



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 23, 2023**

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD convened in a REGULAR meeting on October 23, 2023 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

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

**Board Members in Attendance:** Pedro Villalobos, Kathryn Flowers, Lisa Hugman, Holly Reed, Stephanie Bazan, Nicole Merritt, Jennifer Franklin.

**Board Members in Attendance Remotely:** Lane Becker, Kim Taylor, Julie Hayes, Shelby Orme.

**Board Members Absent:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Dorothy Lopez-Barnett - Zilker Park Boat Rental**
- Kayla Reese - Austin Parks Foundation**
- Joel Manzo - Baseball facilities**
- Scott Cobb - Barton Springs Bathhouse Naming**
- Liz Barhydt - Austin Rowing Club**
- Chris Flores - Assigned reserved parking for Barton Springs Lifeguards**
- Santiago - Heritage tree at Edward Rendon Park**
- Tanya Payne - Rewild Zilker and ACL Fest Questions**
- Diana Prechter - Zilker Equitable Access issues**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of September 25, 2023.

**The motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of September 25, 2023 was approved on Board Member Franklin’s motion, Board Member Hugman’s second on a 11-0 vote .**

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

2. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to Austin City Council to approve the Parkland Maintenance Agreement between the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and the Mueller Property Owner’s Association.

**Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department and Jill Fagan, Project Manager, Economic Development Department gave a presentation and answered questions on**

**skate park and pump track maintenance, impacts to the City budget, parkland use by non-Mueller residents, the fee to access Mueller pool, pool hours and the term of the contract.**

**The motion to recommend to Austin City Council to approve the Parkland Maintenance Agreement between the City of Austin Park and Recreation Department and the Mueller Property Owner’s Association was approved on Board Member Becker’s motion, Board Member Franklin’s second on an 11-0 vote.**

- 3. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to Austin City Council to approve the Parkland Dedication Ordinance term sheet.

**Robynne Heyman, Planner Principal, Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation and answered questions on available options that the City has when complying with this bill.**

**The motion to recommend to Austin City Council to approve the Parkland Dedication Ordinance term sheet as presented was approved on Board Member Bazan’s motion, Board Member Merritt’s second on an 11-0 vote.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 4. Presentation, and discussion on the current status of the Phase 1 implementation of the Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach Vision Plan.

**Reynaldo Hernandez, Project Manager, Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation and answered questions on the how the Nash Hernandez building is impacting the timeline of the vision plan, the results of the PARD feasibility study, the square footage requirement of an IRAC in the Nash Hernandez building, rededicating parkland, Chapter 26 concerns.**

**No action was taken on this item.**

- 5. Presentation and discussion on whether the George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center gymnasium at Dove Springs District Park should be named in honor of D’Wayne Anderson.

**Kimberly McNeeley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation and answered questions on this item.**

**No action was taken on this item.**

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- 6. 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 gave a briefing on the Lights On After School event, the Barton Springs Bathhouse Rehabilitation, Pharr Tennis Center ribbon cutting, and a 15-foot pink Breast Cancer Awareness ribbon.**

**WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

7. Update from South Central Waterfront Advisory Board. (Bazan)

**Board Member Bazan gave an update on the SCWAB 2024 meeting schedule.**

8. Update from Downtown Commission. (Franklin)

**Board Member Franklin gave an update the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Mexican American Heritage District.**

9. Update from Joint Sustainability Committee. (Bazan, Becker)

**Board Member Becker gave an update on the implementation of the Austin Climate Equity Plan and three separate recommendations to guide the City's budget process.**

10. Update from Zilker Shuttle Working Group. (Hugman, Reed, Becker)

**Board Member Hugman gave an update on a call with the Transportation and Public Works Department regarding transportation solutions during the upcoming Barton Springs Bathhouse remodel.**

11. Update from Barton Springs Bathhouse Working Group. (Villalobos, Bazan)

**Chair Villalobos gave an update that the Working Group report will be coming soon.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

12. Presentation and discussion on ACL Music Festival and the repair and restoration of Zilker Park.

**Jason Maurer, Division Manager and Gergo Perlaky, Events Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation and answered questions on the footprint of ACL Fest, impacts to the section of the park South of Barton Springs Road, soil conditions, the Parkland Taskforce's guidelines for downtown events, Zilker Park's visitor capacity, and maintenance in the surrounding park.**

**No action was taken on this item.**

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

13. Discussion and possible action regarding a letter of support for The Creature Project, which teaches children about the power of their own imaginations and encourages them to pursue their creative potential.

**David Crabb, Division Manager over Community Recreation, Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation and answered questions on how people access this project, distributing the books at Austin Public Libraries and how artists get involved in this program.**

**The motion to approve the letters of support for The Creature Project were approved on Chair Villalobos' motion, Board Member Bazan's second on an 11-0 vote.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Flowers – Gus Garcia needs assessment briefing.**

**Reed – Nash Hernandez Building Recommendation.**

**Chair Villalobos adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m. without objection.**

**These minutes were approved at the January 22, 2024 Parks and Recreation Board meeting on Board Member Hugman’s motion, Board Member Villalobos’ second on a 10-0 vote. Board Member Orme absent.**