

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD CONTRACTS AND CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD CONTRACTS AND CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE convened in a SPECIAL CALLED meeting on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023, at 1183 Chestnut Avenue in Austin, TX.

Chair Di Carlo called the PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD CONTRACTS AND CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE Meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Anna Di Carlo, Nina Rinaldi.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Kim Taylor and Laura Cottam Sajbel (Ex-Officio).

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Contracts and Concessions Committee on October 21, 2022.

The minutes from the regular meeting of October 21, 2022, were approved on Chair Di Carlo's motion, Board Member Rinaldi's second, on a 3-0 vote. Board Members Barnard and Lewis absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to Austin City Council concerning the creation of a concession in Town Lake Metropolitan Park through the issuance of a Request for Proposal or for the continuation or termination of an existing concessioner in Town Lake Metropolitan Park, including Butler Pitch & Putt, EpicSUP, Expedition School, Lone Star Riverboat Cruises, Rowing Dock, Texas Rowing Center, Waller Creek Boathouse, Zilker Cafe, Zilker Eagle Railroad, and Zilker Park Boat Rentals, for inclusion in the joint report between the Parks and Recreation Board and the Environmental Commission that is provided to the City Council annually.

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Maggie Stenz, Contract Management Specialist IV, Parks and Recreation Department provided a presentation and answered questions on Rowing Dock revenue, motor boat use, private storage, Zilker Eagle train ride, boats-per-acre methodology, revenue sharing formula, concentration of boating concessions.

The motion to recommend to Austin City Council for the continuation of Town Lake Metro Park concessions including consideration to recent studies and how that can impact water quality, the environment, safety, wildlife and outdoor recreation. Upon expiration of a contract on Lady Bird Lake that staff consider findings of environmental and capacity studies on Lady Bird Lake and consult experts. Further recommend that staff reevaluate the revenue sharing of that concessions contract and weigh it against recent rates and the public's ability to enjoy the park was approved on Chair Di Carlo's motion, Board Member Taylor's second, on a 3-0 vote. Board Members Barnard and Lewis absent.

3. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to Austin City Council authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Community College to provide heating, ventilation and air conditioning training course instruction at Turner Roberts Recreation Center.

The motion to recommend to Austin City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Community College to provide heating, ventilation and air conditioning training course instruction at Turner Roberts Recreation Center was approved on Chair Di Carlo's motion, Board Member Rinaldi's second, on a 3-0 vote. Board Members Barnard and Lewis absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

4. Staff briefing on the monthly Parks and Recreation Department contract report summarizing new and ongoing contract development that requires City Council approval and/or committee and board recommendations.

Denisha Cox, Contract Management Supervisor II, Parks and Recreation Department provided a briefing on the monthly Parks and Recreation Department contract report and answered clarifying questions on the timeline of the Zilker Café, temporary concessions operations. No action was taken on this item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

None

Chair Di Carlo adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the May 19, 2023 meeting on Board Member Taylor's motion, Board Member Reed's second on a 4-0 vote. Board Member Rinaldi absent.