



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, June 27, 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; Tom Donovan, Romteen Farasat, Dawn Lewis, Francoise Luca, Randy Mann, and Fred Morgan

Board Members Absent:

Michael Casias

Rick Cofer

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of May 23, 2017.

Board Member Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of May 23, 2017. Board Member Mann seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias and Cofer absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None.

D. NEW BUSINESS: ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent

2. Election of the Parks and Recreation Board Officials

Vice Chair DePalma nominated Jane Rivera for the Board Chair. Jane Rivera accepted the nomination. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0 with Chair Rivera abstaining from the vote and Board Member Casias and Cofer absent.

Board Member Morgan nominated Rich DePalma for the Board Vice Chair. Rich DePalma accepted the

nomination. Chair Rivera seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0 with Vice Chair DePalma abstaining from the vote and Board Member Casias and Cofer absent.

3. Select members to serve on the Contracts and Concessions Committee and elect Committee Chair

Chair Rivera nominated Board Member Casias as the Chair of the Contracts and Concession Committee and Vice Chair DePalma and Board Members Lewis, Luca, and Farasat as the members of the Contracts and Concessions Committee.

All Board Members nominated to the Committee accepted the nominations. Vice Chair DePalma moved to approve the nominations. The motion was seconded by Board Member Mann. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias and Cofer absent.

4. Select members to serve on the Land Facilities and Programs Committee and elect Committee Chair

Chair Rivera nominated Board Member Cofer as the Chair of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee and Board Members Mann, Morgan, and Donovan as the members of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee.

All Board Members nominated to the Committee accepted the nominations. Board Member Mann moved to approve the nominations. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair DePalma. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias and Cofer absent.

5. Select members to serve on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board

Vice Chair DePalma nominated Board Members Donovan, Cofer, Mann, and Lewis to the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board. Chair Rivera seconded the nominations. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair DePalma. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias and Cofer absent.

All Board Members nominated and appointed to the Committee accepted the appointments.

E. NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

6. A Strategy for Getting Transit Parks on Corridors

Steve Zettner, community activist, made a presentation to the Board regarding the strategy for getting transit parks on corridors. Item was sponsored by Board Member Luca and Vice Chair DePalma.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, provided an update on swimming pools, Forklift Danceworks Production, summer programs, Downs Field Historic Marker and Ribbon Cutting and Parque Zaragoza Neighborhood Historical Marker unveiling, Seaholm Waterfront Public Engagement, Shoal Creek Greenbelt, and new state

legislation.

G. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

DePalma and Rivera—requested an action item regarding selection of a Board Member to serve on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Citizen Advisory Committee

DePalma—requested information on the impact of legislative session and tree related bills

Luca—requested information on food concessions issue in the parks and on policies regarding dogs in parks

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.