



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2022**

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD convened in a REGULAR meeting on OCTOBER 24, 2022, at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Cottam Sajbel called the PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Cottam Sajbel, Richard DePalma, Anna Di Carlo, Lisa Hugman, Dawn Lewis, Patrick Moore.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Kayla Reese – Austin Parks Foundation**
- Kevin Reinis – Austin Rowing Club**
- Claire Krebbs – Festival Beach Community Garden**
- Victoria Salimov – Festival Beach Community Garden**
- Eric Paulus – Ecology Action**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of September 26, 2022.

The minutes from the meeting of September 26, 2022 were approved 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.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing on the Palm District Plan.
Stevie Greathouse, Capital Programming Consultant, Housing and Planning Department provided a briefing. Board Members asked clarifying questions on the governance structure of the district, cap-and-stitch options, and the district’s vision statement. No action was taken on this item.
3. Staff briefing on trash in creeks.

Andrew Clamann, Environmental Scientist Sr., Watershed Protection Department provided a briefing. Board Members asked clarifying questions on the presence of toxic chemicals, creek selection process, future research studies, fiscal expenditures of cleanup efforts, and the source of shopping cart pollutants. No action was taken on this item.

- 4. Staff briefing on procurement policies, procedures, and practices for the City of Austin. **Cyrenthia Ellis, Procurement Manager, Financial Services Department provided a briefing. Board Members asked clarifying questions on how the solicitation activities of other cities inform Austin’s decisions, the contract monitoring process, and guidance given to vendors on how to abide by their contract. No action was taken on this item.**
- 5. Staff briefing on Parks and Recreation Department community engagement events, planning updates, development updates, maintenance updates, program updates, administrative updates, and Hatchery Park. **Liana Kallivoka, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department provided a briefing. Board Members asked clarifying questions on public engagement, encroachment issues, Hatchery Park development, and shared stormwater cisterns. No action was taken on this item.**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 6. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to City Council to approve the amended Joint Use Agreement between Austin Independent School District and the City of Austin. **Christine Chute Canul, Program Manager II, Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation and answered questions.**

The motion to recommend to Austin City Council to approve the amended Joint Use Agreement between Austin Independent School District and the City of Austin was approved on Board Member DePalma’s motion, Board Member Lewis’ second on a 6-0 vote. Vice Chair Faust and Board Members Barnard, Flowers, Rinaldi and Taylor absent.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

- 7. Update from South Central Waterfront Advisory Board. (Cottam Sajbel) **Chair Cottam Sajbel gave an update on a recent plan development code meeting and upcoming Council action.**
- 8. Update from Downtown Commission. (Taylor) **No Update.**
- 9. Update from Joint Sustainability Committee. (DePalma)

Board Member DePalma gave an update on an upcoming meeting.

10. Update from Zilker Park Vision Plan Working Group. (Lewis, DePalma, Faust, Taylor)

Board Member DePalma gave an update on next steps and community engagement.

11. Update from Crime and Law Enforcement in Parks Working Group. (Lewis, Moore, Barnard)

Board Member Lewis gave an update on recent Working Group activity, information gathering and upcoming recommendations.

12. Update from the Homelessness Working Group. (Hugman, DePalma, Flowers)

Board Member Hugman gave an update on upcoming meetings.

13. Update from the Aquatics Working Group (Barnard, Cottam Sajbel)

Chair Cottam Sajbel gave an update on progressive ideas to onboard lifeguards.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Di Carlo – Concerns at Roy G Guerrero Park.

Lewis – More details on the Zilker Eagle status and timeline.

Chair Cottam Sajbel adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the November 28, 2022 meeting on Board Member Moore’s motion, Board Member Hugman’s second on an 8-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Rinaldi abstaining. Board Member Di Carlo absent.