



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers, City Hall**

301 W. Second Street

Austin, Texas 78701

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Richard DePalma, Vice Chair; Michael Casias, Rick Cofer, Tom Donovan, Alesha Larkins, Francoise Luca, Susan Roth, Mark Vane, and Pat Wimberly

Board Members Absent:

Birger "Alex" Schmitz

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of January 24, 2017.**

Board Member Wimberly made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of January 24, 2017. Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Schmitz absent.

**C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

**Robert Youens**, addressed the board and proposed changes to the Park Rules regarding "vertical takeoff and landing Unnamed Aerial Systems".

**D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent**

**2. Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director to exercise the option for the two (2) year extension of the Waller Creek Boathouse management and operation agreement with the Austin Rowing Club**

Chair Rivera read item 2 into the record.

Vice Chair DePalma moved to approve item 2 on the consent agenda. Board Member Casias seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Schmitz absent.

## **Non-Consent**

### **3. Select Parks and Recreation Board member(s) to attend the Board and Commissions CodeNEXT Forum on March 4, 2017**

Chair Rivera suggested that Vice Chair DePalma attend the Board and Commissions CodeNEXT Forum scheduled for March 4, 2017.

Board Member Wimberly made a motion to select Vice Chair DePalma for the CodeNEXT Forum. Board Member Cofer seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Schmitz absent.

### **4. Select a member of the Parks and Recreation Board to serve on the Downtown Commission**

Chair Rivera recommended Vice Chair DePalma to represent the Parks and Recreation Board at the Downtown Commission.

Board Member Roth made a motion to select Vice Chair DePalma for the Downtown Commission. Board Member Luca seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Schmitz absent.

### **5. Make changes to the membership of the Contracts and Concessions Committee and the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee of the Parks and Recreation Board**

Chair Rivera proposed temporary changes to the membership of the Contracts and Concessions Committee and the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. The proposal was to move Board Member Roth from the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee to the Contracts and Concessions Committee and Board Member Rick Cofer from the Contracts and Concessions Committee to the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee.

Board Member DePalma made a motion to approve the above recommendation; Board Member Larkins seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Schmitz absent.

Vice Chair DePalma departed at 6:23 p.m.

## **E. BRIEFINGS**

### **6. Briefing and discussion regarding Aquatics Master Plan progress**

Rey Hernandez, Landscape Architect II, Parks and Recreation Department, Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the progress of the Aquatics Master Plan and answered Board Members' questions.

### **7. Briefing regarding the Parks and Recreation Department's 2016-17 Spending Plan for Allocation of Hotel Occupancy Tax**

Kimberly McKnight, Project Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Parks and Recreation Department's FY 2016-17 Spending Plan for Allocation of Hotel Occupancy Tax. Ms. McKnight answered Board Members' questions.

**D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, provided update on the summer camps registration, upcoming Innovation Lab, Zilker Café, Zilker Caretaker Cottage opening, and changes in PARD and City of Austin Leadership.

**E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Members Casias and Cofer—requested an update on Walter E. Long Master Plan update  
Vice Chair DePalma and Chair Rivera—requested the CIP and ONM needs presentation  
Cofer and Vice Chair DePalma—update on Seaholm Intake Facility RFP  
Chair Rivera, Vice Chair DePalma and Casias—Holly Shores Master Plan Annual Report for discussion and action  
Board Member Vane—requested update on the Lions Golf Course.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.