

Minutes  
October 27, 1992  
Parks and Recreation Board

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on October 27, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at 200 South Lamar. Board Members present: Sterling Lands, Eliza May, Ron Cartlidge, Neil Iscoe, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Eleanor Mc Kinney, James Crump, Albert Black and Louise Nivison. Staff present: Michael Heitz, Jesus Olivares, Oscar Rodriguez, Heather Griffith Peterson, Robert Sopronyi, Peter Marsh, Jim Halbrook, Tana Goodwill, Ann Denkler, Jody Hamilton and Donna Bohls.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Reverend Lands. Oscar Rodriguez, Acting Assistant City Manager, was introduced to the Board.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Helga Williams addressed the Board and discussed the need for a Zilker Park Task Force to allow for comprehensive planning for all of Zilker Park.

Mary Arnold addressed the Board about the November 12 public hearing scheduled by the City Council about the South Austin Outfall Project Phase 2. She encouraged the Board to send forward a recommendation to Council regarding the project. Neil Iscoe requested that the South Austin Outfall Phase 2 be an agenda item for the November 10 meeting. James Crump requested that the easement compensation issue also be revisited.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Heitz presented appreciation certificates to representatives from Recreation Equipment, Inc., the Texas Bicycle Coalition, and Austin Cablevision for their donation of money and volunteers in restoration of the Hike and Bike trail.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**Approve Construction of a Covered Two-Slip Boat Dock at 4200 Watersedge Cove**

This is a request from Signor Enterprises on behalf of Bill Gorman.

Ron Cartlidge, Chair of the Navigation Committee, reported that the Committee recommended approval of the request in accordance with Site Plan # SP-92-0376DS. This being a committee recommendation it required no second. The motion passed 7-0.

**Approve Proposed Amendments to the Land Development Code, Part E: Requirements for Construction of Boat Docks**

Ron Cartlidge, Chair of the Navigation Committee, moved and James Crump seconded a motion to table this item. The motion passed 7-0.

Approve Cave Management Agreement with Texas Cave Management Association and Appendix A for Midnight Cave

Peter Marsh, staff engineer, made a brief presentation to the Board and was available for questions. Board Members asked to have all denied requests for cave access routed to the Parks Board as an item for information. These could be routed through the Programs Committee. James Crump moved and Eliza May seconded a motion to approve the management agreement. The motion passed 6-0.

Presentation of Annual Concession Report

Heather Griffith Peterson made a presentation to the Board and was available for questions. Neil Iscoe asked that information be provided on the expiration date for the Zilker Train concession and the possible option for a 5 year extension of that contract. The Concession Subcommittee scheduled a meeting for Monday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. A question was also raised about the closing of the Hike and Bike trail during a jet ski tournament for Aquafest.

Review 1991-92 Goals and Draft 1992-93 Goals

Work proceeded on the review of Board and Committee goals. The Programs and Navigation Committees will continue their reports on November 10.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

James Crump moved and Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of October 13, 1992. The motion passed 6-0.

**ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

James Crump brought up the idea of using the old Palm Elementary School building as a Mexican American Cultural Center. Would the County be interested in this kind of venture? Carlos Pineda, Emma Barrientos and Cathy Vasquez will be asked to the next meeting to give an update on the Mexican American Cultural Center Task Force.

Reverend Lands gave a brief presentation on the "Rites of Passage" youth program currently underway at his church. Ways to incorporate the same type of youth program into PARD programs will be explored.

James Crump requested a resolution of thanks be given to the people who worked to make the Drake Bridge bike and pedestrian ways successful. He asked for a report on why there is a significant narrowing along the walkway.

Reverend Lands informed Board Members about Ron Cartlidge's father passing away. Plans are underway to have a tree planted in Mr. Cartlidge's memory.

Eleanor McKinney requested that staff look into ways to have the Minutes sorted by subject into a database for easy access of information on particular subjects.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned at 9:00 p.m.