

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
October 12, 1993

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, October 12, 1993 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office Board Room. Board members present were Sterling Lands, Phil Friday, ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres, Marianne Dwight, Delores Duffie, Ron Cartlidge, Eleanor McKinney, and Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Michael J. Heitz, Jesus Olivares, Sarah Campbell, Jody Hamilton, and Dolores Posada.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Sterling Lands, Chair.

At this time Reverend Lands introduced the newest Parks Board member, Delores G. Duffie, and welcomed her aboard.

**CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION**

Jerry Brand, past Austin Area Garden Council president, addressed the Board and expressed the urgency of building the fence around the Zilker Botanical Garden. Prompt action should be taken before the bonds are not available. Doug Johnston asked to receive a copy of the agreement between the Department and the Garden Council. Michael Heitz, Director, stated staff would get a copy to him.

Mark Gentle addressed the Board and requested that they place on the agenda for their next regular meeting an item pertaining to the cleaning of Barton Springs Pool and also if staff could provide plans and budget information relating to cleaning of it at least two (2) days prior to the meeting for review. The Director stated the Department is in the process of setting up a committee which would include members of the Fish and Wildlife Service, environmentalists, and those who are concerned with the salamander. He stated the item would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting or the one after and he would get the information from the aquatics office. He noted that all of the pool maintenance funds are combined. Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, noted he had just attended an Aquatics Advisory Board meeting and the Department had committed to buy two (2) more water pressure hoses.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Sensei Ben Lopez, of the Traditional Karate Club along with members of the Montopolis Advisory Board, gave a special presentation to the Board. Rosemary Castleberry, Montopolis Advisory Board member, extended an invitation to the Board to visit the Montopolis Recreation Center on October 23rd. and enjoy one of Sensei Lopez's presentations. The Board was interested on having these classes expand throughout the City. Mr. Olivares stated that Ray Lopez, Acting Programs Division Manager, has been advised to meet with Gloria Pennington, Senior Programs Manager, for whom Sensei Lopez is currently employed with, to

transfer him to a different position in the Programs Division.

#### ITEMS FOR ACTION

#### ITEMS FOR CONSENT

#### ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

#### ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

#### Make recommendation to Council regarding approval of request by Williamson County for transfer of parkland.

Phil Friday, for the Land and Facilities Committee, stated the committee recommended approval of the item above with the provisions of Senate Bill 52, based upon information that makes it appear that a 50 acre park with its improvements will be sufficient otherwise to meet the parkland requirements for the 790 acre tract, but that the Board does not endorse this as a precedent. Approval of development plans and parkland dedication should occur as the development occurs, not in advance.

The vote 5-0-1. Delores Duffie abstained.

#### Approve construction of community boat dock at Hidden Valley Subdivision.

Phil Friday, Navigation Committee member, stated the committee recommended approval of the item above because of the following:

1. Information given to the Homeowners Association by the LCRA at the time the dock was to be reconstructed was incorrect.

The Land and Facilities Committee recommends the Board reaffirm its policy that prohibits the use of treated lumber.

The Land and Facilities Committee recommends the Director write LCRA in a friendly matter to make them aware that an applicant has now used them as an excuse for constructing a dock without a permit and recommend that perhaps they should inform their staff of the prohibition regarding treated lumber.

Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus, stated the same problem kept reoccurring in the 1980's and to her recollection the Parks Board recommended to the Planning and Development Department that they establish an additional penalty of \$100 if construction was started or completed without a permit. She assumed it was still on the books. The Director will look into that and get back to the Board with the information.

The vote was 6-0.

#### Approve construction of single slip boat dock at 607 River Road. File # SP-93-0426DS.

Phil Friday, Navigation Committee member, stated the committee recommended

approval of the above item subject to the following:

1. Navigation lighting shown on the drawing to be marked as being constructed in accordance with City Code.
2. The applicant be made aware that this boat dock situated in the upper reaches of Lake Austin is subject to inundation during releases of water from Lake Travis which can result in damage to or loss of the boat dock and any watercraft stored in it.

