Members DePalma and Cottam Sajbel will join the working group to assist in preparing future recommendations.

7. Hancock Golf Course community engagement plan update.
Presenters: Anthony Segura, Assistant Director and Kevin Gomillion, Golf Services Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department

Public comment from Adam Sparks, Robyn Ross and Etienne Denis regarding community engagement process and future use of the Golf Course.

Discussion occurred and no action was taken.

C. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

1. Update on modifications to the bylaws of the Parks and Recreation Board (Faust).

Board Member Faust provided an update that the bylaws modifications were approved by the City Council Audit and Finance Committee on November 18, 2020. The City Council will consider the modifications at either the December 10, 2020 or January 27, 2021 meeting.

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

Director McNeeley provided a report.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Lewis – completion timeframe for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant study.
- Cottam Sajbel – response to correspondence from concerned persons about Austin Memorial Park and enforcement of regulations; advertising along the Boardwalk and new private access point to Lady Bird Lake from apartments.
- Mason-Murphy – heat effect of newly black paved roads in parks as it relates to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant study.

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 3:26pm.