



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

Boards and Commissions Room

City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street

Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Jeff Francell, Vice Chair; Lynn Osgood, Hill Abell, Dale Glover, Susan Roth and Susana Almanza

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Member Osgood made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of October 23, 2012. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Vice Chair Francell off the dais.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Don Hubbard and Lee Compton spoke to Board regarding their desire to participate in the discussion on the closing of the unauthorized motocross trails at Emma Long Metropolitan Park.

Scott Johnson spoke to the Board to request consideration of adding a Parks/Libraries Donation line to the City's Utility bill, so that citizens could directly contribute to both departments.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Board Member Osgood made a motion to nominate Jane Rivera as Chair. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0. Board Member Osgood made a motion to nominate Jeff Francell as Vice Chair. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0.
3. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to cancel the meetings in November and December, add a regular meeting on December 10th and adopt the 2012 meeting schedule with those changes. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0.
4. Chair Rivera appointed Board Member Abell to the BCCP Citizens Advisory Committee and Vice Chair Francell to the Navigation Committee.
5. Board Member Osgood made a motion to approve a structure constructed at 14 feet or 28% of shoreline width [Section 25-2-1176(D)(2)]. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0.

6. Board Member Abell made a motion to approve a structure extending 48 feet 4 inches to 54 feet 8 inches [Section 25-2-1176(B)(2)]. Chair Rivera seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote 7-0.
7. Board Member Osgood made a motion to recommend to Council to not approve waiving the requirements of the City's policy related to concessions on parkland in regards to the agreement between American Youth Hostel and Epic SUP. Board Member Almanza seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.
8. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend to Council to approve an agreement between the Parks and Recreation Department and the West Austin Youth Association for Parkland Improvement and Land Use at Lamar Beach in Town Lake Metropolitan Park, 1200 West Cesar Chavez Street. Board Member Osgood offered an amendment that all fields included in the agreement be constructed and maintained equally. Vice Chair Francell accepted the amendment. Board Member Abell seconded the motion as amended. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.
9. Vice Chair Francell made a motion to recommend to Council to approve the proposed Parkland Improvement Management and Operations Agreement with the Norwood Park Foundation for the renovation of the Norwood House and grounds; and management of the facility. Board Member Abell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

E. BRIEFINGS

10. Troy Houtman, Parks and Recreation Department, presented on Unauthorized Motocross Trails at Emma Long Metropolitan Park.
11. Anna Bradley, Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office, presented on TEMPO: Temporary Art in Parks.
12. Council Member Riley presented on a proposal to amend the City Code to allow businesses, under certain conditions, to use under-utilized parking lots on city parkland to satisfy minimum parking requirements in exchange for providing significant amenities or enhancements to serve the park.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hensley covered the following items:

1. Water jugs around Lady Bird Lake will be discontinued until the Department receives an opinion from the City Attorney's Office on whether they can be placed on the trail.
2. Seaholm Intake Facility will go through a stakeholder process regarding future use of the facility.
3. Zilker Park Closure for ACL and Trail of Lights was amended the year to allow park users more access to the park while ACL was tearing down and Trail of Lights was being installed.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Osgood – in January she and Board Member Abell will be presenting an item to the Board regarding Parkland Dedication fees

Glover – requested a Fun Fun Fun Fest Briefing including the finances and park benefit

Rivera – requested a briefing/report of the final recommendation of the Off-leash Advisory Group

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.