



**Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes**

**March 11, 2003
Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at the Parks and Recreation Department, 200 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Linda Guerrero, Jeb Boyt, Clint Small, Mary Ruth Holder, and Jeff Francell.

Board Members Absent: Marilyn Bostick, Amy Babich, and Pablo Valdez

City Staff Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Kim Jamail, Randy Scott, Stuart Strong, Juan Valera-Leam and Dina Haines.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES, January 28, 2003

Board Member Francell made the motion to approve the minutes as written.

Board Member Guerrero seconded the motion. The vote was in favor 6-0-0.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Scott Johnson updated the board members on a previous item he brought to the Parks Board, June 25, 2002 regarding his proposal to change the Austin Energy Tree Planting Fund that currently appears on all electric bills, to add a Park Fund, and Library Fund. He will be meeting with Council Member Goodman next week to further his proposal for the two additional funds to be added to City of Austin Energy electric bill.

D. PRESENTATIONS

Scott Johnson presented an idea for the acquisition of a giant chess set for Woolridge Square Park. He is collaborating with the Austin Parks Foundation to enhance park activities in the park. The giant chess set consists of a 9'X 9' nylon foldable chessboard with 26" chess pieces. The chess game will be stored beneath

the gazebo and neighborhood volunteers will be in charge of the key and access to the set. The chess set will be available during scheduled weekend hours and once a week during lunch. Mr. Johnson is in the process of communicating with a local chess club to offer free lessons on Sunday afternoon.

Gary Kosut, Engineer, Watershed Protection Department informed the board of the city's efforts to seek a permanent facility at the Austin Nature and Science Center (ANSC). The City's 10(a)(1)(B) permit concerning Barton Springs Pool requires the City of Austin to maintain a viable captive breeding population of the endangered Barton Springs salamander. Currently the city maintains a temporary research facility at the University of Texas, but the university has asked the City to move the facility. The City also needs to expand the facility to include culturing aquatic plants and needs to maintain a more permanent facility. The Salamander Research Facility on ANSC property would create the opportunity to increase public awareness, provide partnership opportunities for ANSC staff and salamander biologists to promote further education.

Dee-Ann Chamberlain and **Lisa O'Donnell**, Watershed Protection Department Biologists, provided a power-point presentation displaying various salamanders in their aquatic tanks. Ms. Chamberlain and Ms. O'Donnell provided information and answered questions from the board.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Jim Boon Dock at 5701 Scout Island Cove. File No. SP-02-0392DS

Board Member Small made the motion to approve the construction of Jim Boon dock at 5701 Scout Island Cove. **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. The motion passed in favor 6-0-0.

2. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Yarbrough Dock at 2105 Island Cove. File No. SP-00-2190DS (correction)

This item was pulled off the agenda and will be discussed further by the Navigation Subcommittee after the receipt of additional information.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Olivares informed the board of the upcoming ParksFest Event to take place on Auditorium Shores, on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, 2003. This event will be a partnership of various events to take place over the weekend: FlugTag Event, Live Music Concerts, Kids Carnival, Capital 2K Swim, 5K Run, Bar-B-Q Cook Off, and Earth Day Celebrations and so much more. Please refer to email address below for further information on Austin ParksFest 2003.

Apf@austinparks.org

kbell@austin.rr.com

www.cap2kcom

www.redbull.com/home_intro.html (click flying bull with FlugTag USA)

Mr. Olivares also informed the board that he had earlier met with Toby Futrell and the budget staff to do a presentation regarding PARD possible reductions to assist with current budget process.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee

None

Land and Facilities Committee

Items discussed at the March 4, 2003 meeting:

- 1) Salamander Habitat Proposal at the Austin Nature and Science Center
- 2) Deep Eddy Bath House Update
- 3) Rainey Street / Private Development adjacent to parkland

The Lance Armstrong Bikeway will be discussed at the next meeting on March 18.

Navigation Committee

- 1) Boat dock items discussed on this agenda today.
- 2) Lake Study to raise fees and fees to go to Lake Patrol
- 3) Letter circulating regarding the dredging done in North Taylor. Violations that were red tagged are to be corrected by the contractor.
- 4) Corrugated Contained Bulk Heading

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Chair Castleberry appointed Linda Guerrero to be the board's Vice-Chair.

Mary Ruth Holder updated the board on BCP Advisory Team meeting, which was held, March 10, 2003. Ms. Holder informed the board of her resignation from the Navigation Subcommittee.

I. ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:18 p.m.