

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**January 23, 1996**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, January 23, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office Board Room, 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Elaine Carter, Ron Cartlidge, Rosemary Castleberry, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Marianne Dwight, Phil Friday, Rocky Medrano, and Hermelinda Zamarrippa.

Staff members present were Jesus Olivares, Jody Hamilton, Kim Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Peter Marsh, Randy Russell, Carlos Pineda, Maria Cicciarelli, and Dolores Posada.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION**

Rusty Signor addressed the Board and asked for their support in streamlining the boat dock permit process for plans that meet all the requirements.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Bill Schenck, of Coffee, Crier, Schenck, Architects/Planners, and Ponciano Morales, of Morales & Associates, Architects, Inc. gave a presentation on the Mexican American Cultural Center Feasibility Report.

Emma Barrientos and Sabino Renteria, Mexican American Cultural Center Task Force Members, addressed the Board and asked for the Board's support with this project.

Phil Friday asked that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting so the Board may act on a resolution.

Ponciano Morales, of Morales & Associates, Architects, Inc. gave a presentation on the Greater East Austin Youth League Clubhouse Construction.

Buster Capuchino and Robert Mendoza addressed the Board and asked for their support.

Jesus Olivares informed the Board this project will coming to the Board for approval.

Milosav Cekic, Architect, gave a presentation on the Cancer Survivors Park Proposal.

Jesus Olivares informed the Board that the above project was to be presented to the Land and Facilities Committee at their next meeting.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

#### ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Approve construction of a two-slip covered boat dock at 4400 Island Avenue, File # SP-95-0477DS.

Staff recommends approval of the request to construct a two-slip covered boat dock at 4400 Island Avenue, in accordance with Site Plan #SP-95-0477DS.

Approve reconstruction of an existing single-slip boat dock at 2305 Manana Street.

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Approve construction of a single-slip covered boat dock at 2458 Scenic Drive, File # SP-95-0458.

Staff recommends approval of the request to construct a single-slip covered boat dock at 2458 Scenic Drive, in accordance with the revisions to Site Plan # SP-95-0458DS. These revisions place the dock perpendicular to the shoreline and 10' from the side property line, with a maximum width of 17'.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated the committee concurred with the staff recommendations on the above projects.

The vote was 7-0.

#### ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

#### ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding parkland improvement agreement with Capital Area Tennis Association (CATA) for restroom renovation at Caswell Tennis Center.

The proposed improvements are estimated to cost \$75,000. PARD will contribute \$37,000 in Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds for Caswell. PARD's funds will be used exclusively to purchase construction materials, for permits, fees and other incidental payments not made directly to the Contractor for the Contractor's work. PARD's funds will be administered by PARD staff, separately from CATA's funds. CATA will pay all other costs, including any cost overruns. CATA will also be responsible for hiring a contractor who will work with PARD staff for the timely purchase of materials.

The tennis center will be open for play during the entire construction period, which is estimated at several months, and temporary changing facilities will be available.

At this time, the design is complete and has been approved by both PARD staff and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (for the



Elimination of Architectural Barriers).

Staff recommends your approval for the negotiation and execution of a Parkland Improvement Agreement with CATA for improvements to Caswell Tennis Center, using combined CIP funds and funds raised by CATA specifically for this improvement project.

Phil Friday reported to the Board that Mary K. Isaacs, Land and Facilities Committee Chair, stated the committee concurred with the staff recommendation.

The vote was 7-0.

Make recommendation to Council regarding parkland improvement and management agreement with the North Austin Shortline Ski Club to install and manage a slalom ski course at the north end of Lake Austin.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated the committee had no recommendation on the above project.

Staff recommends approval of the negotiation and execution of a parkland improvement and management agreement with the North Austin Shortline Ski Club for installation and operation of a water ski slalom course at the north end of Lake Austin.

After discussion, Rocky Medrano moved to for approval of the staff recommended to Council for approval. Marianne Dwight seconded the motion.

The vote 6-1-1. Elaine Carter abstained.

Don Rogers and Rick Lake assured the Board they would get a written statement from the adjacent landowners as to what their opinion was in regards to the slalom ski course and present it to the Board.

Discuss resolutions passed by Council regarding citizen task forces on park maintenance and the land development code as it relates to parks and recreation projects.

Phil Friday briefed the Board on the resolution the Citizens Planning Committee had sent to Council.

