



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, July 25, 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 6:07 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Richard DePalma, Vice Chair; Rick Cofer, Tom Donovan, Dawn Lewis, Francoise Luca, Randy Mann, and Fred Morgan

Board Members Absent:

Michael Casias

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B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of June 27, 2017.

Board Member Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of June 27, 2017. Board Member Mann seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0 with Board Member Donovan off dais, and Board Members Casias and Farasat absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None.

Veronica Saldate addressed the board and expressed her concern about enforcement in dog parks.

Chair Rivera moved items 4 and 6 forward before item 2, 3, and 5.

E. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

4. Introduction of the new Executive Director of the Trail Foundation

Heidi Cohn, The Trail Foundation Executive Director, introduced herself to the Board and outlined upcoming partnership opportunities with the Parks and Recreation Department.

G. NEW BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS

6. Future Bond Package

Terry Jungman, Parks and Recreation Department, provided an overview of the process for preparation of future bond package and answered Board Members' questions.

D. NEW BUSINESS: ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent

2. Select one member to serve on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Citizens Committee

Chair nominated Vice Chair DePalma to serve on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Citizens Committee. Vice Chair DePalma did not accept the nomination and nominated Board Member Morgan, who accepted the nomination. Board Member Mann seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Casias and Farasat absent.

Chair Rivera moved items 5 forward before item 3.

G. NEW BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS

5. Forklift Danceworks Production—My Park, My Pool, My City

Jodi Jay, Aquatics Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, and Allison Orr, Artistic Director, Forklift Danceworks, provided an update regarding the Forklift Danceworks Production at the Bartholomew Pool and invited the Board to attend the performance.

Pam O'Conner, Aquatics Advisory Board, addressed the Board and praised the Parks and Recreation Department's Aquatics programs and the Bartholomew Swims performance.

Chair Rivera called recess at 6:46 p.m. Meeting was called back to order at 6:56 p.m.

3. Make a recommendation to Council to approve adoption of the Aquatic Master Plan that outlines the framework for a decision making process for the City of Austin aquatic facilities to determine upgrades, renovation, replacement, and decommissioning for the next 20 years.

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Aquatic Master Plan.

Pam O'Conner, Aquatics Advisory Board, addressed the board and spoke in favor of the Aquatic Master Plan.

The Board commended the Department on the public input gathered and the work staff put in to create the Draft Aquatic Master Plan.

Board Member Cofer made a motion to make no recommendation concerning the substance of the Aquatic Master Plan and recommended creating an Aquatics Master Plan working group to gather further input concerning the Plan itself. Vice Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion carried

on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Casias and Farasat absent.

H. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, provided an update on a brownfields grant, the summer aquatic programs, and summer camps.

I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Rivera—requested an action item regarding establishing a working group for aquatics Master Plan

Chair Rivera—requested an action item regarding a recommendation on fees for use of City swimming pools

Board Member Lewis— requested an item on trash management in parks, “pack it in, pack it out” philosophy and other cities that practice it

Board Member Cofer—requested item on recycling in the parks

J. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.