



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
JUNE 26, 2023**

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD convened in a REGULAR meeting on JUNE 26, 2023 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Villalobos called the PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Lane Becker, Kathryn Flowers, Julie Hayes, Lisa Hugman, Nicole Merritt, Holly Reed, Pedro Villalobos.

**Board Members in Attendance Remotely:** Jennifer Franklin, Kim Taylor.

**Board Members Absent:** Stephanie Bazan.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Jeanie Ramirez - SXSW
- Scott Cobb – Conflicts of Interest
- Liz Barhydt – Austin Rowing Club

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of May 22, 2023. **The motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of May 22, 2023 was approved on Vice Chair Flowers’ motion, Board Member Reed’s second on a 8-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Hayes abstaining. Board Member Bazan absent.**

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Staff briefing on Parks and Recreation Department community engagement events, planning updates, development updates, maintenance updates, program updates and administrative updates. **Liana Kallivoka, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department gave a briefing on Project Connect and associated recommendations from Austin Transit Partnership, the Emma S Barrientos MACC phase 2 construction and the impacts of extreme heat on recreation center chillers. No action was taken on this item.**
3. Staff briefing on the Barton Springs Bathhouse Rehabilitation project’s SOS Ordinance Amendment, including a summary and schedule.

Riley Triggs, AIA, Project Management Supervisor, CDS, Public Works Department gave a briefing and answered clarifying questions on the community input process, the content of future educational installations, construction staging, parking lot closures and bathhouse closures. No action was taken on this item.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to Austin City Council to eliminate parking on the Zilker Park Polo Field.

**The motion to approve the recommendation to eliminate parking on the Zilker Park Polo field as written was motioned by Board Member Reed and seconded by Board Member Hugman.**

**Board Members asked questions about lifeguard parking requirements and whether Austin Transportation Department could take over operation and expense of the Zilker Park Shuttle.**

**The motion to delay a vote on this item until the July 24, 2023 Parks and Recreation Board meeting failed on Chair Villalobos' motion, Vice Chair Flowers' second on a 4-5 vote with one vacancy. Those voting aye Chair Villalobos, Vice Chair Flowers, Board Members Becker and Franklin. Those voting nay were Board Members Hayes, Hugman, Merritt, Reed and Taylor.**

**Board Member Reed pulled this motion. This item will be taken up at the July 24, 2023 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.**

5. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to Austin City Council to authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District for SwimATX, a year-long swim lesson program that includes the 36-hour lifeguard certification course, which will be provided to the student of select AISD high schools.

**The motion to recommend to Austin City Council to authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District for SwimATX, a year-long swim lesson program that includes the 36-hour lifeguard certification course, which will be provided to the student of select AISD high schools was approved on Chair Villalobos' motion, Board Member Taylor's second on a 9-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Bazan absent.**

6. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to Austin City Council on SXSW, parks, and park facilities.

**Board Members discussed this item.**

**The motion to 1) recommend the Austin City Council direct the City Manager, Legal Department, and the Parks & Recreation Department ensure that any contract negotiation between the City, PARD, and SXSW include provision requiring fair pay for domestic artists performing at City of Austin parks, park facilities, and city owned property; and 2) recommend that the Austin City Council require changes to artist pay and compensation by SXSW before waiving any future fees at Vic Mathias Shores, or at other parks, park facilities, or city owned facilities was approved on Chair Villalobos'**

**motion, Board Member Merritt’s second on a 9-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Bazan Absent.**

- 7. Discussion and possible action regarding an appointment to the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.

**The motion to appoint Stephanie Bazan as the Parks and Recreation Board representative to the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board was approved on Chair Villalobos’s motion, Board Member Hugman’s second on a 9-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Bazan absent.**

- 8. Discussion and possible action regarding an appointment to the Downtown Commission.  
**The motion to appoint Jennifer Franklin as the Parks and Recreation Board representative to the Downtown Commission was approved on Chair Villalobos’ motion, Board Member Taylor’s second on a 9-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Bazan absent.**

- 9. Discussion and possible action regarding appointments to the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Committee (three vacancies).

**This item was postponed until the July 24, 2023 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting.**

**WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- 10. Update from South Central Waterfront Advisory Board. (Bazan)  
**No update**

- 11. Update from Downtown Commission. (Franklin)  
**No update**

- 12. Update from Joint Sustainability Committee. (Bazan, Becker)  
**Board Member Becker to attend the first committee meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.**

- 13. Update from Zilker Park Vision Plan Working Group. (Taylor)  
**This working group has not met.**

- 14. Update from the Homelessness Working Group. (Hugman)  
**The motion to dissolve the Homelessness and Aquatics Working Group was approved on Chair Villalobos’ motion, Board Member Merritt’s second on a 9-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Bazan absent.**

- 15. Update from the Aquatics Working Group (Barnard)  
**The motion to dissolve the Homelessness and Aquatics Working Group was approved on Chair Villalobos’ motion, Board Member Merritt’s second on a 9-0 vote with one vacancy. Board Member Bazan absent.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Reed – Creation of a Zilker Shuttle Working Group**

**Chair Villalobos adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m. without objection.**

**These minutes were approved at the DATE Parks and Recreation Board meeting on NAME motion, NAME second on a VOTE with one vacancy.**

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