



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD convened in a REGULAR meeting on NOVEMBER 28, 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, Nancy Barnard, Lisa Hugman, Dawn Lewis, Patrick Moore, Nina Rinaldi.

Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Sarah Faust, Kathryn Flowers, Kim Taylor.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Kayla Reese – Austin Parks Foundation

Sharon Blythe – Friends of Austin Memorial Park

Kevin Reinis – Austin Rowing Club

Donylle Seals – Atlas Project, ATX 4

Mary Fero – Allandale Neighborhood Assoc & Friends of Sheffield NW Park

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of October 24, 2022.

The minutes from the meeting of October 24, 2022 were approved on Board Member Moore’s motion, Board Member Hugman’s second on a 8-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Rinaldi Abstaining. Board Member Di Carlo absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation and discussion regarding potential historic preservation along Waller Creek. **St. Edward’s University Students gave presentations on their ideas for preserving and celebrating the history of Waller Creek. No action was taken on this item.**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to Austin City Council to approve 9,574 square feet of Permanent Drainage Use on parkland located at Pioneer Crossing Neighborhood Park. Construction will not exceed 720 calendar days. Total mitigation is \$146,840

Matt Harold, Project Manager, Public Works Department and Greg Montes, Program Manager II, Parks and Recreation Department have a presentation and answered questions on the consequences of not approving this change in parkland.

The motion to recommend to Austin City Council to approve 9,574 square feet of Permanent Drainage Use on parkland located at Pioneer Crossing Neighborhood Park was approved on Board Member Rinaldi’s motion, Board Member Moore’s second on a 9-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Di Carlo absent.

4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to Austin City Council to approve The Trail Conservancy’s Annual Programming Plan for the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail at Townlake Metropolitan Park.

Christine Chute Canul, Program Manager II, Parks and Recreation Department and Heidi Anderson, CEO, The Trail Conservancy gave a presentation and answered questions on the maximum number of events that could take place at a given location and maintaining the trail as a natural sanctuary.

The motion to recommend to Austin City Council to approve The Trail Conservancy’s Annual Programming Plan for the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail at Townlake Metropolitan Park was approved on Board Member Hugman’s motion, Board Member Rinaldi’s second on a 9-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Di Carlo absent.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to Austin City Council on parks issues related to the Statesman PUD, including park upkeep and the formula for parkland dedication.

Board Members discussed the preferred entity to maintain this park.

The motion to recommend that Council refrain from putting a cap on the money that Endeavor (the 305 S. Congress PUD applicant) would owe for the Parkland Dedication Fees and recommend against leaving park maintenance in the hands of the developer was approved on Chair Cottam Sajbel’s Motion, Board Member Hugman’s second on a 9-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Di Carlo absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

6. Staff Briefing regarding aquatics issues and interests related to operations.

- Lucas Massie, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department provided a briefing and answered clarifying questions on the Deep Eddy wells. No action was taken on this item.**
7. Staff briefing regarding the Land Management Planning for Austin Parks and Recreation Department Natural Areas, including progress updates and anticipated timeline.
Matt McCaw, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department provided a briefing and answered clarifying questions on the budget requirements of this plan, management of endangered species habitats. No action was taken on this item.
8. Staff briefing on Parks and Recreation Department community engagement events, planning updates, development updates, maintenance updates, program updates and administrative updates.
Kimberly McNeeley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department provided a briefing on Zilker Park Vision Plan feedback opportunities, parkland for purchase, security cameras at Givens Recreation Center and more.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

9. Update from South Central Waterfront Advisory Board. (Cottam Sajbel)
No update.
10. Update from Downtown Commission. (Taylor)
Board Member Taylor provided an update on a recently canceled meeting.
11. Update from Joint Sustainability Committee. (DePalma)
No update.
12. Update from Zilker Park Vision Plan Working Group. (Lewis, DePalma, Faust, Taylor)
Vice Chair Faust provided an update on the release of the vision plan.
13. Update from Crime and Law Enforcement in Parks Working Group. (Lewis, Moore, Barnard)
Board Member Lewis provided an update on recent meetings and input received from Park Rangers, Police, Constables, and others.
14. Update from the Homelessness Working Group. (Hugman, DePalma, Flowers)
Board Member Hugman provided an update on an upcoming tour of Haven for Hope.
15. Update from the Aquatics Working Group (Barnard, Cottam Sajbel)
No update.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Faust – Overview of community engagement plan for draft Zilker Park Vision Plan, seconded by Chair Cottam Sajbel.

Barnard – Pond at NW Park, testing in vision plan.

Moore – Parkland visitation and how it is measured.

Cottam Sajbel – Following up on concerns for Roy G Guerrero.

Chair Cottam Sajbel adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m. without objection.

These minutes were approved at the January 23, 2023 meeting on Bard Member Lewis' motion, Board Member Moore's second on a 9-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Taylor absent.