



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

Boards and Commissions Room

City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street

Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Francell called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Lynn Osgood, Dale Glover, Susan Roth and Susana Almanza

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Member Osgood made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of September 25, 2012. Board Member Almanza seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0, with Board Member Roth off the dais.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Sharon Blythe spoke to the Board regarding the Department's recommendation to the Audit and Finance Committee to sell the City's cemeteries. She requested the Board not recommend this action to Council when it comes before the Parks and Recreation Board.

Tom Campbell spoke to the Board regarding the bathrooms used to serve the ball fields on Toomey Road. The bathrooms need to be upgraded and South Austin Little League would like to partner with the Department to complete the upgrade.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Election of Officers – POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER MEETING
3. Board Member Osgood made a motion to approve a structure constructed at seven (7) feet from a side property line [Section 25-2-1176(D)(1)] and; 2.) approve a structure extending 50 feet from shore [Section 25-2-1176(B)(2)] and; 3.) to construct a dock at 26 linear feet (21%) of shoreline width [Section 25-2-1176(D)(2)]. Board Member Glover seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.
4. Board Member Osgood made a motion to recommend to the Council and to the Director to negotiate a license agreement with the American Youth Hostels, Inc., d/b/a Hostelling International – USA (“HI-USA”), allowing a concession on parkland located at 2200 S. Lakeshore Drive with the amount of the revenue coming back to the Department is comparable to the percentage of other concessionaries and negotiations continue regarding the placement of permanent structures on parkland for use by the concessionaire. Board Member Glover seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

5. Board Member Glover made a motion to recommend to the Council the Contract R000005 Paddlewheel Boat Concession at 101 South First Street on Lady Bird Lake for an additional 2 year period. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

E. BRIEFINGS

6. Kirk Scanlon, Parks & Recreation Department, presented the 2011-2012 Lady Bird Lake Annual Concession Report.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hensley updated the Board on the following items:

1. The Department has been re-accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies.
2. Load-in for the Trail of Lights will begin October 29.
3. Austin has been selected by National Recreation and Parks Association & National Wildlife Federation as a pilot city for the 10 Million Kids Outdoors program.

Assistant Director Cora Wright updated the Board on the status of the cemeteries operation contract.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Francell adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.