



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

Town Lake Center

721 Barton Springs Road, Assembly Room

Austin, Texas 78704

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Richard DePalma, Vice Chair; Alison Alter, Alesha Larkins, Mark Vane, Pat Wimberly

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of October 27, 2015.

Board Member Alter made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of October 27, 2015. Board Member Wimberly seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Members Casias, Cofer, Donovan, Luca, and Schmitz absent.

2. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Special Called meeting of November 4, 2015.

Board Member Alter made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of November 4, 2015. Board Member Larkins seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Members Casias, Cofer, Donovan, Luca, and Schmitz absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Ziola Vega donated her time to Michael Fossum. Michael Fossum, south Austin resident, addressed the Board regarding the City of Austin Coyote Management Program. Mr. Fossum expressed concern about this program, especially the approval process for removal within the parks system. He urged the Board to request the City Council have a briefing on this subject. He cited coyote incidents within the park system in discussion of his safety concerns.

Frank Herrera, Austin Baseball League, addressed the Board regarding the use of Govalle baseball fields. His league began using the field in 2012 to grow the league. He stated things went bad during contract negotiation in fall 2014. He stated that mediation with the department was not successful and that their contract was terminated. He stated that the management culture is very difficult.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consent

3. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the authorization to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with Purdue University for the rental of a traveling exhibit for the Austin Nature & Science Center.
4. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the approval of a temporary subterranean use of parkland in order to install tie-backs 15 to 40 feet below ground to support the eastern wall of the Shoal Creek Walk Office Complex parking garage for a period of 4 to 6 months; and authorize negotiation and execution of a Parkland Improvement and Maintenance Agreement.
6. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the extension of the Zilker Park Boat Rental contract for a final five-year option.

Chair Rivera read items 3 and 4 into the record. She inquired if any Board Members opposed adding item 6 to the Consent agenda. No opposition was expressed. Board Member Alter moved to approve items 3, 4, and 6 on the Consent agenda. Board Member Larkins seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Members Casias, Cofer, Donovan, Luca, and Schmitz absent.

Non-Consent

5. Discussion and possible action to refer to a City Council Committee, the amendment of City Code Section 8-5-42 to prohibit fishing from the Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake.

This item was postponed. Board Member Vane requested that this item first be considered by the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee of the Parks and Recreation Board.

7. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the approval of Temporary Use (28,985 sq. ft.), not to exceed 45 Calendar Days on parkland located at 1000 Barton Springs Rd. (Butler Park). Total Mitigation value is \$48,298.

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12. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding approval of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 14-1 (Dedication of or naming a public facility of property) and relating to the naming a renaming of park facilities.

Gregory Montes, Park Development Coordinator, made a presentation to the Board regarding this proposed ordinance amendment and responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Montes provided an overview of the current process and the challenges it creates. Mr. Montes discussed the amendments offered by staff and the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. Board Member Alter identified an edit needed to ensure naming features are paid for by the requestor. Mr. Montes committed to passing this on to the Law Department. Board Member Alter and Mr. Montes discussed the Council’s ability to establish their own criteria for naming. Board Member Alter suggested an edit to include “at least 50% of the development,” and Mr. Montes committed to passing that on to the Law Department. Board Member Alter suggested that the Parks and Recreation Board be identified as the appropriate City advisory board. Mr. Montes committed to passing this on to the Law Department. Mr. Montes and Director Hensley discussed the naming process for new parkland.

Board Member Alter made a motion to recommend approval by the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Committee and the City Council, of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 14-1 (Dedication of or naming a public facility of property) and relating to the naming a renaming of park facilities. Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Members Casias, Cofer, Donovan, Luca, and Schmitz absent.

E. BRIEFINGS

13. Status Report regarding the Parkland Events Taskforce – Board Member Cofer

This item was postponed.

F. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Hensley addressed the Board, noting several items coming forward to the Board in January including alcohol in the parks system, a briefing on Code Next, a briefing on wildflower meadows, an update on the Turner Roberts temporary clinic, annual review of the Local Standards of Care, an update on the Aquatics Master Plan, and a Swim ATX partnership. The Director will work with the Chair to manage the agenda. Director Hensley also announced other items of interest including several upcoming public meetings for Lamar Beach and the Zilker Bathhouse renovations. Director Hensley noted that the packet the Board received also included follow up information requested during the Special Called Budget meeting.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.