



Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

**August 26, 2003
Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, August 26, 2003 at the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office, 200 South Lamar, Board Room.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Pablo Valdez, Jeb Boyt, Marilyn Bostick, Jeff Francell, Linda Guerrero, and Clint Small.

Board Members Absent: Amy Babich

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

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Rosemary Castleberry, **Chair**, called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES, July 22, 2003

Board Member Valdez made the motion to approve the minutes as amended.
Board Member Guerrero seconded the motion. **The vote was in favor 6-0-0.**

Board Member Bostick arrived at 6:48 p.m.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Please see items for actions.

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Parks Board Chair to Appoint Board Member to the Concession Sub-Committee to Evaluate Concession Concepts Submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Jay Stone, Finance Manager, stated four proposals have been submitted to PARD. Once the budget is approved, a meeting date will be set for the concession committee to meet to discuss these proposals.

Clint Small was appointed to the concession sub-committee. At this time, Rosemary Castleberry and Jeff Francell also serve on the concession committee.

2. Parks Board Chair to Appoint Board Member to Serve on Land and Facilities Sub-Committee.

Marilyn Bostick was appointed to the Land and Facilities Sub-Committee. At this time, Rosemary Castleberry and Jeb Boyt also serve on this sub-committee. Board Member Boyt is the Chair, Land and Facilities Sub Committee.

3. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Bell Boat Dock at 3002 Scenic Drive. File No. SP-01-0251DS

Board Member Small pulled this boat dock item from the agenda because the applicants were not present at the Navigation Committee meeting to discuss their revised site plan.

4. Make a Recommendation to the Director on Proposed License Agreement for Parking at Butler Ballfields.

Board Member Boyt informed the board this item had been discussed at the Land and Facilities Sub-Committee, Tuesday, August 19, 2003.

Susan Toomey-Frost urged the board to preserve and protect the parkland and to approve the recommendation of the Land and Facility Sub Committee to deny the parking license use agreements requested by Chuy's Comida Deluxe and Casa de Luz.

Dina Haines, Administrative Support to the Parks Board, entered into the record. **Michael Hatcher**, General Manager of Chuy's Comida Deluxe had phoned the Office of the Director to inform the Director and Parks Board Members that he no longer was interested in pursuing a license use agreement with PARD for parking on Toomey Road parking lots.

Dan R. Toomey recommended the sub-committee decision to deny the request for parking license agreement.

Francis D. Burgess recommended the sub-committee decision to deny the request for parking license agreement.

H.J. Dalecki recommended decision to deny the request for parking license agreement.

Morgan Jones spoke in support of Casa de Luz request for parking license agreement. Mr. Jones urged the board to support Casa de Luz and to allow for a parking use agreement to park on Toomey Road ball field parking lot. As an alternate for the parking agreement, Mr. Jones requested the board to allow the staff and teachers to park at the (unpaved lot) Reeder Field from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He stated he had spoken with baseball league president, Mr. Blackmon and had received approval from the league. He also stated that Casa de Luz was at fault for not providing parking spaces at their facility. He stated the establishment has hired a planner to reinstate the parking spaces and are working with City of Austin Planners to correct any violations that do not meet city building codes.

Ana Longoria donated her time to Mr. Morgan Jones.

Board Member Boyt made the motion to the Director to deny the parking use agreement to park on Butler Fields parking lots. **Board Member Guerrero** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor for denial 5-1-1.** (Marilyn opposed and Pablo abstained)

5. Make a Recommendation to Change Parks and Recreation Board By-Laws to Limit the Number of People Speaking Under Citizen Communication to Ten People Per Meeting.

Board Member Francell noted that this limitation would apply only to the citizen communication and that no limit would be placed on the number of persons who might speak on an agenda item for action.

Board Member Small made the recommendation to post on our next meeting agenda an amendment to the Parks Board By-Laws to limit the number of speakers under citizen communication to ten people. **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. **The motion passed 7-0-0.**

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Olivares provided an update to the board on the Austin City Limit Concert to be held at Zilker Park. The event will start on Friday, September 19 at noon. The Barton Springs Road closure will take effect on Friday at 6:00 p.m. Capital Metro will provide 30 buses on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, 60 buses will be provided to shuttle patrons to the concerts.

Mr. Olivares informed the board of a survey which was taken on the Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail. Copies of the survey results were provided to the board members. Mr. Olivares also updated the board on the latest budget discussions and possible consideration of the council to close recreation centers and libraries due to the budget situation.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee

None

Land & Facilities Committee

The Toomey Road parking use agreements was discussed.

Navigation Committee

None

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Valdez has accepted a new position with the State Department in Washington D.C. and will be resigning from the Parks Board.

Mr. Boyt reported on the Downtown Commission's preparation of a master plan for the Rainey Street Neighborhood and on the commission's discussion of the proposed Federal Courthouse adjacent to Republic Square Park.

H. ADJOURED

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:24 p.m.