



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD convened in a REGULAR meeting on SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Cottam Sajbel called the PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Dawn Lewis (left meeting at 7:35 p.m.), Kim Taylor (left meeting at 7:14 p.m.).

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Mike Levy – Public safety issues

Claire Krebs – Festival Beach Community Gardens boundary dispute and fox habitat

Paul DiFiore – Hatchery Park and nearby development

Liz Hundley and Aubrea Rudder – Austin Rowing Club

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of August 22, 2022.

The minutes from the meeting of August 22, 2022 were approved on Board Member Moore’s motion, Board Member Barnard’s second on a 11-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation and discussion regarding concerns for available parks and locations for community services in Districts 3 and 9.

Malcom Yeatts and Fred DeWorken, EROC Contact Team, Ed Miller, Our House gave a presentation and answered questions. Board Members discussed the lack of parks in the East Riverside Neighborhood, how Parkland Dedication fees are allocated, and the potential for a community activated parks project in this area. No action was taken on this item.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 3. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to City Council on the Brodie Oaks Planned Unit Development application and whether it is superior with respect to parkland dedication.

Thomas Rowlinson, Principal Planner, Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation and answered questions.

The motion to recommend the Brodie Oaks PUD as superior if the applicant agrees to: 1) Work with staff and Austin Transportation department to provide ten (10) free parking spaces to the neighborhood park site; 2) Amend the application to state there will be a publicly available restroom at the neighborhood park; 3) Continue to work with Hill Country Conservancy and Austin Parks Foundation to ensure this is a sustainable trail accessing the Barton Creek Greenbelt; and, 4) Investigate and report back on methods to fund off-site Barton Creek Greenbelt preservation and management through commercial development at the site was approved on Vice Chair Faust’s motion, Board Member Barnard’s second, on a 9-0 vote. Board Members Lewis and Taylor absent.

- 4. Discussion and possible action regarding an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board’s seat on the Downtown Commission.

This item was withdrawn.

- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2023 meeting schedule of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Board Members discussed whether the proposed schedule would conflict with Yom Kippur, and whether the Board should meet in July.

The motion to set the Parks and Recreation Board 2023 meeting schedule as the 4th Monday of each month, except December, at 6:00 p.m. was approved on Board Member Hugman’s motion, Board Member Rinaldi’s second, on an 8-0 vote. Vice Chair Faust off dais. Board Members Lewis and Taylor absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

- 6. Staff briefing on Parks and Recreation Department Community Engagement Events, Planning Updates, Development Updates, Maintenance Updates, Program Updates and Administrative updates.

Lucas Massie, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, gave a briefing on the Seaholm Intake Facility ribbon cutting, Turner Roberts reopening, irrigation work at Parque Zaragoza, and other PARD related updates. No action was taken on this item.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

7. Update from South Central Waterfront Advisory Board. (Cottam Sajbel)
Chair Cottam Sajbel gave an update on City Council’s second reading of the Statesman PUD.
8. Update from Downtown Commission. (Taylor)
No Update.
9. Update from Joint Sustainability Committee. (DePalma)
Board member DePalma gave an update on the Ambassador Program and an upcoming meeting.
10. Update from Zilker Park Vision Plan Working Group. (Lewis, DePalma, Faust, Taylor)
Board Member DePalma gave an update on an upcoming Working Group meeting.
11. Update from Crime and Law Enforcement in Parks Working Group. (Lewis, Moore, Barnard)
Board Member Moore gave an update on an upcoming Working Group meeting.
12. Update from the Homelessness Working Group. (Hugman, DePalma, Flowers)
Board Member Hugman gave an update on the Working Group participants and the search for land for sanctioned camping.
13. Update from the Aquatics Working Group (Barnard, Cottam Sajbel)
Board Member Barnard gave an update on an upcoming Working Group meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Barnard – Update on fox habitat at Festival Beach Community Gardens/Hatchery Park and on the property line dispute.

Chair NAME adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. without objection.

After minutes have been approved, include the following statement before uploading to BCIC:

The minutes were approved at the DATE meeting on BOARD MEMBER’s motion, BOARD MEMBER second on a (vote count) vote.