



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 – 5:30pm

Via Videoconference

MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 via videoconference in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Dawn Lewis, Vice Chair Richard DePalma, Nancy Barnard, Laura Cottam Sajbel, Anna Di Carlo, Sarah Faust, Kate Mason-Murphy, Nina Rinaldi and Kimberly Taylor.

Board Members Absent: Romteen Farasat.

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly McNeeley, Liana Kallivoka, Lucas Massie, Suzanne Piper, Anthony Segura, Jorge Morales, Jose Guerrero, Leah Gibson, Denisha Cox, Megan Eckard, Kevin Gomillion, Matt McCaw, Gregory Montes, Amanda Ross, Patricia Rossett Ricardo Soliz, Idella Wilson and Sammi Curless.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Malcolm Yeatts – encampments in Country Club Creek Greenbelt.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting of April 27, 2021 were approved on Board Member Rinaldi motion, Board Member Cottam Sajbel second on an 8-0 with Board Members Farasat and Taylor absent and one vacancy.

Board Member Kimberly Taylor joined the meeting at approximately 6:20pm.

Due to time constraints items were heard in the following order: B1, B3, B5, B7, B4, B2. Item B6 was not heard.

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

NON-CONSENT

1. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director to approve the Central Williamson Creek Greenway Vision Plan.

Board Member Mason-Murphy made a motion to not recommend the plan which died due to lack of a second. Board Member Cottam Sajbel made a motion to table the item

for future discussion; seconded by Board Member Mason-Murphy. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Farasat absent and one vacancy.

2. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director to approve the Safety and Mobility Plan for the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail.

Board Member Faust made a motion to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Director the approval of the Safety and Mobility Plan for the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail with the following condition that no position is taken by the Parks and Recreation Board in support or against the Double Deck Bridge over Barton Creek described as a potential project in the southwest quadrant within the plan; Vice DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Farasat absent and one vacancy.

3. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Planning Commission for the approval of a Conditional Use Permit for Waterloo Park.

Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to recommend to the Planning Commission the approval of a Conditional Use Permit for Waterloo Park for the three designated areas: Lebermann Plaza; Food Truck and deck area and Moody Amphitheater venue including: performance platform, rooftop terrace, lower lawn, and Great Lawn areas; Board Member Di Carlo seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-1 with Board Member Cottam Sajbel voting nay, Board Member Mason-Murphy abstaining and Board Member Farasat absent and one vacancy.

4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the City Council for the negotiation and execution of interlocal cooperation agreements for Wildland Fire Management Activities with: (1) Travis County and (2) The University of Texas at Austin.

Chair Lewis made a motion to recommend to the City Council the negotiation and execution of interlocal cooperation agreements for Wildland Fire Management Activities with: (1) Travis County and (2) The University of Texas at Austin; Board Members Cottam Sajbel and Rinaldi seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Farasat absent and one vacancy.

5. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the City Council approving the renaming of Payton Gin Pocket Park to Heron Hollow Pocket Park.

Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to delegate the scheduling and conducting of a public hearing on the renaming of Payton Gin Pocket Park to Heron Hollow Pocket Park within the next month and return to the June meeting for action; Board Member Di Carlo seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Farasat absent and one vacancy.

6. Presentation and discussion regarding the draft scope of work for the Request for Proposals for the Management and Operational services for the Grey Rock Golf and Tennis Club and related facilities.

Due to time constraints this item was not heard.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding selection of members to the Contracts and Concessions Committee, Joint Working Group with the Animal Advisory Commission, Zilker Park Vision Plan Working Group and representatives to the Joint Sustainability Committee.

Chair Lewis made a motion to nominate Nancy Barnard to the Contracts and Concession Committee; Board Members Rinaldi and Cottam Sajbel seconded the motion. Board Member Barnard accepted the nomination. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Farasat absent and one vacancy.

Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to nominate Nancy Barnard to replace Board Member Faust on the Joint Working Group with the Animal Advisory Commission; Chair Lewis seconded the motion. Board Member Barnard accepted the nomination. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Farasat absent and one vacancy.

Chair Lewis made a motion to nominate Board Member Faust to the Zilker Park Vision Plan Working Group; Board Member Taylor seconded the motion. Board Member Faust accepted the nomination. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Farasat absent and one vacancy. Due to misunderstanding in the original discussion, it was clarified that the Working Group needs additional members so Chair Lewis, Vice Chair DePalma and Board Member Taylor agreed to also serve on the working group.

Chair Lewis made a motion to nominate Vice Chair Richard DePalma to serve as the Parks and Recreation Board primary member to the Joint Sustainability Committee; Board Member Cottam Sajbel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Farasat absent and one vacancy.

Chair Lewis made a motion to nominate Board Member Rinaldi to serve as the Parks and Recreation Board alternate member to the Joint Sustainability Committee; Board Member Barnard seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Farasat absent and one vacancy.

C. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

1. Update from Joint Working Group with the Environmental Commission. (Lewis, Cottam Sajbel, Mason-Murphy)

Board Member Cottam Sajbel provided an update.

2. Update from Joint Working Group with the Animal Advisory Commission. (Lewis, Faust)

In the interest of time, Chair Lewis mentioned that group continues to meet.

3. Update from Downtown Commission. (Taylor)

Board Member Taylor provided an update on the recent report on homelessness in the downtown area.

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

Due to time constraints, this item was not heard.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Di Carlo – information on swimming lessons – pool locations and descriptions of lessons offered this summer.
- Taylor – information on ACL including any size limitations imposed due to the pandemic
- Cottam Sajbel – clarification on swim activities and schedule at Mabel Davis Pool and exploring the possibility of staggered pool schedules.
- DePalma – list of potential agenda items for the June meeting and to correct the Director's Report to refer to the Zilker train as the Zilker Eagle not the Zilker Zephyr as it was formerly called.

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.

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