



**Parks and Recreation Board  
Minutes**

**March 25, 2003  
Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at the Parks and Recreation Department, 200 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Mary Ruth Holder, Amy Babich, and Clint Small

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

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES, March 11, 2003**

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

**Board Member Guerrero** seconded the motion. The vote was in favor 4-0-1. (Valdez abstained)

**C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**D. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

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

Board Member Francell stated the Yarbrough dock is protruding 2.5 feet over the over the area beyond what is allowed by the Land Development Code. Signor Enterprises and the Yarbroughs have been red tagged and fined. The item has been brought to the Navigation subcommittee several times. No more changes to the site

plan are possible to bring the dock into compliance with Land Development Code; therefore the owners are seeking a variance.

**Board Member Francell** made the motion to approve the construction of Yarbrough dock at 2105 Island Cove. **Board Member Boyt** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 3-1-1.** (Bostick abstained and Valdez opposed)

2. Make a Recommendation to City Council for Temporary Use of Parkland for Equipment Storage During Rehabilitation of Walsh Boat Landing Lift Station.

**Yvonne Gil**, Project Engineer, Water and Wastewater Utility Department (WWW) made a brief presentation to the board regarding WWW request for temporary use of parkland for the construction staging area at the Walsh Boat Landing from April through December 2003. The WWW and their consulting engineer, Brown and Caldwell Inc. are currently in the design phase to rehabilitate the Walsh Tract Lift Station. The lift station is required under EPA administrative Order that requires improvement to be completed by December 31, 2003. The WWW department will re-vegetate the parkland after the completion of the project.

Mr. Olivares requested assistance from WWW to assist with soil run off from the Walsh boat parking lot during construction. Ms. Gil stated WWW would supply crushed rocks to keep the soil from draining off to area boat slips. Ms. Gil also stated the contractors would not be parking in the lot and will make prior arrangements to park else where during the construction phase.

**Board Member Boyt** recommended approval for temporary parkland use agreement for equipment storage during rehabilitation of the Walsh boat landing lift station. **Board Member Valdez** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 5-0-0.**

3. Make a Recommendation to City Council Regarding a Parkland Use Agreement for Electric Service Lines Near the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC).

Paul Medrano, Project Manager, Public Works Department presented the item to the board. The relocation of the power lines are necessary for the construction of the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC). The easement agreement is necessary for the MACC project to continue. Austin Energy has agreed to absorb to cost in relocation of the service lines.

**Board Member Francell** made the motion to recommend to City Council to approve the Parkland Use Agreement for electric service lines near the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC). **Board Member Valdez** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 5-0-0.**

**E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Olivares invited the board members to the upcoming events scheduled for the weekend.

Saturday and Sunday, March 29 & 30 Garden Fest, Zilker Gardens Center

Saturday, March 29, Dove Springs Recreation Center celebrates its 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary

Saturday, March 29 – Dillo Run

Sunday, March 30 – Capitol 10K Run

**F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Programs Committee

Pablo Valdez distributed the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Austin Bluebonnet Women's Invitational Softball Tournament Flyer, Kreig Fields, April 12 & 13, 2003. He also informed the board that Metz Recreation Center is initiating new rules related to sport activities held in the gym. New signage will be placed to inform all in attendance that the department has zero tolerance for trash talking and profanity during games. TRAPS meetings were held in San Antonio. Three PARD Facilities and programs are up for awards: Roving Leaders, Officer Jones Memorial and Camacho Recreation Center.

Land and Facilities Committee

Items discussed at the March 18, 2003 meeting:

- 1) Parkland Use Agreement for Electric Service Lines near MACC
- 2) Alignment of Lance Armstrong Bikeway as it affects parkland

Navigation Committee

Pablo Valdez was appointed by the Chair to serve on the navigation committee

**G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Jeb Boyt** mentioned the planning for a National Trails Day event, Saturday, June 7, centered on the dedication of the trail through the Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park.

**Jeff Francell** – He received a SXSW complaint – (no bike racks at the concert on Auditorium Shores)

Other complaints: reported to the PARD Director's Office. (No pets, No Lawn Chairs, and No Coolers were allowed)

Note: The SXSW Promoter will be informed of these complaints for planning of next year event.

**H. ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:44 p.m.