



**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes**

**November 13, 2001
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2001 in the Board Room of the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office located at 200 South Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Jeff Francell, Pablo Valdez, Rhonda Pratt, Mary Ruth Holder, Clint Small and Amy Babich

Board Members Absent: Jeb Boyt

City Staff Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Kimberley Jamail-Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Randy Scott and Dina Haines

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** October 23, 2001 meeting. **Board Member Holder** made the motion to approve the minutes as written. **Board Member Pratt** seconded the motion. **The Board was in favor 6-0-0.** (Board Member Babich walked out of the meeting)

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Grafft Boat Dock at 10802 River Terrace. File No. SP-01-0445DS

Board Member Small stated the item was pulled off the agenda.

2. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Duvall Bulkhead at 12105 Selma Hughes Parks Road.

Board Member Small stated the Duvall bulkhead was a replacement. **Board Member Small** made the motion to approve the construction of Duvall Bulkhead. **Board Member Holder** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 7-0-0.**

3. Make a Recommendation to City Council on a Parkland Improvement Agreement with the South Austin Senior Activity Center Guild to Build a Solarium at 3911 Manchaca Road.

Board Member Holder stated this item had been before the Land and Facilities committee. The project is a proposal to construct a solarium at South Austin Senior Activity Center. **Board Member Holder** made the motion to recommend that City Council approve the Parkland Use Agreement. **Board Member Small** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 7-0-0.**

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Olivares informed the board of various events the Parks and Recreation Department has coming up in November and December. The Austin Green Garden Initiative ribbon cutting at the Garden Center, the exhibit features native and naturalized plants, will be on Monday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m. The department provided a list of all Thanksgiving dinners at all the recreation centers. Mr. Olivares informed the board of a clean up project at West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt, a cooperative effort of American Youth Works and PARD. The ribbon-cutting event for the dedicating the trail to the neighborhood will be Saturday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m. The Tree Lighting Ceremony at Zilker Park will be December 2 at 6:30 p.m. The tree will have a different theme this year in honor of the victims of the September 11 tragic events. The lights on the tree will be red, white and blue.

Mr. Olivares also informed the board of a retreat held by the city manager regarding the city's current budget. At this time, PARD is making a strong effort to maintain all current city positions and will keep the Parks Board informed, should any further details come to light. The only city department not affected by reductions is Austin Police Department.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee

Board Member Pratt is the new Chair of the Programs Committee.

Land and Facilities Committee

Board Member Holder informed the board of an item discussed at the November 6 Land and Facility committee meeting. The City of Austin Transportation, Planning and Design Department gave a presentation on the Mobility Study and the proposal being considered of locating a bus transfer station at Republic Square Park. Staff from the Transportation, Planning and Design Department represented to the subcommittee members that there will be a public meeting on this item and it will also come back to the Parks Board for a recommendation. Board Member Holder

informed the other board members that the transfer station proposal has already changed somewhat from what was originally proposed by that Department and there may be other changes as the matter proceeds through the public process.

Navigation Committee

Board Member Small spoke to the board members regarding a boat dock request that will be back to the Parks Board Members at the next meeting. The dock is located in Taylor Slough across from Mayfield Park and Preserve. Also discussed was the need for Hydrilla control on the lakes due to another drowning.

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Holder received the *Rosemary Castleberry Advisory Board Member of the Year Award* for all her efforts in assisting the Parks and Recreation Department.

The **Parks Board Retreat** has been **postponed** and a new date will be decided after the Trail of Lights is completed.

H. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.