The vote was 6-0.

The committee also recommends that the Department alert the dock applicants who live upstream from City Park (Emma Long Metropolitan Park) that in case of another flood, all of the fixed docks are in jeopardy.

**Make additional recommendation to Council regarding approval of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Phases II and III.**

After a discussion among the Board members, Mr. Joe Lessard, Assistant City Manager, and Dr. Chuck Sexton, biologist for the Environmental and Conservation Services Department (ECSD), about the following concerns:

- \* whether the appropriate portion of revenue be given to PARD.
- \* whether PARD will have the flexibility to spend the appropriate portion on public use and an appropriate portion habitat management.
- \* whether the funding is supposed to be used predominately for habitat management.
- \* public access vs. habitat preservation

Phil Friday moved the following resolution:

**BCCP Land Management Expenditures  
Resolution**

WHEREAS the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) contemplates that the City of Austin will designate a portion of its park land to be included within the BCCP Preserve; and

WHEREAS the City of Austin Will be obliged to manage that portion of its park land in accordance with BCCP Land Management Guidelines; but

WHEREAS the BCCP Land Management Guidelines contemplate that "the preserve will offer increased public access and recreational opportunities within the Austin/Travis County area;" and

WHEREAS the City of Austin will be collecting various revenues under the BCCP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends to the City Council that the City of Austin reserve to itself in the BCCP Plan the following rights:

1. From each Dollar of revenue generated and received by the City of Austin

for management purposes, the City should retain an amount proportionate to the amount of land which it manages as part of the BCCP preserve; and

2. Of each Dollar of revenue thus retained by the City, an appropriate portion should be reserved for public use management purposes; and

3. In no event should the City of Austin be liable to pay management fees to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department in excess of the revenue generated and received by the City of Austin for management purposes under the BCCP Plan.

(This Resolution supersedes this Board's Resolution September 28, 1993, dealing with the City's liability to Texas Parks & Wildlife for management expenses.)

Doug Johntson seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0.

At this time the Board took a 10 (ten) minutes recess.

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

##### Election of Officers

Phil Friday moved the Board amend their By-Laws and adopt a Co-Chair.

On consensus of the Board the motion did not pass.

The floor opened for nominations for the offices of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary/Parliamentarian of the Parks Board.

Phil Friday nominated Sterling Lands for the office of Chair of the Parks Board.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres nominated Phil Friday for the office of Chair of the Parks Board.

Ron Cartlidge moved the nominations be closed. Marianne Dwight seconded the motion. The vote to close the nominations was 8-0.

The vote for the office of Chair of the Parks Board was as follows:  
Sterling Lands - 7, Phil Friday - 1. Sterling Lands is the Chair of the Parks Board by a majority vote.

Marianne Dwight nominated Phil Friday for the office of Vice-Chair of the Parks Board.

Ron Cartlidge moved the nominations be closed. Delores Duffie seconded the motion. The vote was close the nominations was 8-0.

Phil Friday is the Vice-Chair of the Parks Board by acclamation.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres nominated Ron Cartlidge for the office of Secretary/Parliamentarian.

Delores Duffie moved the nominations be closed. Marianne Dwight seconded the motion. The vote to close the nominations was 8-0.

Ron Cartlidge is the Secretary/Parliamentarian of the Parks Board by acclamation.

Reverend Lands appointed ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres as Chair of the Programs Committee. New members to the Programs Committee are:

Marianne Dwight  
Delores Duffie

Doug Johnston asked if a Board member who was present at a committee meeting, but was not on a member, could vote on the item being presented to the committee. Reverend Lands replied yes.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Heitz stated there was no "DIRECTOR'S REPORT" for this evening.

#### **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. McKinney noted she liked the slick paper the "Leaflet" had been printed on, but asked if the Department would consider using recycled paper instead. Ms. Hamilton informed Ms. McKinney that the slick paper was recycled.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Hamilton asked the minutes be pulled due to typographical errors and be re-submitted at the next meeting.

#### **ADJOURN**

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

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