

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
March 9, 1993

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on March 9, 1993 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Activity Center, 2874 Shoalcrest Blvd. Members present: Ron Cartlidge, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Sterling Lands, Beverly Griffith, and Eleanor McKinney.

Staff Members present were Jesus M. Olivares, Peter Marsh, Robert Sopronyi, and Dolores Posada.

While waiting for a quorum of Parks Board members to arrive, Boardmember Beverly Griffith addressed the staff on taking a tour of Lott and Springdale Parks. Deputy Director Jesus Olivares updated members on the following items:

The closure of the Mabel Davis gates - sting operation is in effect to try to capture whoever is doing gang tagging on the building. The lifeguard training - the American Learning Institute will sponsor training and certification of 20 lifeguards. Job fairs are being held at various high school throughout the city to inform students of our job opportunities during the summer.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Approve construction of a single-slip boat dock at 1304 Rockcliff Road with the condition that navigation lighting be provided in accordance with the provisions of the city's land development code.

Approve construction of a single-slip boat dock at 3603 Robbins Road with the condition that the exiting boat dock and deck be demolished and removed, the new boat dock dimensions not exceed 20 feet in the width and not extend more than 30 feet into the water and that navigation lights be provided in accordance with the provisions of the city's land development code.

Approve construction of a retaining wall at 5301 Tortuga Trail

Ron Cartlidge, Chair of the Navigation Committee, reported that the Navigation Committee had reviewed the above list of projects and recommended approval. The motioned passed 5-0.

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Approve construction of a single-slip boat dock at 1859 Westlake Drive

Ron Cartlidge, Chair of the Navigation Committee, reported that the Navigation Committee had reviewed the above project and sent it back to subcommittee. The motion passed 5-0.

Make recommendation to Council regarding naming of minor league ballfield for Ronald Lloyd Meyer at Garrison Park

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Member of the Programs Committee, reported that the Programs Committee had reviewed the above project and recommended approval. The motion passed 5-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, reported that Lott Park is schedule for funding in the amount of \$40,000 from CDBG for improvements. These improvements are also tied into SCIP. Park is being targeted for smaller children. Springdale Park development funds were requested and approved by City Council but were pushed back until the funds themselves were dropped from the cash flow program.

The \$25,000 gift from Mr. Naumann was used to clean trash out of the park.

The report on Robert L. Thomas concludes that is no basis for further investigation. Staff recommends that the Board let Mr. Thomas know that they no longer recognize his accusations.

The Director's Report was interrupted for Citizen's Communication.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Rick Blackburn addressed the Board regarding a proposal to build a pool in Dick Nichols Park. Mr. Olivares will have staff prepare a response.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT continued...

As Mr. Olivares told Members earlier, the gates at Mabel Davis are being left open in cooperation with Police as part of a sting operation against gang tagging on City property.

Mr. Olivares reported that the Programs Division has gone out into the public schools and done job fairs to inform students on the need for lifeguards throughout the city. Cost for training and certification is \$150 per person.

The update on Givens flood repairs is that the contract will be bid out and the work is to be started by late April. Weather permitting the work should take 45-60 days.

Ron Cartlidge requested that item F be moved in front item E due to the fact the Board was going to lose its quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Cartlidge moved and Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded a motion to approve

the minutes of the February 23, 1993 meeting with the following correction:

***ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Crump was not requesting another tour to Zilker Park in regards to unsafe traffic conditions; he was pointing out we still had unsafe traffic conditions."

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Reverend Lands reminded Board Members of the request for a list of priorities and criteria for options as each one saw fit regarding the Balcones Canyonlands Preservation Plan. All comments need to be in to Beverly Griffith within the next week. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres stated to the Board she had no priorities regarding the Balcones Canyonlands Preservation Plan.

A report was given by Erma Linda Cruz-Torres of the Programs Committee which met on March 1, 1993. They reviewed last year's 26 Playground Program sites and recommended the same number of sites for this year. There was a request to add Perry and Comal Playgrounds. It was discussed to drop the Clarksville and Franklin Playground Program sites due to lack of participation. No decision was made. They reviewed the Summer Luncheon sites, but could not determine anything due to the School funding process. The committee was given copies of all the summer day camps, programs, and cultural events. They reviewed the Rites of Passage proposal and agreed with its principle. The committee would like to change the proposal to include both genders and to eliminate religious overtones. It was recommended they investigate the Mendez Fort Worth and Houston Independent School District Rites of Passage programs. They also discussed the Job Fair.

Reverend Lands requested the Board have a principle statement on its commitment to the Wilderness Park and the 1000 foot corridor.

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres requested that staff have a response to the Board within a month on the proposal by Rosemary Castleberry to build a hike-n-bike trail at Civitan Park. Jesus Olivares stated the response will be presented at the next Parks Board meeting.

Reverend Lands reminded the Board that the financial disclosure forms are due by April 23, 1993.

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres expressed her concern at not having a fence around the Montopolis Practice fields.

Eleanor McKinney requested that the goal sheets be on the agenda and in the next agenda packets for review before the end of first quarter.

Beverly Griffith announced to the Board that the City Council had authorized staff to enter into negotiations with the Trust for Public Lands to buy Colorado River Park.

Eleanor McKinney informed the Board that there is a vision to make

underpasses at First, Sixth, and Twelfth Streets gateways to connect East and West Austin through ISTEPA funding.

Jesus Olivares reminded Board Members that a facility tour will be set up for Friday, March 19, at 8:30 a.m.

Reverend Lands requested a report on Zilker Park Citizens Task Force.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned at 8:15 p.m.