

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
July 23, 1991

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on July 23, 1991 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 1500 W. Riverside Drive, with Beverly Griffith presiding. Board Members present: Beverly Griffith, James Crump, Phil Friday, Charlie Gandy, Neil Iscoe and Albert Black. Staff present: Carolyn Nelson, Waynette Chan, Jody Hamilton, Stuart Strong, Rick Fuszek, Heather Griffith Peterson, Harry Kelton, Steve Upton, Peter Marsh and Donna Bohls.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by Beverly Griffith, Chair.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Dean Taylor, Texas Bicycle Coalition, addressed the Board regarding concerns with the plans for the renovation/widening of the Drake Bridge and its effect on commuting bicyclists.

Al St. Louis addressed the Board and expressed concerns about the Water and Wastewater work in the Barton Creek Greenbelt. He encouraged the use of the area for a nature trail (no bicycles) and requested this be considered at an upcoming meeting.

Dorothy Richter addressed the Board about the lack of recycling in parks, especially in the Town Lake/Zilker park area. She was also concerned about the lack of enforcement of the no glass and no alcohol areas at Zilker.

Robert L. Thomas addressed the Board about Rosewood Recreation Center.

Ted Siff, President of Citizens for Open Space, addressed the Board regarding land acquisition needs along Barton Creek and the size of bond issue that would be necessary to acquire land for both water quality protection and recreational opportunities. He requested for this issue to be addressed at a future meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Continuation of Public Hearing on Concessions in Zilker Park
Carousel - Wooden Row Boats

Evan Hintoner, partner in a carousel company based in Wimberly, addressed the Board and spoke in favor of the carousel.

Robert Simmons, potential carousel contractor, addressed the Board and spoke in favor of the carousel.

Robert Korban, spoke in opposition to the carousel due to noise, additional machinery in the park, possible parking problems and liability issues.

Dorothy Richter, spoke against the carousel.

Joe Bruno, Director of Parkside School, addressed the Board and favored the addition of a row boat concession.

Manfred Houlik, spoke in opposition to the row boat location since it would be adjacent to his property.

Jonathan Markley, representing the Stratford Neighborhood Association, reported that at the June 23rd meeting of his neighborhood association a vote was taken opposing the row boat concession.

Robert Korban addressed the Board and opposed the boat concession.

Sam Rivers, Owner of Texas Rowing, sent written correspondence outlining his concerns about the addition of wooden row boats to the boating traffic already on the lake.

The public hearing was closed on a motion by Neil Iscoe, seconded by Phil Friday and passed unanimously.

Neil Iscoe moved and Charlie Gandy seconded a motion to issue an RFP for a Carousel Concession in Zilker Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Neil Iscoe moved and Phil Friday seconded a motion to issue an RFP for a Wooden Row Boat Concession in Zilker Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve modifications to or changes in priorities of proposed bond issue items in light of new information

Phil Friday moved and James Crump seconded a motion to adopt the following resolution on the proposed bond issue. The motion passed.

WHEREAS the Parks and Recreation Board and the Planning Commission have previously recommended the proposal of a bond issue in the amount of \$53.5 million; and

WHEREAS the Parks and Recreation Board wishes to clarify its position on the proposed bond issue in relation to other bond proposals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Parks and Recreation bond proposal should be placed on the ballot as an independent proposition, apart from any other bond proposal; and
2. The ballot proposal should clearly state that the bond represent capital funds to be spread out over the 1990s; and
3. The ballot proposal should emphasize that the most urgent needs are the acquisition of land to protect the Barton Creek Swimming Pool and Trail, and the construction and renovation of recreation centers for aiding Youth-At-Risk.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of July, 1991.

Discuss and make recommendation regarding 1991-92 PARD proposed operating budget

James Crump moved and Albert Black seconded a motion to approve the 1991-92 PARD Policy Budget with the following additions:

- Include funding for a portion of the salary of the Travis County Horticulture position occupied by Ted Fisher (\$6,000).
- Include funding for the Summer Musical (\$12,000).
- Include funding for increased Park Police staffing (\$445,706).

