



**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes**

**August 13, 2002
Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2002 at the Parks and Recreation Department, 200 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Pablo Valdez, Clint Small, Amy Babich, Linda Guerrero, Jeff Francell and Rhonda Pratt

Board Members Absent: Mary Ruth Holder and Jeb Boyt

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

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6.32 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** June 25, 2002 meeting. **Board Chair Castleberry** informed the board that corrections to the minutes would be addressed at the next meeting August 27 due to Mary Ruth Holder's absence from the meeting.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION
None

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Crump Boat Dock at 2918 Oestrick Lane. File No. SP-02-0054DS

This item was pulled off the agenda.

2. Make a Recommendation to City Council Regarding Williamson Creek Sanitary Sewer Use Agreement.

Susan Janek, Project Manager, Public Works gave a brief description of the project. The existing 42-inch line wastewater interceptor located along Williamson Creek

between East Stassney Lane and Pleasant Valley Road has been in service for 35 years. A recent closed circuit television inspection performed by the Water and Wastewater Utility Department showed a significant deterioration throughout the length of the pipeline. The proposed project consists of the construction of a 66-inch diameter wastewater interceptor needed to replace the existing interceptor which is undersized and thus inadequate. A detailed tree survey determined that approximately 127 trees would have to be removed due to the construction of the proposed sanitary sewer improvement. To mitigate the tree losses, the Water and Wastewater Utility Department will fund the construction of four low water crossings for the future hike and bike trails in the greenbelt. As with all City construction projects, the contractor will be required to provide a one-year warranty of work including restoration, revegetation and tree replacement.

Board Member Francell made the motion to recommend to City Council the Sanitary Sewer Use Agreement for the Williamson Creek Greenbelt. **Board Member Valdez** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 7-0-0.**

G. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Olivares updated the board about PARD's current budget operations. Also discussed was PARD's strategy to save money by transferring the Senior Lunch Program to the Meals on Wheel contract. The previous contract was held by AISD and the debt was carried over yearly due to the rising cost of the AISD food program. Another strategy the department has in order to save money is combining the Teen Academy and Neighbor Teen Program (NTP) at all recreation centers to be operated at various times for teens. The Summer Playground Program, which in previous years had been held at 56 sites, will continue to function, but will be reduced to 41 sites by combining sites that are demographically close together. The Aquatic Division will no longer have lifeguards stationed at Emma Long Park. Mr. Olivares informed the board of a directive from the City Manager to consolidate the Park Police and City Marshals to Austin Police Department (APD). Currently the department has 39 park police officers. This will be a 'pilot program' to be tested for one year.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee

Givens Recreation Center held the Safety Awareness Program Camp, which consisted of the collaborated efforts of the Fire Department, EMS, APD K-9 Unit and PARD to teach children safety awareness tips. The Summer Food Program provided lunches for 300 kids.

Board Members Pratt and Castleberry attended a luncheon held for the Barton Springs Pool lifeguards who assisted with the cleaning of Barton Springs Pool after the floods that occurred in July 2002.

Land and Facilities Committee

Items discussed were the Williamson Creek Sanitary Sewer Use Agreement and the Susanna Dickinson House alternative relocations sites: O. Henry Museum, Brush Square, or Palm Park.

Navigation Committee

Crump boat dock was discussed and pulled for changes.
The navigation committee approved a slalom course.

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Pratt informed the board she had been appointed to the Planning Commission and would resign from the Parks Board.

I. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.