



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
Tuesday, February 23, 2021 – 6:00pm  
**MINUTES**

**The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 via videoconference in Austin, Texas.**

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

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

Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Romteen Farasat, Richard DePalma, Anna Di Carlo and Nina Rinaldi.

*Board Member Taylor joined the meeting at approximately 6:12pm.*

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly McNeeley; Liana Kallivoka; Lucas Massie; Suzanne Piper; Anthony Segura; Kevin Johnson; Amanda Ross; Christine Chute Canul and Sammi Curless.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Gene Smith – large sized boat permit to use Walsh Boat Landing.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the regular meeting of January 26, 2021 were approved on Board Member Morgan motion, Board Member Faust second on a 7-0 with Vice Chair Farasat and Board Members DePalma, Di Carlo and Rinaldi absent.

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

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Commission on Seniors Recommendation Number: 20210113-O3B regarding seating in parks, greenbelts, trails and other open spaces.

Board Member Faust made a motion to support Commission on Seniors Recommendation Number: 20210113-O3B regarding seating in parks, greenbelts, trails and other open spaces; Board Member Cottam Sajbel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 7-0 with Vice Chair Farasat and Board Members DePalma, Di Carlo and Rinaldi absent.

**2. Presentation and discussion regarding update on Zilker Train.**

Presentation by Colin Wallis and Ladye Anne Wofford of the Austin Parks Foundations. Discussion followed but no action was taken by the Board.

**3. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the City Council of the preferred design scenario for the Dougherty Arts Center Replacement Project.**

Board Member Morgan made a motion to recommend to the City Council the preferred design scenario (Option 1B) for the Dougherty Arts Center Replacement Program; Board Member Luca seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 6-1 vote with Board Member Faust voting nay and Vice Chair Farasat and Board Members DePalma, Di Carlo and Rinaldi absent.

**4. Discussion and possible action regarding Barton Creek Greenbelt reservation pilot program recommendations.**

Presentation made by Amanda Ross of the Parks and Recreation Department. Discussion followed but no action was taken by the Board.

**5. Discussion of partnership pathways as it relates to Resolution No. 20200312-041.**

Presentation by Kimberly McNeeley and Christine Chute Canul of the Parks and Recreation Department. Discussion followed but no action was taken by the Board.

**6. Discussion regarding transition of the Alternative Funding Working Group activities to the Finance Committee.**

Due to absence of Board Member Rinaldi this item was not discussed.

**C. DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON PROGRAM AND PROJECT UPDATES AND EVENTS**

Director McNeeley provided a report.

**D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Lewis – update on recycling program in parks and process to develop a pocket park.

**Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:23pm.**