The motion passed.

James Crump moved and Neil Iscoe seconded a motion to provide a one-year funding for special maintenance needs at Mayfield Park (\$43,250).

The motion passed.

This agenda item will be carried over to the next meeting for additional discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve resolution to Council regarding nomination of member emeritus

Neil Iscoe moved and Albert Black seconded a motion to nominate Louise Nivison as a Member Emeritus of the Parks and Recreation Board. The motion passed unanimously.

WHEREAS, Ms. Louise Nivison began work with the Austin Parks and Recreation Department on October 16, 1967 and worked for PARD until her retirement on March 27, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nivison served as both Executive Secretary to the Director of PARD and as Recording Secretary for the Austin Parks and Recreation Board from 1968 until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nivison was subsequently appointed by the Austin City Council to serve on the Austin Parks and Recreation Board in October 1986, and faithfully served until February, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nivison has consistently demonstrated a deep love for and unselfish commitment to the Austin Parks and Recreation Department, its parks, and the citizens of Austin, Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Austin Parks and Recreation Board, meeting in regular session on July 23, 1991, does hereby unanimously recommend to the Austin City Council that Ms. Louise Nivison be appointed as a Member Emeritus to the Austin Parks and Recreation Board.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of July, 1991.

Approved proposed annexation of 53.8 acres into Northwest Travis County MUD #1 (NWTTC MUD #1)

Neil Iscoe moved and James Crump seconded a motion to table this item and

refer it to the Land and Facilities Committee for review. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve construction of a temporary boat lift at 6702 Troll Haven

David Goldman, applicant, addressed the Board and asked for an exemption allowing his boat lift to remain in its current location.

Elaine Fannin, applicant's representative, addressed the Board on Mr. Goldman's behalf requesting approval for his boat lift.

Neil Iscoe moved and James Crump seconded a motion to refuse permission for a temporary boat lift at 6702 Troll Haven. As currently constructed, the lift was determined to be an impediment to navigation. The motion passed.

James Crump moved and Albert Black seconded a motion to allow the applicant a 6 month grace period in which to remove his boat lift from its current location. The motion passed. The Board requested staff to work with the Planning Department regarding the removal of the navigation hazard.

Approve proposal for Mayfield Park Dedicated Fund

Neil Iscoe moved and James Crump seconded a motion to table this agenda item for further discussion. The motion passed.

Discuss and make recommendation regarding payment to the General Fund by Water and Wastewater Department as compensation for the South Austin Outfall Easement

Bill Bunch addressed the Board and spoke against the Outfall project especially phase 2.

Phil Friday moved and James Crump seconded a motion to send the following resolution to Council.

WHEREAS, the Water and Wastewater Utility has requested a permanent wastewater easement through Auditorium Shores; and

WHEREAS, Auditorium Shores is dedicated parkland; and

WHEREAS, it is requested by the Parks and Recreation Board that compensation shall be paid for the easement; and

WHEREAS, in conventional business transactions compensation for an easement is ordinarily regarded as a capital expenditure and is ordinarily measured by the fair market value of the land utilized; and

WHEREAS, the fair market value of the land should be determined as if the land were privately owned using generally accepted appraisal techniques; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that easements through dedicated park land have value and for that value the Parks and Recreation Department should be compensated. Funds received for this compensation should be deposited into a Capital Improvement account for the Parks and Recreation Department.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of July, 1991.

The motion passed unanimously.

Make recommendation regarding Veloway C.I.P. Project

Charlie Gandy moved and James Crump seconded a motion to recommend to Council reprioritizing pending CIP/Local Park Fund Grant Projects so that Dick Nichols and Dove Springs parks precede the Circle C Veloway project. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members unanimously requested that a resolution and certificates of appreciation be drawn up for Dr. Agnes Edwards, Lawrence Britton, Terry Colgan and ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres for their outstanding service to the Board and the Parks Department.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.