



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 – 5:30pm

Via Videoconference

MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 via videoconference in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Dawn Lewis, Vice Chair Richard DePalma, Nancy Barnard, Laura Cottam Sajbel, Anna Di Carlo, and Nina Rinaldi.

Board Members Absent: Sarah Faust and Kimberly Taylor.

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly McNeeley, Liana Kallivoka, Lucas Massie, Suzanne Piper, Anthony Segura, Kymberley Maddox, Kalpana Sutaria, Jason Inge, Gregory Montes, Ricardo Soliz, Lisa Storer, Christina Bies, Kevin Gomillion, Denisha Cox, Patricia Rossett, Kevin Johnson, Shwetha Pandurangi and Sammi Curless.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Kevin Reinis – Austin Rowing Club operations update

Conor Kenny – parkland dedication for a Windsor Park development

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting of May 25, 2021 were approved on Board Member Cottam Sajbel motion, Board Member Di Carlo second on an 6-0 with Board Members Faust and Taylor absent and three vacancies.

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

1. 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 recommend to the City Council to approve the renaming of Payton Gin Pocket Park to Heron Hollow Pocket Park; Board Member Rinaldi seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with Board Members Faust and Taylor absent and three vacancies. Recommendation 20210622-B1.

2. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to City Council to approve the Permanent Wastewater Use and Temporary Work Area, not to exceed 11

Months, on parkland located at Davis White Neighborhood Park (6705 Crystalbrook Dr.) and Southern Walnut Creek Greenbelt (6013 Loyola Ln.). Total Mitigation is \$42,189.

Board Member Rinaldi made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the Permanent Wastewater Use and Temporary Work Area, not to exceed 11 Months, on parkland located at Davis White Neighborhood Park (6705 Crystalbrook Dr.) and Southern Walnut Creek Greenbelt (6013 Loyola Ln.). Total Mitigation is \$42,189; Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with Board Members Faust and Taylor absent and three vacancies.

3. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Planning Commission related to a Conditional Use Permit for the sale of wine and beer at the Zilker Cafe.

Public comment against the Conditional Use Permit was provided by Mark Gentle, Heidi Armstrong, Jennifer Robenalt, Alissa Magrum, Elizabeth Williams, Megan Misenbach, Dan Opdyke, Craig Nazor, Roy Waley, Patricia Bobeck

Public comment in favor of the Conditional Use Permit was provided by Brian Burrowes, Peter Adjihetty, Cale Stubbe, Patrick Ley, Will Yankus, George Kinard, Julie May, Eric Bramlett, David May, Christ Martinez, Allan Cepeda, Shawn Cirkiel, Trennis Jones, Rick Garrett, Lauren Stevenson, Brian Bergeron, Tara Davies, Amy Jones, Jennifer DiPasquale

Board Member Cottam Sajbal made a motion that the Conditional Use Permit not go forward; Board Member Barnard seconded the motion. The vote was 4-2 with Board Members Faust and Taylor absent and three vacancies. Those members voting aye were: Chair Lewis, Board Members Barnard, Cottam Sajbal and Di Carlo. Those voting nay were Vice Chair DePalma and Board Member Rinaldi. Chair Lewis read statements from Board Members Faust and Taylor opposing the Conditional Use Permit into the record. The motion did not pass as six affirmative votes are needed.

4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director regarding the Waterloo Greenway Conservancy's naming of new park features within Waterloo Park.

Board Member Rinaldi made a motion to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Department Director the approval of Waterloo Greenway Conservancy's naming of new park features within Waterloo Park; Board Member Di Carlo seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 with Board Member Cottam Sajbal abstaining, Board Members Faust and Taylor absent and three vacancies.

5. Presentation and discussion related to the Dove Springs Public Health Facility design located at 5811 Palo Blanco Lane.

Due to time constraints this item was not heard and will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

6. Presentation and discussion regarding the results of the Hancock Golf Survey and next steps related to community engagement regarding improved shared use of the golf course and park space.

Public comment regarding the survey tool and community engagement process was provided by Adam Sparks, Awais Azhar, Sam Osborn, Justin Green, Ben Yasui, Robert Foster, Ella McCrea

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C. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

1. Update from Zilker Park Vision Plan Working Group. (Lewis, DePalma, Faust, Taylor)

Working group has not met yet.

2. Update from Joint Working Group with the Environmental Commission. (Lewis, Cottam Sajbel)

No report due to time constraints.

3. Update from Joint Working Group with the Animal Advisory Commission. (Lewis, Barnard)

No report due to time constraints.

4. Update from Downtown Commission. (Taylor)

No report as Board Member Taylor was absent.

5. Update from South Central Waterfront Advisory Board. (Cottam Sajbel)

No report due to time constraints.

6. Update from Joint Sustainability Committee. (DePalma, Rinaldi)

No report due to time constraints.

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

Director McNeeley provided a report.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Cottam Sajbel/DePalma – memo update on anticipated aquatic operations in the coming weeks; information addressing equity in accessing pools and confirmation if times are being set aside for certain swimmers over others
- Cottam Sajbel – information on motorboats on Lady Bird Lake
- Rinaldi/DePalma – future agenda item on Windsor Village at Windsor Park development

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:29pm.