

Minutes
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
July 10, 1978

The Austin Parks and Recreation Board met for its regular tour meeting at 12:00 noon, Monday, July 10, 1978, at the Parks and Recreation Department. Present were Mr. Garrison, Chairman; Mrs. Isely, Secretary; and members Mr. Bray, Mr. Coffee, Mr. Hall, Mr. Nalle, Mr. Rose, Mr. Shaw and Ms. Stockard. Members absent were Mrs. Bedinger and Mr. Turner. Staff members present included Mike Segrest, Roy Guerrero, Dorothy Nan McLean, John Hughes, Mickey Carter and Louise Nivison. Visitor present was Mrs. Bertha Means.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m., by Mr. Garrison, Chairman.

The board toured Givens Park and Givens Recreation Center now under construction.

The first item for discussion was consideration of Parks and Recreation Board policy change. The proposed change would be to determine whether a room would be considered a facility in regard to the request to name the meeting room in the Rosewood Recreation Center for Mrs. Catherine Lamkin. Mr. Shaw stated that he felt the whole building should be named for her. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Shaw that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend to the City Council that the Rosewood Recreation Center meeting room be named for Mrs. Catherine Lamkin. There was considerable discussion and the motion died for lack of a second. After further discussion, it was determined that under the current policy concerning the naming of parks and recreational facilities, a room is a part of a facility and would fall under their present policy "that the name of no living person will be recommended" to the City Council. It was further agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Charles D. Crenshaw from Mr. Garrison, advising him of the decision by the board and that the board would take official action at the meeting to be held July 25, 1978. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Bray that the following policy change be placed on the board agenda for action on July 25, 1978:

"POLICY STATEMENT: RECOMMENDATIONS OF NAMES FOR CITY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The Parks and Recreation Board, believing that one of its primary functions is the recommendation to the City Council of names for parks and recreational facilities, including any improvements, or part thereof within a park; and

Believing that precedence has been set: therefore issues this statement of its basic governing principles; and

Affirms that, where possible, names will reflect prominent land features; and

Affirms that parks and recreational facilities may be dedicated in memory of a person; and

Affirms that common reference, especially where the playgrounds share the same site with a school facility may be used; then

"Assures that the name of no living person will be recommended; and

Assures that no officially named park or facility will be changed; and

Assures that the board will publicize proposed names for two weeks before sending recommendations to the City Council."

The motion carried unanimously.

The consideration of officially naming all Parks and Recreation Department facilities was discussed by the board and it was determined that no action be taken.

After discussion, it was agreed that the 1978-1983 Capital Improvements Program recommendations from the Planning Commission be mailed to the board members and placed on the agenda for July 25, 1978.

The Parks and Recreation Board returned to the Parks and Recreation Department and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.