

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES
6/8/93

The Parks and Recreation Board failed to achieve a quorum so no business was conducted; however, the four members present (Rev. Sterling Lands, ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres, Eleanor McKinney, and Margaret Reed-Lade) did receive Citizen Communications.

Staff present: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Carolyn Nelson, Jesus Olivares, Jody Hamilton, Tana Goodwill, and Doris Kingston.

Citizen Communications

Richard Halpin of American Institute for Learning proposed a program that would involve apprenticeship of students in his program with parks and recreation professionals, similar to a program currently operating with the National Park Service. Staff will review his proposal and report back to Mr. Halpin and the Board. Ms. Reed-Lade requested that adult mentors who actually do the work be involved.

Director's Report

The Director responded to a request from Rev. Lands on the incident which had occurred at Metz Pool. Although unable to give complete details at this time, he indicated that the incident was related to the installation of a liquid chlorine system and that all other pools which had been converted to liquid chlorine systems had been closed, re-inspected, and back up systems installed to prevent future incidents. Pool policy now requires pumps to be shut off when work is being done, pool emptied of swimmers, a 15 min. waiting time after restarting the pumps before the water is tested and swimmers allowed in the pool.

The Director also requested that the Board review the proposed public hearing schedule for renewal of existing concessions: July 13 and July 27. There was some discussion of the need for an ad hoc Concessions Committee, since the current chair, James Crump, had resigned. It will be on the next agenda.

Items from Board Members

Margaret Reed-Lade requested a copy of the original Northtown MUD agreement to compare with the revision.

She also indicated some corrections to the May 25, 1993 minutes:

p. 7: In recording the vote on the location of the Stevie Ray Vaughan sculpture, delete the names of persons voting no, as per previous policy.

p. 8: Sheila Fosette expressed concern about "better maintenance" not about "improvements" at the indicated facilities.

p. 9: Revise to add salient points to boat dock discussion:

"John Cheline, contractor, noted that the precedent of allowing construction within the 10' side property line setback had been established in this neighborhood and the current design of the dock provides for greater safety for all users of the waterway.

David Goldman, property owner, noted that his neighbor's house also is within the 10' side property line setback.

James Crump, member of the Navigation Committee, noted that the design of the dock and the precedent in the neighborhood of granting side property line setback waivers encouraged him to support the item.

Margaret Reed-Lade also noted that the precedent of waivers and a more thorough understanding of the design of docks in the area encouraged her to support the item."

p. 10: Delete "Committee's resolution" supporting the deauthorization of the remaining bonds for the Zilker Playscape.... and substitute "a resolution."

p. 11: Under "Discuss procedures for Parks Board agendas" reverse the paragraphs to make clear that the committee is the ad hoc committee listed.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres requested a status update on the summer luncheon program at the next meeting.

Eleanor McKinney requested that staff be thanked for their work on the National Trails Day event.

Eleanor also requested a status report for the next meeting on the Colorado River Park Master Plan to include budget for several options: outside consultant; assistance to A&M grad class; schematic from engineer on Sports Complex.

Rev. Lands also requested a status update on Lott Park at the next meeting and a staff presentation as soon as possible on the impact of legislation on the BCCP and the Wilderness Park and on the possible formation of a foundation to assist with maintenance of habitat lands.

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