



***PARKS ANR RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022***

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a regular meeting on July 25, 2022, at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Cottam Sajbel called the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Laura Cottam Sajbel, Sarah Faust, Nancy Barnard, Richard DePalma, Anna Di Carlo, Katherine Flowers, Lisa Hugman, Patrick Moore, Nina Rinaldi.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Dawn Lewis, Kim Taylor.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Anna Aguirre - GAVA
- Blanca Ortiz – Where the Water Runs
- Elena Rodriguez – Where the Water Runs
- Enedina Sanchez – Where the Water Runs
- Malcom Yeatts – EROC Contact Team
- Scott Cobb – Barton Springs Lifeguard
- Antony McGregor Day – Springdale Park Neighbors
- Bill Bunch – Save Our Springs Alliance and Zilker Neighborhood Association
- Kevin Reinis – Austin Rowing Club
- Kermit Maxwell – Springdale Park Neighbors

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting on June 27, 2022.

The minutes from the meeting of June 27, 2022 were approved on Vice Chair Faust’s motion, Board Member Moore’s second on a 10-0 vote with Board Member Barnard abstaining.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the history of Waller Creek as it pertains to upcoming naming opportunities

Dr. Katherine Pace, Urban Environmental Historian and Dr. Ted Gordon, Founding Chair Department of African and African Diaspora Studies, University of Texas at Austin gave a presentation and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

3. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Where The Water Runs/Donde Corre El Agua community activated park project proposal for East Williamson Creek trailhead and greenbelt with the Dove Spring Community.

Christine Chute Canul, Partnership Manager, Parks and Recreation, Frances Acuña, Go Austin Vamos Austin, Blanca Ortiz, Elena Rodriguez and Enedina Sánchez, E. Williamson Creek Adopters, Bjørn Sletto, School of Architecture at the university of Texas at Austin gave a presentation and answered question. No action was taken on this item.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to Austin City Council on guidelines for making decisions about conditional use permits to allow for the sale of alcohol in Parks.

The motion to approve the recommendation to establish criteria in determining whether to recommend approval of a CIP to the Planning Commission was approved on Chair Cottam Sajbel’s motion, Vice Chair Faust’s second on a 8-3 vote. Those members voting aye were: Chair Cottam Sajbel, Vice Chair Faust, Board Members Di Carlo, Moore, Hugman, Taylor and Lewis. Those voting nay were: Board Members Rinaldi, Flowers and DePalma.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation to approve the conditional use permit at Republic Square for the sale of alcohol.

The motion to recommend against the approval of the conditional use permit at Republic Square for the sale of alcohol failed on Chair Cottam Sajbel’s motion, Board Member Hugman’s second on a 2-7 vote. Those members voting aye were: Chair Cottam Sajbel and Board Member Hugman. Those members voting nay were: Vice Chair Faust, Board Members Rinaldi, Di Carlo, Moore, Flowers, Barnard and DePalma. Board Members Lewis and Taylor abstained.

The motion to recommend to approve the conditional use permit at Republic Square for the sale of alcohol was approved on Board Member Rinalid’s motion, Board Member DePalma’s second on a 7-2 vote. Those members voting aye were: Vice Chair Faust, Board Members Rinaldi, Di Carlo, Moore, Flowers, Barnard and DePalma. Those members voting nay were: Chair Cottam Sajbel and Board Member Hugman. Board Members Lewis and Taylor abstained.

6. Presentation discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation that Austin City Council authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority for the installation, maintenance, and replacement of buoys to assist boaters in recognizing hazards on Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, Decker Lake, and the area surrounding Handcox Water treatment Plant on Lake Travis.

The motion to recommend that Austin City Council authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority for the installation, maintenance, and replacement of buoys to assist boaters in recognizing hazards on Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, Decker Lake, and the area surrounding Handcox Water treatment Plant on Lake Travis was approved on Vice Chair Faust's motion, Board Member Di Carlo's second on a vote of 10-0. Board Member Rinaldi off the dais.

7. Presentation discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation that Austin City Council support an amendment to State Law to allow the City to dissolve the Perpetual Care Trust Fund and use the principal for general cemetery maintenance and capital improvements.

This item was withdrawn.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation that Austin City Council approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 25-1 to require parkland dedication for commercial developments.

The motion to recommend to Austin City Council to accept the Commercial Parkland Dedication Ordinance as written was approved on Board Member Lewis' motion, Board Member DePalma's second on a vote of 10-0. Board Member Rinaldi recused from this item.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding an appointment to the Joint Sustainability Committee.

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

10. Discussion and possible action regarding appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board Committees.

The motion to appoint Kim Taylor to the Parks and Recreation Board Contracts and Concessions Committee was approved on Chair Cottam Sajbel's motion, Board Member Barnard's second on a vote of 10-0. Board Member Taylor accepted the nomination. Board Member Hugman off the dais.

The motion to appoint Kathryn Flowers to the Parks and Recreation Board Finance Committee was approved on Chair Cottam Sajbel's motion, Board Member Moore's second on a vote of 10-0. Board Member Flowers accepted the nomination. Board member Hugman off the dais.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding the Parks and Recreation Board Annual Internal Review Report.

The motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Board Annual Internal Review Report was approved on Vice Chair Faust’s motion, Board Member Barnard’s second on a vote of 10-0. Board Member Hugman off the dais.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

12. Update from South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.

Chair Cottam Sajbel provided an update and Board Members discussed this item. No action was taken on this item.

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

Board Member Lewis provided an update. No action was taken on this item.

14. Update from Downtown Commission.

No update. No action was taken on this item.

15. Update from Joint Sustainability Committee.

No Update. No action was taken on this item.

16. Update from Zilker Park Vision Plan Working Group.

No update. No action was taken on this item.

17. Update from Crime and Law Enforcement in Parks Working Group.

Board Member Lewis provided an update. No action was taken on this item.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

18. Monthly report from the Parks and Recreation Department Director.

Kimberly McNeeley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department provided a briefing and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Taylor – Add Butler Pitch n Putt item to Contracts and Concessions Committee agenda.

Lewis - Electric maintenance equipment.

Barnard - Formation of an Aquatics Working Group.

Hugman - Formation of a Homelessness Working Group.

DePalma - Funding breakdown of improvements at Dick Nichols Park and Plan for Central Meetings/Maintenance Complex.

Faust - Proposition B sale of land, price and zoning.

Flowers - PARD's role in cooling centers and existing cooling centers.

Cottam Sajbel - Parks in Riverside Neighborhood.

Chair Cottam Sajbel adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the August 22, 2022 meeting on Vice Chair Faust's motion, Board Member Lewis' second on a 9-0 vote. Board Members Hugman and Rinaldi were absent.

