



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MAY 23, 2022
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 301 W. Second Street, Austin Texas

Chair Cottam Sajbel called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Cottam Sajbel, Dawn Lewis, Richard DePalma, Nina Rinaldi (arrives 6:11 PM), Anna Di Carlo, Patrick Moore, Lisa Hugman.

Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Sarah Faust (left at 8:20 PM), Nancy Barnard.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Laura Spraggins – Festival Beach Community Garden
Claire Krebbs – Festival Beach Community Garden
Lauren Loney - Festival Beach Community Garden
Brian Cassidy – Bridges on the Park Condominium Association
Scott Cobb – Barton Springs Lifeguard
Malcom Yeatts – EROC Contact Team
Sharon Blythe – Friends of Austin Memorial Park
Zack Jurasek – Glow Row
Kevin Renis – Austin Rowing Club
Michael Cannatti – Barton Springs Conservancy
Hoppy Goddin - Bridges on the Park Condominium Association
Aubrea Rudder – Austin Rowing Club

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting of April 25, 2022. Board Member Hugman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Taylor absent and one vacancy.

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

1. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the City of Austin's food plan development process.

Edwin Marty, Food Policy Manager, City of Austin Office of Sustainability gave a presentation and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

2. Briefing on the terms of the Park Operations and Maintenance Agreement with The Trail Foundation for portions of the Town Lake Metropolitan Park.

Christine Chute Canul, Program Manager II, Parks and Recreation Department and Heidi Anderson, CEO, The Trail Foundation gave a briefing and answered questions.

3. Briefing on the progress of the draft Commercial Parkland Dedication Ordinance and associated community feedback and resources.

Robynne Heymans, Planner Sr., Parks and Recreation Department gave a briefing and answered questions.

4. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the recommendation to approve the conditional use permit (CUP) at Republic Square for the sale of alcohol.

Reynaldo Hernandez, Project Manager, Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation and answered questions.

Board Member Barnard made a motion to postpone action on the Republic Square CUP until the June 2022 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board, and to ask the Contracts and Concessions Committee to research guidelines and create recommendations for Council on alcohol sales in City parks and other parkland facilities. Board Member Hugman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Taylor absent and one vacancy.

5. Discussion and possible action on Parks and Recreation Board near and long-term goal setting.

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

6. Discussion and possible action on appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board Contracts and Concessions Committee.

Chair Cottam Sajbel nominated Board Member Lewis to the Contracts and Concessions Committee. Board Member Lewis accepted the nomination. Board Member Hugman seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member DePalma abstaining, Board Member Taylor Absent and one vacancy.

C. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

1. Update from South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.

Chair Cottam Sajbel gave an update.

2. Update from Joint Working Group with the Animal Advisory Commission.

Board Members Lewis and Barnard gave an update.

3. Update from Downtown Commission.

No update.

4. Update from the Joint Sustainability Committee.

Board Member DePalma gave an update.

5. Update from Zilker Park Vision Plan Working Group.

No update.

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

Director McNeeley provided a report.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

DePalma – Information on Equity Office, equity plan and equitable decisions.

Di Carlo – Fox habitat at Fiesta Gardens and Burleson Greenbelt properties

Moore – Recreation centers opening and closing

Lewis – Crime report and Butler Pitch & Putt

Rinaldi – Off-leash dogs

Cottam Sajbel – Discussion on Parks and Recreation Board public relations.

Chair Cottam Sajbel adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM