



**Parks and Recreation Department Board  
Minutes**

**October 22, 2002  
Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at the Parks and Recreation Department, 200 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

**Board Members Present:** Rosemary Castleberry, Pablo Valdez, Amy Babich, Linda Guerrero, Mary Ruth Holder, Jeb Boyt, Clint Small and Marilyn Bostick

**Board Members Absent:** Jeff Francell

**City Staff Present:** Jesus M. Olivares, Sarah Campbell, Randy Scott, Kim Jamail and Dina Haines

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6.49 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES, September 24, 2002**

**Board Chair Castleberry** made the motion to approve the minutes as amended.  
**Board Member Guerrero** seconded the motion. The vote was in favor 7-0-0.

**C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

**Scott Spann** spoke to the board on his concerns regarding bulkheading problems with rip-rap rocks. His concerns were because snakes, hydrilla and trash get caught up in the rocks and would be dangerous to children and adults.

**Lance Hughes** spoke on his concerns that wave action caused from *wake board* boats are creating 4-foot waves which are causing erosion on his property. Mr. Hughes has a bulkheading case pending with the City of Austin for placing granite blocks on his property to prevent erosion from the wave action. (The site plan that was issued is not in compliance with the granite blocks currently on his property.)

**D. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

1. Make a Recommendation to Construction of Hughes Bulkheading at 2609 Westlake Drive. File No. SP-02-0162D

→ This request is to allow a permit for the granite blocks that were placed along the shoreline of Mr. Hughes property. An inspection by the Environmental Inspectors on February 2001 found that additional development had occurred on the his site that was not shown on the approved site plan, namely large granite blocks have been place and fill material had been deposited behind the granite block. PARD Staff stated the granite blocks did not meet Land Development Codes. Bulkheading on the main body of the lake must be designed to minimize wave return. The granite blocks are vertical and do not minimize wave return. The site was issued a red tag. Property owner, Lance Hugh was noticed of red tag and asked to contact the City of Austin to discuss to un-permitted development. October 2001, another inspection showed no change on the site and a Criminal complaint was filed in Municipal Court. In April 2002, Mr. Hughes submitted a new site plan filed for the placement of granite blocks and modification of the shoreline.

**Board Member Jeb Boyt** arrives at 7:22 p.m.

**Board Member Small** recommended Mr. Hughes installs rip-rap rocks in front of the granite blocks. Mr. Small recommends a single stair step flow downward of 4 to 5 inch rocks. These rocks would have to be placed when the lake is lowered. Since Mr. Hughes is expected to be in court in 4 days on this matter, Mr. Olivares suggested the navigation committee draft a letter to assist Mr. Hughes that he is trying to comply with the municipal court request to modify site plans to code. The letter could allow the possibility for an extension of time in his case.

**Rusty Signor**, a contractor who represents 8 clients with red tags on their sites spoke on his concerns to land development code. Mr. Signor stated his clients do not want rip-rap on their beaches / properties, which they believe would hindered access to the water with rip-rap rocks on their shorelines.

**Board Member Small** made the recommendation to reject staff opinion which is to not recommend approval for the Hughes bulkhead and recommends that Mr. Hughes and his associates work with navigation staff (Randy Scott) on a viable solution that would be agreeable to PARD and Mr. Hughes. **Board Member Bostick** second the motion. **The motion passed in favor 6-1-1.** Boyt opposed and Babich abstained.

2. Complete the Recovery Action Program survey (RAP) as a whole from the Parks Board

**Sarah Campbell**, facilitated the Board Members' responses to the survey as a group. The survey input is part of information gathering necessary for the department to compile its Recovery Action Program, RAP, in order to retain

eligibility to apply for UPARR (Urban Park and Recreation Recovery) Program grants from the National Park Service. The RAP, which is also part of the Department's Master Plan, expires for UPARR purposes on December 31, 2002. The city most recently received a UPARR grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the rehabilitation and expansion of Lott Park.

Ms. Campbell will compile the Board's survey responses and provide them as information to the Board. She will also be compiling all other boards and commission, as well as staff survey responses, and provide this information to the Parks Board as well. **No vote action was required on this action item.**

**E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Olivares informed the board of an employee bitten by a dog while on the job cleaning a park. The incident occurred at the Riverside Drive and IH 35 in the fence area.

He also spoke to the board on personal water craft (jet ski) and that the board will have to address this matter at a later time due to citizen concerns.

**F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Programs Committee

Board Member Valdez informed the board that the department had won the Dorothy Mullen Award for Totally Cool, Totally Art Program. (6 years in a row)

Land and Facilities Committee

Barton Springs Lift Station will be discussed at a special planned meeting of Land and Facilities, October 29 at noon.

Navigation Committee

Board Member Small informed the board of the contractor intent to take his clients in a different direction with construction of bulkheading.

**G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**H.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:01 p.m.