

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
May 26, 1992 - 6:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on May 26, 1992 at the Parks and Recreation Department Board Room, 200 South Lamar, at 6:40 p.m. Board Members present: Neil Iscoe, Albert Black, Charlie Gandy, Beverly Griffith, James Crump, Ron Cartlidge and Phil Friday. Staff present: Michael J. Heitz, Jody Hamilton, Donna Bohls.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. with Mrs. Beverly Griffith, Chair, presiding. Board Members approved the minutes of May 11 and May 13, 1992.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Tom Anderson, past president of Friends of the O. Henry, spoke in favor of reinstatement of the museum administrator position proposed to be cut from the PARD 92-93 budget.

Al St. Louis spoke regarding the public information policy of the Parks and Recreation Department and the reports from Watson/Tyson regarding Barton Springs Pool.

Robert L. Thomas spoke about Rosewood Recreation Center, labor issues and his desire for a job with the Parks Department.

George Mc Clughan spoke regarding the reinstatement of the museum administrator position proposed to be cut from the PARD 92-93 budget.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Approve Request from Ron Weiss to Construct Nine Additional Floating Boat Slips at 2219 Westlake Drive.

James Crump reported that the Navigation Committee had reviewed this request and recommended approval subject to the following:

Navigation lights to be provided in accordance with Section 13-2-793(2)(b)(3) of the City Code, which requires one light station not more than 25 feet apart.

The committee recommendation required no second and passed unanimously.

Approve Request from Signor Enterprises (Gerald Lamar) for the Construction of a Covered Two-Slip Boat Dock at 3100 Rivercrest Drive

James Crump reported that the Navigation Committee had reviewed this request and recommended approval subject to the following:

The dock should be constructed in accordance with the approved site plan #

SP-92-0101DS.

The committee recommendation required no second and passed unanimously.

Approve Request from Raymond Thomas (Courtyard Development Company) to Construct an 18 Slip Marina at 5908 Cone Circle Drive

James Crump reported that the Navigation Committee had reviewed this request and recommended approval subject to the following:

Approval of the Park Police Lake Patrol with regard to this development not creating a navigation hazard to other watercraft using Bull Creek.

Navigation lights to be provided in accordance with Section 13-2-793(2)(B)(3), which requires a light station be provided not more than 25 feet apart.

13 parking spaces being provided within the common area for use of the boatowners, to meet the shoreline setback requirements, in accordance with Section 13-2-795(6)(A) and (B).

Permanent sanitation facilities being provided, in accordance with Section 13-2-795(6)(C).

Solid Waste facilities being provided for collection of trash or garbage generated by the marina or common area, in accordance with Section 13-2-795(6)(D).

The committee recommendation required no second and passed 4-1 with Neil Iscoe dissenting.

Approve Request from Spillar Boat Docks (John Musselman) for the Construction of a Two-Slip Covered Boat Dock at 1610 Rockcliff Road

James Crump reported that the Navigation Committee had reviewed this request and recommended approval subject to the following:

In accordance with Section 13-2-793(2)(B)(2), structures between 25 feet and 50 feet in length (measured parallel to the shoreline) must be provided with one light station at each of the structure farthest from the shoreline.

The committee recommendation required no second and passed 4-0-1 with one Board Member abstaining.

Approve Recommendation to Council Amending the 1991-92 General Fund Operating Budget for Additional Fee-Based Programs at the Dougherty Arts Center, the Austin Nature Center and nine Recreation Centers.

James Crump moved and Neil Iscoe seconded a motion to recommend to Council the Operating Budget Amendment for additional Fee-Based programs. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Recommendation to Council Regarding Interlocal Agreement with Travis County for Park Police Support at Palm Park

Neil Iscoe moved and James Crump seconded a motion to recommend to Council entering into an interlocal agreement with Travis County for Park Police Support at Palm Park during the summer. The motion passed 4-0.

Make Recommendation Regarding Traffic Control Proposals for Barton Springs Road and Stratford Drive

This item was tabled until June 8 to allow Mr. Heitz an opportunity to discuss the options with Mr. Stockton, Director of Public Works and Transportation.

Approve Recommendation to Council on a Request from Stormwater Management for a 45 Acre Drainage Easement for a Regional Stormwater Management Pond at Dick Nichols Park

James Crump moved and Phil Friday seconded a motion to recommend to Council granting a 45 acre drainage easement for a regional stormwater management pond at Dick Nichols Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Recommendation to Council on a Request from Jones and Nuese on behalf of Northwest Travis County MUD No. 1 for a 2,574 Square Foot License Agreement for a Wastewater Lift Station in the Upper Bull Creek Greenbelt

James Crump moved and Charlie Gandy seconded a motion to recommend to Council granting a 2,574 square foot license agreement for a Wastewater Lift Station in the Upper Bull Creek Greenbelt. Construction and restoration must follow Parks and Recreation Department guidelines and a \$200 per year payment should be made for the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Recommendation to Council Regarding Parking at Palmer Auditorium

Neil Iscoe moved and James Crump seconded the following motion:

Whereas, the Palmer Auditorium parking area is dedicated parkland; and

Whereas, the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan calls for portions of this area to be used for parking for parks and other portions to be used for recreational use;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council follow its previous resolutions and not permit the Palmer Auditorium parking lot to be used as paid parking or as parking reserved for the Convention Center.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Proposed Changes to PARB Agenda and Procedures

James Crump moved and Neil Iscoe seconded a motion to table this item to June 8.

Approve Recommendation to Council Regarding Proposal for "Reach for the Sky" Project

Lisa Goodnow, teacher at Murchison Middle School, addressed the Board in favor of this program.

James Crump moved and Neil Iscoe seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is faced with a crises level need to recapture our youth away from gangs, drugs and other petty crimes and towards positive activities which promote self-improvement.

WHEREAS, the innovative use of our Recreation Centers and the creative programs which are and will be offered in the future are a vital tool in addressing youth needs and provide a broad range of opportunities for youth.

WHEREAS, Rock Climbing and other related outdoor activities which are rarely available for disadvantaged youth to pursue, can promote self-confidence, motivation, positive self image, and other vital esteem building personal resources.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Board requests that the City Council provide additional funding for fiscal year 92-93 in the amount of \$65,000 for the Austin Reach for the Sky project.

And furthermore direct PARD staff to work with the volunteers from the Central Texas Mountaineers to build a safe facility and develop a program to carry out the goals of the Reach for the Sky project.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Recommendation to Council Regarding the Use of Barton Springs Pool Outside of Regular Operating Hours

James Crump moved and Phil Friday seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS, Barton Springs Pool has a tradition of access year-round and over a broad range of hours;

WHEREAS, Citizens of the City of Austin view access to Barton Springs Pool as a right and benefit;

BE IT RESOLVED, no move will be made to curtail this access.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Recommendation to Council Regarding CDBG Funding

James Crump moved and Albert Black seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS, CDBG funding is defined to bring maximum benefit to targeted neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation Department facilities in targeted neighborhoods are key components to improving the quality of life;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Parks and Recreation Board requests CDBG funding for Govalle Ballfield in the amount of \$130,000 and for Colorado River Park in the amount of \$750,000 as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department staff and supported by many citizens.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Recommendation to Council Regarding Parks and Recreation Department
Operating Budget for FY 92-93

This item was tabled until Board Member Neil Iscoe could be present.

ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

James Crump asked that the Use of Glass Containers in Greenbelts be discussed at the June 8 meeting.

Board Members requested a briefing on the Save Our Springs and Council Initiatives for the June 23 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.