

**COMMITTEE ON OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
MEETING MINUTES**

February 24, 2016

THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY CONVENED IN A REGULAR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016 AT 2PM IN THE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, ROOM 1101, CITY HALL 301 W. 2ND STREET.

Chair Leslie Pool called the committee meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Chair Leslie Pool

Vice Chair Delia Garza

Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo

Council Member Don Zimmerman

Environmental Commission Chair Mary Gay Maxwell

Parks & Recreation Board Chair Jane Rivera

Water and Wastewater Commission, Annie Kellough

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 27, 2016 meeting were approved on this 24th day of February on Garza's motion, Zimmerman's second on a 4-0 vote.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION GENERAL

Scott Johnson

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

3. Briefing and possible action on what other cities have done to implement neighborhood food-bank co-ops and mobile farmers markets and recommendations on what the City of Austin can do moving forward to be able to incorporate them.

No action taken.

4. Briefing and possible action on the status, scope of work, and deliverables of the Parkland Events Task Force.

In a unanimous 4-0 vote, Zimmerman moved, and Garza seconded, a motion to extend the deadline for the final report with recommendations to be completed by August 31, 2016 and presented by the Parkland Events Task Force to the committee on September 28, 2016.

5. Briefing on measures to improve the care, maintenance, and planting of public trees.

No action taken.

6. Briefing and possible action on Parks and Recreation Department's revised proposal for expenditure of FY16 block grant funding, and funding options for park improvement projects.

No action taken. Chair Pool directed PARD staff to return to the April 26, 2016 committee meeting to present best practices in regards to lighting in parks.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution directing the City Manager to convene stakeholders to develop a conceptual plan that identifies a vision for the streets, parks and plazas around the MetroRail Downtown Station.

In a 3-0-1 vote with Zimmerman off the dais, Chair Pool moved, and Garza seconded, a motion to send to City Council with changes presented by MPT Tovo a resolution directing the City Manager to convene stakeholders to develop a conceptual plan that identifies a vision for the streets, parks and plazas around the MetroRail Downtown Station.

8. FUTURE ITEMS

Discussion of future Items.

ADJURN

Chair Leslie Pool adjourned the meeting at 4:40 PM.

These minutes were approved on this the 27th day of April, 2016 on CM Garza's motion, and on MPT Tovo's second on a 4-0 vote.

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