



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
February 22, 2022
MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Board Members in Attendance: Dawn Lewis, Sarah Faust, Nina Rinaldi, Richard DePalma, Lisa Hugman, Nancy Barnard and Patrick Moore.

Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Anna Di Carlo, Kimberly Taylor and Laura Cottam Sajbel (joined at 8:11pm).

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly McNeeley, Liana Kallivoka, Suzanne Piper, Ricardo Soliz, Justin Schneider, Gregory Montes, Nikki Cockrell (Onion Creek Park Manager) John Nixon, Marion Sanchez (Corporate PIO), Justin Schneider, Tim Dombeck, and Nan Dowling.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Sharon Blythe – Friends of Austin Memorial Park
Kevin Reinis – Austin Rowing Club
Angela Richter - APF

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of January 25, 2022 were approved. Board Member Moore made a motion to approve minutes. Board Member Rinaldi seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 vote with Board Member Cottam Sajbel absent and one vacancy.

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

1. Discussion and possible action regarding change to Parks and Recreation Board meeting schedule.

Board member Hugman made a motion to move regular meetings of the Parks and Recreation Board to the fourth Monday of each month. Board member Taylor seconded the motion. Board Members Hugman, Taylor, Rinaldi, Moore, DePalma and Lewis voted for the motion. Board Members Faust, Di Carlo and Barnard voted against the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 6-3 with Board Member Cottam Sajbel absent and one vacancy.

2. Presentation and discussion related to the development of Onion Creek Metro Park, highlights of the consent agreement between COA, Onion Creek Metro Park District and Austin Goodnight Ranch LP, current operation and maintenance responsibilities including current and planned capital investments.

Ricardo Soliz and Nikki Cockrell, Parks and Recreation Department, gave a presentation and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

3. Presentation and discussion related to City of Austin Community Engagement and Surveying Practices.

Justin Schneider and John Nixon, Parks and Recreation Department, and Marion Sanchez, Communications and Public Information Office, gave a presentation and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

4. Presentation and discussion related to the community engagement and outreach efforts for the Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan.

Chair Lewis made a motion to postpone the item to a future date. Board Member Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Kimberly Taylor and Lisa Hugman absent and one vacancy.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding 2022 Summer camp plans with a focus on resiliency and the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Board Member Rinaldi motioned to request that Austin City Council adopt this as an agenda item. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Cottam-Sajbel absent and one vacancy.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding FY22-23 budget process and calendar memo as it relates to Parks and Recreation Board recommendations to the Budget Office.

Board Members discussed this item. No action was taken on this item.

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

1. Director McNeeley provided a report.

D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Rinaldi – Presentation on resiliency for summer camps (Chair Lewis seconded)
- Moore – Presentation and status update on Bolm Road district park (Chair Lewis seconded)
- DePalma – Recommendation relating to Austin Rowing Club and extension of current contracts (Board Member Cottam Sajbel seconded)
- Taylor – Presentation and status update on Hill of Life trailhead
- Cottam Sajbel – Budget implications of seasonal vs. year-round lifeguards
- Lewis – Update on property crime in the parks

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:54pm.