



**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**The minutes were approved at the October 24, 2022, meeting on Board Member Moore’s motion, Board Member Hugman’s second on a 6-0 vote. Vice Chair Faust and Board Members Barnard, Flowers, Rinaldi and Taylor absent.**