



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 – 3:00PM
MINUTES**

The Finance Committee convened in a special meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 via videoconference in Austin, Texas.

Chair Faust called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Sarah Faust, Laura Cottam Sajbel, Richard DePalma, Kate Mason-Murphy, Kimberly Taylor and Dawn Lewis, Ex Officio.

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly McNeeley, Suzanne Piper, Vanorda Richardson, Nicholas Johnson, Steven Linett, Ed Morris and Sammi Curless.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no registered speakers.

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

1. Discussion and possible action on the 2021 meeting schedule including time of day to conduct meeting.

Committee Member Cottam Sajbel made a motion to have the 2021 meeting schedule as the 2nd Monday of each month in the 1-5pm time slot but re-evaluate the meeting time in the fall; Committee Member Mason-Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Board as it relates to requests for additional funding to address Fiscal Year 2022 under resourced service expectations.

Committee Member Cottam Sajbel made a motion to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Board to recommend to the City Council that consideration be given to funding the following under resourced service expectations in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget:

- Increased summer camp capacity,
- Additional park ranger resources,
- Added security services for various pool facilities,
- Enhanced department-wide security support,

- Additional staffing at Barton Springs Pool,
- Increased Athletics maintenance support,
- Increased department-wide training support and
- Extended hours at Bartholomew Pool,

Committee Member Mason-Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Board as it relates to the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

Committee Member DePalma made a motion to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Board the acceptance the Fiscal Year 2022 budget as presented by the Parks and Recreation Department; Committee Member Cottam Sajbel second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion on the purpose and intent of the Finance Committee.

Chair Faust led the discussion with the following comments from Committee Members:

- Cottam Sajbel – review ideas brought forth by the Alternate Funding Working Group,
- Mason-Murphy – finding fastest and most economical ways to bring free parks to all people and
- Lewis – offer and explore ways to innovate to support the Department in meeting community needs.

5. Discussion and possible action on Committee agenda development for 2021.

Focus three meetings on budget development and remainder on other types of funding initiatives such as the following:

- Financial mechanisms (taxes, fees, etc.),
- Partnerships,
- Under resourced items (Lewis),
- Use of equity lens in recommendations (Lewis),
- Use of park conservators/volunteers (Mason-Murphy, Cottam Sajbel),
- ADA improvements (DePalma),
- Ongoing costs related to park development and facility deferred maintenance (DePalma),
- Overall utility costs (DePalma),
- Services for Seniors (DePalma), and
- Identify minimum standards for funding per population.

B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Items for May meeting
 - Continued development of 2021 agenda
 - Fee structures

Chair Faust adjourned the meeting at 4:54pm.