

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
July 28, 1992

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on July 28, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Department Board Room, 200 South Lamar. Board Members present: Eliza May, Albert Black, Beverly Griffith, Neil Iscoe, Louise Nivison, Sterling Lands, Ron Cartlidge, and James Crump. Staff present: Steve Sun, Public Works; Michael J. Heitz; Stuart Strong; Peter Marsh; Sarah Campbell; Jody Hamilton and Donna Bohls.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Robert L. Thomas addressed the Board about his general concerns for improving the park system and his desire to work for our department.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

CONSENT ITEMS

Approve Construction of a two-slip boat dock at 4209 Watersedge

This was a request from Rusty Signor on behalf of John Skrudland, property owner. This request was reviewed by the Navigation Committee and department staff and is recommended for approval with the following conditions:

- 1) The width of the boat dock is constructed at 20% of the shoreline, 24.4 feet.
- 2) A 10 foot wide side property line set back from the adjacent property is maintained.
- 3) The remaining area of recessed slip is left open or covered with a deck that does not extend above the surrounding existing grade.
- 4) The construction be in compliance with Site Plan #SP-92-0167DS.

James Crump moved and Albert Black seconded a motion to approve the construction subject to the above conditions. The motion passed 5-0.

Approve Construction of a two-slip covered boat dock at 4200 Spinnaker Cove

This is a request from Rusty Signor on behalf of Philip Spencer, property owner. This request has been reviewed by the Navigation Committee and the department staff who recommend approval of the request with the following conditions:

1) The width of the boat dock is constructed as shown on Site Plan #SP-92-0166DS, at 27 feet.

2) The remaining area of recessed slip is left open or covered with a deck that does not extend above the surrounding existing grade.

James Crump moved and Albert Black seconded a motion to approve the construction subject to the above conditions. The motion passed 5-0.

Approve Naming an Unnamed park in the former North Central Austin Growth Corridor MUD area Gracywoods Neighborhood Park (incorrectly referred to as the North Star MUD)

James Crump moved and Albert Black seconded a motion to approve the request to officially name the former North Central Austin Growth Corridor MUD park - Gracywoods Neighborhood Park. The motion passed 5-0.

Approve 25 foot wide sanitary sewer easement and 15 foot wide parallel temporary construction easement in Rosewood Park for wastewater service improvements to East Austin (repair of existing sewer)

Neil Iscoe moved and James Crump seconded the following motion:

Although over 10% of the Parks and Recreation Department's Operating Budget is going for utility charges, there is currently no comprehensive strategy for PARD's compensation for easements through parklands. This subject is extremely complex and will ultimately require City of Austin policy decisions that affect ratepayers and taxpayers and park users. Unfortunately most of the data concerning easements and rates is mostly anecdotal rather than empirical. Therefore the Parks Board requests that the City use its Internal Audit staff to determine the benefits derived by the Utilities for which PARD receives no reimbursement. Special attention needs to be given to the basis on which audit comparables are determined. In the past appraisers have used agricultural equivalents as the basis for determination of value. This results in unrealistically low valuation on park property. How do the fees charged to other departments compare to those charged to PARD? What rate does the Fire Department pay? 2) Why is it that Road and Bridge usually does not meter the water that they use for street cleaning and road repair? Is there a consistent interpretation of services and fees? 3) What portion of the services provided by the Utilities is based on the actual cost of services vs. administration, profit and so on. 4) What are the unpaid services that the Utilities and Parks provide for each other? Examples include PARD allowing the lift station operating in the parking lot at Barton Springs without charge. Water and Wastewater allowing PARD to operate Jimmy Clay Golf Course without charge.

The motion passed 6-0.

James Crump moved and Sterling Lands seconded the following motion:

The PARB believes that the valuation is unrealistically low and in no way represents the true valuation of the land.

In the interest of proceeding with the sewer repair we agree that the easement should be granted subject to \$1122.00 of in-kind services from

Water and Wastewater Utility to be expended for amenities for Rosewood Park as determined by the Parks and Recreation Board.

The following conditions are also included:

- 1) All construction shall comply with the requirements of the "Construction in Parks Guidelines" adopted by the Board, April 1990.
- 2) To ensure the safety of park users an 8 foot high security fence must be provided around the complete workspace areas.
- 3) The temporary construction easements shall terminate on June 30, 1995.
- 4) On completion of the project, restoration and revegetation shall be carried out to the specification and satisfaction of the Parks and Recreation Department. To ensure satisfactory revegetation and plant establishment, fiscal surety shall be provided prior to construction, to the value of the estimated cost of restoration (including maintenance for the period of plant establishment).

The motion passed 6-0.

Make Recommendation to Council regarding proposed Public Improvement District (PID) and District Management Organization (DMO) - Request from Council to Comment

Eliza May moved and Albert Black seconded a motion to table this item to the Land and Facilities Committee. The motion passed 6-0.

Make Recommendation to Council Regarding the Hike and Bike Trail Plan

Diane Weidner and Doug Johnston addressed the Board in favor of this proposal.

Board Member Eliza May asked the Chair provide an opportunity to involve citizens in prioritizing new CIP projects if the August 8 bond proposal passes.

Eliza May moved and Albert Black seconded a motion to table this issue to the Land and Facilities committee. The motion passed 5-0.

Approve proposed Senna Hills Municipal Utility District (MUD) Consent Agreement Amendment

Eliza May reported that this request has been reviewed by the Land and Facilities subcommittee and that the committee recommended approval of the parks and recreation elements of the proposed Senna Hills Consent Agreement Amendment contingent upon the following conditions:

- 1) Expanded parkland area and increased street frontage (to approximately 500 feet) to allow development of play area, trailhead and trail into greenbelt (drainageway).
- 2) Parks and Recreation Department staff will negotiate with the applicant to reach a reasonable and acceptable threshold for expending the park funds.

The motion passed 5-0.

Approve additions to approved boat dock at 2546 Scenic Cove

Peter Marsh, staff engineer, and Ron Cartlidge, Chair of the Navigation Committee, reported to the Board regarding unapproved additions to a previously reviewed boat dock site plan. This construction has been inspected by the City's Planning and Development Department, Building Safety Division and has been cited for code violations. The work done extends beyond the scope of the project originally approved by the Parks and Recreation Board at its February 4, 1991 special called meeting. After considerable discussion by the Board, Ron Cartlidge moved and James Crump seconded a motion to notify the property owner to complete any actions necessary to get into compliance with City Code within 90 days and that the construction should be built in compliance with the site plan previously approved by the Parks and Recreation Board.

The motion passed 6-0.

Approve Parks Board position on Save Our Springs (SOS) initiative

This item was pulled by Neil Iscoe.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Griffith reminded Board Members of their August 19 retreat at Common's Ford Ranch and their only regular meeting during August would be on the 25th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sterling Lands moved and Ron Cartlidge seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of July 13, 1992.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Ron Cartlidge requested the Chair send a letter of thanks to Taco Cabana for lowering their sign.

A rebuttal to Diane Weidner's Bond Election Letter to the Editor was also requested to be sent to the Austin American Statesman. Eliza May will assist Ms. Griffith in composing the letter.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.