

**MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
MAY 25, 1993**

Board members present were James Crump, Eleanor McKinney, Ron Cartlidge, Eliza May, Margaret Reed-Lade, Sterling Lands, ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres, Albert Black, Beverly Griffith, and Member Emeritus Louise Nivison.

Staff members present were Jody Hamilton, Micheal J. Heitz, Jesus Olivares, Juan Valera-Lema, Ann Denkler, Martha Peters, Tom Randall, Sandra Chipley, Peter Marsh, Ron Sparks, Carolyn Nelson, Robert Sopronyi, Kim Mitchell, and Dolores Posada.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Sterling Lands, Chair. At this time the Chair requested the order of the meeting change because he needed to leave early.

**ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION**

**Recommend to Council a new location for the memorial sculpture of Stevie Ray Vaughan.**

Tom Randall gave a presentation on the various sites the memorial could be placed.

Diane Weidner, representing the Austin Runners Club, addressed the Board and asked that any action on the relocation of the memorial sculpture of Stevie Ray Vaughan be postponed until a general plan is resolved for all such future memorials and the plan presented to the Austin Runners Club, whom is the park adopter for the proposed area.

Eleanor McKinney, Land and Facilities Chair, recommended that the Board present staff's recommendation to Council that the location of the Stevie Ray Vaughan memorial sculpture be moved to Auditorium Shores along the shore line as indicated on the attached map (see attachment).

The vote was 6-2. Beverly Griffith and Margaret Reed-Lade opposed the recommendation.

James Crump moved the policy issues question regarding memorials on parkland be sent to the Land and Facilities Committee. Margaret seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0.

Eleanor McKinney extended an invitation to the public to participate in the meetings to be held regarding the policy issues.

**CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION**

Cynthia Taylor-Edwards, executive director of First Stage Productions, addressed the Board and expressed her concerns about need for improvements at the Rosewood, Doris Miller, and Givens Recreation Centers.

Paul Smith, East Austin Coalition Chairman, addressed the Board regarding the letter sent to him by the Parks and Recreation Department. He was not pleased with the response he received.

Sheila Foschette visual artist, dancer and choreographer, addressed the Board and expressed her concerns about the need for improvements at Rosewood Recreation Center.

Al St. Louis addressed the Board and first thanked them for the new maintenance group that is working on the Barton Creek Greenbelt. He then expressed his concern regarding the discontinuation of free use of the Barton Springs Pool by medical staff. He would also like the slide at the Zilker Playscape to be replaced.

Robert L. Thomas addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the staff at the Rosewood Recreation Center.

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Andy Jones of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department gave a presentation on the Lone Star Sport Climbing Complex at McKinney Falls State Park.

#### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

##### **ITEMS FOR CONSENT**

**Approve construction of a single slip boat dock at 12903 River Bend. File # SP-930053DS (Update #1).**

**Approve construction of a floating boat dock at the Hyatt Hotel. Town Lake.**

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, recommended to the Board that the above items be approved since both plans meet the requirements of Article VI, Division 4, Part E (Requirements for the Construction of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code.

The vote was 8-0.

**Approve revised plans for the construction of a single recessed boat slip at 6702 Troll Haven. File # SP-93-0006DS (Update #1).**

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, recommended that the above item be approved subject following:

1. Approval of a variance from the requirements of Section 13-2-795(2) to permit construction within the 10' side property line setback.
2. The deck structure proposed in the original plans not be constructed.
3. Any cover for the dock must come back for approval by the Board.

The above item was then open for discussion.

Richard Rogers, adjacent property owner, addressed the Board and expressed his opposition on approving the variance on the 10' side property line setback.

John Cheline, contractor, addressed the Board in support of the above item.

David Goldman, property owner, addressed the Board in support of the above item.

James Crump, member of the Navigation Committee, addressed the Board in support of the above item.

Margaret Reed-Lade addressed the Board in support of the above item.

The vote was 8-0.

#### ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

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Review and make recommendation regarding City Manager's proposed Capital Improvement Program for (CIP) FY 1993-94, including possible addition of Civitan Park walking trail and pool at Dick Nichols Park.

James Crump moved that the Board send a resolution to Council in regards to the walking trail at Civitan Park. Eleanor McKinney asked staff for figures on the cost for the trail. Beverly Griffith stated that the walking trail could perhaps be a department budget item instead of a CIP project and that the Board should also include in their resolution the amount of sweat equity from the community. Carolyn Nelson, Deputy Director, stated the Civitan trail length would be 2,140 linear feet and staff estimates the cost at \$45,000.00 which would include the design of the trail. Staff recommends the Civitan trail be introduced as a new CIP project.

James Crump, ad hoc CIP Committee member, moved the recommendation on the Civitan Park walking trail. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion.

#### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Civitan Park is a focal point in the Montopolis Community, and

WHEREAS, a walking trail in the Civitan Park would be a valued addition benefiting the community, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Board request that the City Manager identify funding in the vein of CIP interest to fund this trail and that the Parks and Recreation Department work with the Community to utilize volunteer efforts to meet this goal.

The vote was 8-0.

Ron Cartlidge moved the recommendation with the amendment on the Barton Creek Wilderness Park. James Crump seconded the motion.

#### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Austin approved bond funding for projects for parks and openspace in overwhelming numbers; and

WHEREAS, the priorities outlined by the City Manager show balance across this spectrum of citizen approval with one exception, the balance of funding between the BCCP and the Barton Creek Wilderness Park; and

WHEREAS, the Barton Creek Wilderness Park is connected to our current Greenbelt system, encompassing the last undeveloped recharge zone which feeds our treasured Barton Springs Pool and received equivalent voter support as to the BCCP; and

WHEREAS, this land was identified in the National Park Service Barton Creek Greenway Plan as having exceptional importance in terms of critical environmental features and opportunities for public recreation; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ad hoc CIP Committee of the Parks and Recreation Board recommends the City Manager's funding schedule for FY 1994 with the proviso that equal funding be provided for the BCCP and the Barton Creek Wilderness Park as mandated by the voters of the City of Austin on August 8, 1992. The Board further recommends the same funding for the Barton Creek Wilderness Park as for the BCCP in the CIP Plan for fiscal years 1995-1998.

The vote was 8-0.

Michael J. Heitz, Director, stated to the Board that there were \$600,000.00 left from the two Municipal Utility District (MUD) funds that were not identified available for the Dick Nichols Park that maybe used for the pool. If the Board combines those funds with the \$500,000.00 in bond monies it would be almost enough to build a pool at the Dick Nichols Park.

James Crump, ad hoc CIP Committee member, moved the recommendation with the amendment on the Dick Nichols Park pool. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, staff has returned with new information concerning availability of funding for a pool at Dick Nichols Park, and

WHEREAS, there is an estimated \$600,000.00 in MUD funding for Dick Nichols Park and this could be used to augment the funding for a pool, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the \$600,000.00 in MUD funding be designated for a pool in Dick Nichols Park.

The vote was 8-0.

Margaret Reed-Lade, ad hoc CIP Committee member, read the committee's resolution supporting the deauthorization of the remaining bonds for the Zilker Playscape and going to voters and asking them to approve the same amount of money to be used on playscapes all over Austin. James Crump seconded the motion.

James Crump, ad hoc CIP Committee member, asked if the bonds read specifically

to fund a playscape at Zilker Park. Mr. Heitz stated that was correct. Mr. Crump proposed a substitute resolution to build a handicap accessible playscape at the McBeth Recreation Center which is in Zilker Park. Margaret Reed-Lade accepted the new resolution. Mr. Crump read and seconded the motion.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, \$150,000.00 in bond funding has been requested by the Friends of the Park, and

WHEREAS, there will be remaining bond funding available after the current playscape project is completed, and

WHEREAS, McBeth Recreation Center does not have a playscape, and

WHEREAS, McBeth Recreation Center serves a targeted population of physically challenged youth, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Board request that all remaining bond funding be targeted for an adaptive accessible playscape at the McBeth Recreation Center.

The vote was 7-0-1. Eleanor McKinney abstained.

#### Discuss procedures for Parks Board agendas.

An ad hoc committee on "Policy and Procedures" was formed by Eliza May. The committee members were:

Margaret Reed-Lade - Chair

Eliza May

Ron Cartlidge

James Crump moved to table the above item and to send it to committee. Albert Black seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Michael J. Heitz, Director, gave a report on animal care. Mr. Heitz stated that only those animals/birds at the Austin Nature and Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farm are under our care. The rest are considered wildlife.

Carolyn Nelson, Deputy Director, gave a report on cemetery information as requested by Margaret Reed-Lade.

At this time Mr. Heitz announced that the front doors had been locked for an undetermined amount of time which may have violated the open door meeting's act. Staff will contact the City of Austin Legal Department to assure we have not violated any such rules.

#### ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres stated she strongly objects to the public verbally abusing



staff at any level and it should not be allowed. Ms. Cruz-Torres also announced that the Little Cinco festival held on May 8 was a success and thanked the staff that helped.

James Crump announced his resignation effective at the end of this meeting. Mr. Crump handed out a letter stating items he felt were the Board's accomplishments and items he felt the Board needed to focus attention on. Mr. Crump omitted to write in his resignation a bullet he wanted to propose to the Board: push the completion of the Bull Creek Corridor.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, thanked Mr. Crump for serving on the Board and Navigation Committee. Mr. Cartlidge would like for staff to use a similar technique to the one the Austin Independent School District has in regards to cleaning graffiti off buildings. He requested an update on the status of revisions to the Land Development Code regarding fences in Town Lake.

Beverly Griffith extended an invitation to the Board to participate in National Trail Days on June 5.

Jody Hamilton, staff member, also reminded the Board of the opening of the temporary location of the Dove Springs Multipurpose Center and Barton Springs Pool free swim day to be held on that same day.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

James Crump moved for approval of the minutes with the following corrections. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion.

James - page 11, Discuss plan for public address to Barton Creek Greenbelt. should read "with an amendment to coordinate emergency helicopter access"

page 12, **RESOLUTION (on Barton Creek Wilderness Park and the Balcones Canyonland Conservation Plan)** The recommendation was made by the ad hoc CIP Committee, not by James Crump.

Margaret - page 15, **GUIDED GROWTH PROGRAMS**, what was actually approved was in the written copy, add sentence, "Children follow rules, adults follow principles."

page 16, **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**, her request had been to date all documents and provide the preparers name.

Beverly - Ron Cartlidge's sentence on the Barton Creek Wilderness Plan and the BCCP should be noted. (It has been done in the resolution printed in today's minutes.)

The vote was 8-0.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Audio tapes of the Parks and Recreation Board meetings are available through the Director of Parks and Recreation, 499-6717.