



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, March 28, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.
Board and Commissions Room, City Hall
301 W. Second Street
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Richard DePalma, Vice Chair; Michael Casias, Rick Cofer, Tom Donovan, Francoise Luca, Fred Morgan, and Susan Roth

Board Members Absent:

Mark Vane

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of February 28, 2017.

Board Member Roth made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of February 28, 2017. Board Member Donovan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Vane absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Pinaki Ghosh, addressed the board and spoke about necessity of connecting East Austin to Muller area and about equity in East side of Austin.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent

Chair Rivera switched the order of items 2. and 3.

3. Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Director to approve the Georgian Acres Neighborhood Park Master Plan

Julia Foree—addressed the board and spoke in favor of developing the park in her neighborhood.

P. J. Quolas—addressed the board and asked for the Board's support in developing the park in

her neighborhood.

D'Anne Williams, Landscape Architect, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board and answered Board Members' questions.

Vice Chair DePalma moved to approve this item. Board Member Luca seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Vane and Schmitz absent.

2. Make a recommendation to the Austin City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District to establish a cooperative agreement that supports Sports Physical Education classes at select AISD schools by providing swim lesson and lifeguard preparation programs.

Jodi Jay, Aquatics Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board and answered Board Members' questions.

Board Member Casias moved to approve this item. Board Member Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Vane and Schmitz absent.

E. BRIEFING, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Discussion and possible action on Holly Shores Master Plan Annual Report

Chair Rivera postponed the item to the next Board meeting.

F. BRIEFINGS

5. Briefing on the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan and possible action to nominate a member to the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board

Alan Holt, Planner Principal, Planning and Zoning Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan.

Chair Rivera made a motion to nominate Board Member Casias to the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board; Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Vane and Schmitz absent.

D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, provided information on proposed park and playground equipment contract and an update on the Department programs.

E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Casias, Vice-Chair DePalma, and Chair Rivera—follow up on possibility of creating a pedestrian and bike route for pedestrians through Morris Williams Golf Course to Muller development

Luca—follow up on February Citizen Communications regarding ordinance on drones and how they can be used in the parks for public safety

Rivera—follow up on the request for trail in Redbluff Nature preserve and Little Walnut Creek Park trail

DePalma—update and recommendation from the Boards and Commissions CodeNEXT Forum and the CodeNEXT impact on Parks update

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.