

Minutes
September 24, 1991

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on September 24, 1991 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Department Board Room, 1500 W. Riverside Drive. Board Members present: Beverly Griffith, Phil Friday, Albert Black, Hayden Brooks, Ron Cartlidge, James Crump, Eliza May and Neil Iscoe. Staff present: Manuel A. Mollinedo, Rick Fuszec, Stuart Strong, Jody Hamilton and Donna Bohls. Special Guests: Mayor Bruce Todd, Mimi Correa, Austan Librach, Chuck Sexton and Joey Crumley.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Beverly Griffith, Chair.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Austan Librach, Director of the Environmental and Conservation Services Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the proposed habitat conservation plan. Mayor Todd and Dr. Chuck Sexton assisted in answering questions on the plan from Board Members.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

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

David Ray addressed the Board regarding maintenance needs and concerns about Bartholomew park.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing: Concessions in Town Lake Corridor

Felix Rosales, Jr. spoke in opposition to food/drink or boat rental concessions in East Austin.

Louis Cornblith spoke in opposition to any commercial development on the hike and bike trail.

Sam Rivers, TX Rowing spoke about his safety concerns about the proposed dorrie rental.

Dan Burstetta, Austin Canoe and Kayak, spoke about the need for responsible concessionaires who provide a variety of service to the community.

Mary Albert spoke in opposition of any future concessions.

Heidi Gibbons, Austin Runners Club, spoke in opposition of concessions.

Mark Allen spoke about the safety problems at Butler Pitch and Putt.

Linda Seliga spoke about the safety problems at Butler Pitch and Putt. Ms. Seliga brought in a bag of golf balls that had been hit into her beauty shop across the street.

John Cory spoke in opposition of concessions in East Austin.

Arnie Villarreal, Executive Director of the Austin Rowers Club, spoke in favor of rowing as a concession on Town Lake.

Hortensia Palomares spoke in opposition of concessions in East Austin.

Gavino Fernandez, Jr., spokesman for El Concilio, opposed development of concessions in East Austin.

Robert Donley, President of the East Town Lake Neighborhood Association, spoke against concessions in East Austin.

Diane Weidner spoke against commercial development on Town Lake.

Beverly Griffith read into the record a letter from Roger Kinzel in favor of no commercial development on the hike and bike trail.

Andy Frizelle, Texas Rowing Foundation, spoke against the development of additional concessions.

Polly Briley spoke about the lack of use of the hike and bike trail in East Austin.

Marcos de Leon, Travis County Commissioner, spoke against additional concessions on Town Lake. Mr. de Leon addressed the Board as a private citizen not as a Commissioner.

Robert Enos, Principal of Austin High School, spoke against having concessions in the area near the school.

Carol Fox spoke against additional concessions and asked for an Ordinance opposing any and all new concessions.

Scott Royder spoke against Town Lake Concessions.

Richard Charles, Austin Runners Club, spoke in opposition to any concessions on Town Lake.

Al Kinser, Concessionaire at Butler Pitch and Putt, spoke about the need to continue the pitch and putt golf course in downtown.

Charles Akins, Assistant Superintendent, AISD, opposed any concessions in the areas near schools, especially Austin High and Martin Junior High. He indicated that concessions encouraged students to leave campus and provided an attractive distraction to students of middle school age.

After hearing all of the public discussion, the public hearing was closed.

James Crump moved and Phil Friday seconded a motion not to pursue food and drink concessions in the Town Lake Area. The motion passed.

James Crump moved and Neil Iscoe seconded a motion not to issue a request for proposal for an Organic Demonstration Garden in Zilker Park. The motion passed.

The Butler Pitch and Putt concession issues were tabled to the Concessions Committee.

Phil Friday moved and James Crump seconded a motion not to issue any requests for proposal for any of the proposed sites for new boat concessions with the one exception that the Board reserve the right to reconsider locating the previously approved handmade wooden rowboat concession at one of these sites. The motion passed.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

Beverly Griffith, Chair

Neil Iscoe, Vice Chair

Phil Friday, Secretary

All other items of business were postponed and the meeting stood adjourned at 10:15 p.m.