



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 – 5:30pm
Via Videoconference
MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 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, Lisa Hugman and Nina Rinaldi.

Board Members Absent: Kimberly Taylor.

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly McNeeley, Liana Kallivoka, Suzanne Piper, Anthony Segura, Gregory Montes, Ricardo Soliz, Christina Bies, Kevin Gomillion, Denisha Cox, Patricia Rossett, Christine Chute Canul, Leah Gibson, Christa McCarthy, Justin Schneider, Megan Eckard, Sammi Curless.

Chair Lewis made a motion to modify Agenda Item speaker comment time to 90 seconds; Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1 with Board Member Taylor absent and two vacancies. Those voting aye were Chair Lewis, Vice Chair DePalma, Board Members Barnard, Cottam Sajbel, Di Carlo, Hugman, and Rinaldi. Those voting nay were Board Member Faust.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Kevin Reinis – creation of a special committee to engage in rebuilding/relocation of the boat house.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting of June 22, 2021 were approved on Vice Chair DePalma's motion, Board Member Barnard second on a 6-1 vote with Board Member Taylor absent and two vacancies. Those voting aye were Chair Lewis, Vice Chair DePalma, Board Members Barnard, Di Carlo, Hugman and Rinaldi. Those voting nay were Board Member Cottam Sajbel. Those abstaining were Board Members Faust.

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

1. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the City Council for the negotiation and execution of a partnership agreement with The Trail

Foundation for the operations, maintenance and programming for the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail at Town Lake Metropolitan Park.

Board Member Faust pulled the item from the consent agenda. Following discussion, Vice Chair DePalma made a motion to recommend to the City Council the negotiation and execution of a partnership agreement with The Trail Foundation for the operations, maintenance and programming for the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail at Town Lake Metropolitan Park; Board Member Di Carlo seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0 with Board Member Taylor absent and two vacancies.

NON-CONSENT

2. Discussion and possible action on Contracts and Concessions Committee and Financial Committee memberships.

Chair Lewis made a motion to recommend Board Member Hugman as a member of the Financial Committee; Board Member Hugman agreed; Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The vote passed on a vote of 6-0 with Board Hugman abstaining, Board Member DiCarlo off the dais, Board Member Taylor absent and two vacancies.

Chair Lewis made a motion to recommend Board Member Cottam Sajbel as a member of the Contracts and Concessions Committee; Board Member Cottam Sajbel agreed; Board Member Barnard seconded the motion. The vote passed on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Taylor absent and two vacancies.

3. Discussion and possible action to renew the motion made June 22, 2021 regarding a recommendation to the Planning Commission related to a Conditional Use Permit for the sale of wine and beer at the Zilker Cafe.

Chair Lewis made a motion to renew the motion made at the June 22, 2021 Parks and Recreation Board meeting regarding the recommendation to the Planning Commission related to a Conditional Use Permit for the sale of wine and beer at the Zilker Café and recommended that this item come back before the Parks and Recreation Board at the September 28 meeting for consideration; Board Member Cottam Sajbel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Taylor absent and two vacancies.

4. 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.

Anthony Segura and Kevin Gomillion of the Parks and Recreation Department made a presentation and answered questions from the Board. No action was taken on this item.

5. 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 Di Carlo made a motion to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Department Director approval of the Central Williamson Creek Greenway Vision Plan;

Board Member Hugman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Taylor absent and two vacancies

C. STAFF BRIEFING

1. Update on the Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Planning Process.

Gregory Montes from the Parks and Recreation Department and Claire Hempel with Design Workshop made a presentation and answered questions.

D. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

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

No report due to time constraints.

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 due to time constraints.

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

Board Member Cottam Sajbel provided an update report.

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

No report due to time constraints.

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

Director McNeeley provide the report.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Cottam Sajbel – scholarly article regarding Waller Creek written by Dr. Pace would like to share article with Board and perhaps have Dr. Pace make a presentation.
- DePalma – discussion to amend bylaws to modify affirmative quorum for motions to pass; schedule for Scenic Brook Park development; creation of committee requested by Austin Rowing Club for the boat house.
- Lewis – plans for pools next season including recruitment efforts.

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.