

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
December 8, 1992

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on December 8, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Department Board Room at 200 South Lamar. Board Members present: James Crump, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Neil Iscoe, Eliza May, Sterling Lands, Eleanor McKinney, Ron Cartlidge, Albert Black and Louise Nivison. Staff present: Michael J. Heitz, Jesus M. Olivares, Peter Marsh, Tana Goodwill, Sarah Campbell, Jody Hamilton and Donna Bohls.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Reverend Sterling Lands, Chair.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Al St. Louis addressed the Board and thanked them for opposing the South Austin Outfall Project Phase 2 during Council consideration. He also thanked Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director of PARD, for continuing to clean Barton Springs Pool without using chemicals.

Robert L. Thomas addressed the Board and requested an investigation of the management of the Rosewood Recreation Center.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Steve Stecker, Water Quality Engineer with the Environmental and Conservation Services Department, made a presentation to the Board about the status of water quality in Town Lake.

Board Member Eliza May requested information on the amount and types of beverage containers in the trash recovered during Town Lake cleanups.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Items for Initial Consideration

Recommend to Council a Concession Policy

This item was pulled from the agenda to be considered on January 12, 1993.

Make Recommendation to Council Regarding Annual Concession Report

This item was pulled from the agenda to be considered on January 12, 1993.

Recommend to Council Approval of Award of Food and Drink Concession In Zilker Park

This item was pulled from the agenda to be considered on January 12, 1993.

Recommend to Council Approval of Award of Butler Pitch and Putt Concession

This item was pulled from the agenda to be considered on January 12, 1993.

Approve Use Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Line Through West Austin Park

An existing sewer line that traversed the park was leaking so the work to construct the replacement sewer was carried out as an emergency in May, 1991. The original line was installed during the 1930's but the alignment was not recorded; however, the Utility now wishes to formally record the location of this line.

James Crump moved and Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded a motion to approve a request from the Water and Wastewater Utility for a 2,929 square foot sanitary sewer use agreement, 15 feet wide and approximately 195 feet long, in West Austin Park. The motion passed 8-0.

Approve Policy for Approval of Memorials on Parkland

This item was pulled by Neil Iscoe.

Approve Creation of Travis County MUDs 3-9 (Barton Creek MUDs)

Neil Iscoe moved and James Crump seconded the following resolution regarding the creation of Travis County MUDs 3-9:

Whereas creation of the Travis County MUDs 3-9 will have an adverse effect on future City of Austin parkland acquisition along Barton Creek. In particular land identified for purchase in the Balcones Canyonland Conservation Plan and the Barton Creek Greenway Plan is in conflict with the proposed MUDs.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Parks and Recreation Board opposes the creation of these MUDs.

This motion passed 5-0 with 2 members abstaining.

Make Recommendation to Council Regarding Proposed Plan for Dove Springs Park

James Crump moved and Ron Cartlidge seconded a motion affirming the Parks and Recreation Board support for the Dove Springs Park and Pool project. The Parks and Recreation Board requests that the City Council and City Manager identify the additional funding necessary to complete the park and pool as it was originally proposed. The motion passed 7-0.

Approve Changes to Agreement with South Austin Youth Soccer Association (SAYSA) Regarding Soccer Fields in Slaughter Creek Park

Eliza May moved and Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded a motion to table this item back to the Programs committee. The motion passed 6-0.

Approve Roadway Improvements on Approximately 100 Feet of Parkland South of Bailey Park

These improvements will allow a new access drive to be built on the former

Bailey Lane right-of-way, now St. Andrew's Episcopal School property, and the 100 foot section of former 32nd Street right of way, which is parkland. Reinstatement of the road will provide better circulation around Bailey Park and will constitute an improvement for the park. St. Andrew's School has proposed to bear the cost of the drive improvements and will revegetate a portion of the park still occupied by the old Bailey Lane pavement.

James Crump moved and Ron Cartlidge seconded a motion to approve roadway improvements on approximately 100 feet of park land south of Bailey Park to enhance circulation around the park. The Board recommended that a crosswalk be striped in the roadway between St. Andrew's Episcopal School and the park to allow students to cross safely and that a school speed zone be established. The motion passed 7-0.

Approve construction of Single Slip Boat Dock with Deck Over at 4811 Palisade Drive

This request was from Rusty Signor on behalf of Wayne Harwood to construct a single slip boat dock with deck over at 4811 Palisade Drive.

Ron Cartlidge, Chair of the Navigation Committee, reported that this request had been reviewed by the Navigation Committee and they recommended approval in accordance with Site Plan #SP-92-0414DS(U1). This motion required no second and passed 6-0.

Approve Construction of Two-Slip Boat Dock at 2940 Oestrick Lane

This request was from Balderach and Company on behalf of Russell Thompson to construct a two-slip boat dock with partial deck and roof over and approximately 117 feet of reinforced concrete retaining wall.

Ron Cartlidge, Chair of the Navigation Committee, reported that this request had been reviewed by the Navigation Committee and they recommended approval in accordance with Site Plan #SP-92-0405DS(U1) with the following condition:

1. The existing boat dock located approximately 60 feet from the north property line be removed completely prior to the construction of the new boat dock and amenities.

This motion required no second and passed 6-0.

Response to Audit Report on the Parks and Recreation Board

On November 24, 1992, Helen Neisner, City Auditor, and members of the Internal Audit staff presented recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Board based on their recent audit. Parks and Recreation Board Members were asked to review the recommendations and formulate a response by December 9.

An ad hoc committee consisting of Eleanor McKinney, Chair; Ron Cartlidge; Beverly Griffith; and Sterling Lands was formed. Members of this committee will be receiving comments from all the current Board Members and from some of the recent past members. The committee was charged with developing a combined response and presenting their work to the full Board on January 12.

The Parks and Recreation Board voted to request an extension on the Audit response until after the January 12, 1993 meeting.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

James Crump discussed with Board Members the item for information included in the Board packet about Walsh Boat Landing.

Board Members discussed the need to formulate goals for the Board in general such as promoting the Adopt-A-Park program.

Staff was requested to bring information to the Board regarding the conversion of Bergstrom Air Force Base recreation facilities into civilian facilities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 24, 1992 meeting were approved as corrected.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned at 9:30 p.m.