Jesus Olivares spoke to the Board and mentioned that when this particular task force comes together one of the things staff would like is to get clearance on is the specific mission that the department is going to be embarked in is parkland maintenance. He stated the department would like to bring forward to the Board all the issues that deal with infrastructure needs in the department and perhaps device a timetable on how improvements may be accomplished. The task force needs to decide if they are just strictly going to deal with the maintenance of parkland and the development of pocket parks as to how it relates to the department. The Board will have to decide if there is a need to develop a task force parallel to the Citizens Planning Committee.

Mr. Friday stated he felt this task force is the opportunity for the Parks

system, Department and Board, to make the case for more funding, both in the capital and operating budgets. Also, to explore ways of providing services.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus Olivares, Acting Director, discussed the grants available and reports on grants that are currently in the Department and their status.

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding parkland dedication ordinance in general, and specifically as it relates to Federal habitat dedication requirements and to the Four Points PUD.

Phil Friday, Land and Facilities Committee member, stated the committee approved the following resolution:

#### PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN

##### Resolution

#### Parkland Dedication Ordinance: No Waiver for Habitat Preserve Land

WHEREAS the Parkland Dedication Ordinance was enacted to ensure that new developments must provide adequate recreational parkland for resident; and

WHEREAS land dedicated as preserve for endangered species is not suitable for recreational purposes because of Federal restrictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends to the City Council --

1. That the City of Austin not accept habitat preserve as satisfying the requirements of the Parkland Dedication Ordinance; and
2. That no waivers be granted under the Parkland Dedication Ordinance for habitat preserve.

The vote was 7-0.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chair, stated he resented the fact Rusty Signor inferred that the Navigation Committee had back logged 12 boat dock applications during the year. He reminded the Board that the independent investigator Council had appointed to determine the work of Boards and Commissions had liked the timely method that the Navigation Committee did in getting boat dock applications out and having action on them.



Mr. Cartlidge also asked what had exactly happened on the boat dock they had asked to be tagged and asked the Department research the issue and report back to him.

#### ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Hermelinda Zamarripa asked when was it decided that the Cancer survivors park was going to be at a site that was already dedicated to honor Austin's history? Mr. Olivares informed the site was only identified, not approved.

Ron Cartlidge received a call from the Delwood Optimist and stated they were not sure what resolution the Department had in regards to the softball facility they had talked about a few months ago. Mr. Olivares announced to the Board the Department had hired a new Youth Sports Coordinator, Rick Stephans, and he would be getting in touch with everyone to hold a meeting soon.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres asked how on target was the construction on Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center. Mr. Olivares stated the construction was on target and that Councilmember Garcia has asked the dedication be held on Cinco de Mayo.

Phil Friday and the rest of the Board agreed that the time for Special Presentations be limited to 5 minutes and then if the Board has any questions they can continue. Also, he asked the Department place on the next agenda an item that will give guidelines as to when items are to be presented under Special Presentation or for Board action as to avoid repetition.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Phil Friday asked that the sentence on page 20 be changed to read as follows:

"After discussion, Rosemary Castleberry moved that the RFP include a requirement that facilities which are now available to the public free of charge remain "free of charge".

Ron Cartlidge moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 1996 approved with the above correction. Rosemary Castleberry seconded the motion.

The vote was 7-0.

#### ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting 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.

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**  
**Prepared February 8, 1996**

**Items Being Prepared for Council Review**

Recommendations for Council Action (RCA's) are being prepared for:

- . Acceptance of grant from the National Endowment for the Arts Locals program.
- . Sound restriction policy for special events.
- . Amendment to City Code to permit negotiation of park improvement agreements by City Manager or his designee.

**Items Under Active Review**

These RCA's are drafted and under review within Parks and Recreation and/or the Law, Budget, and Assistant City Manager's Offices:

- . Acceptance of grant from Moody Foundation for renovation of Pease Park.
- . Capital budget amendment to appropriate fees collected through Parkland Dedication Ordinance.
- . Interlocal Agreement with Austin Independent School District for provision of meals for Senior Support Services Program and Summer Lunch Program.
- . Construction contract award for water line at Garden Center.
- . Add chapter to City Code for promotion and protection of trees on public property.
- . Construction contract and appropriation for improvements at Clay/Kizer golf courses.

**Items Approved and Scheduled for A Specific Meeting**

The following items will be on the Council agenda within the next few weeks:

- . Conduct public hearings for easements at Yett Creek and Rundberg Park areas.
- . Appointments to Arts Commission, Parkland Maintenance Task Force, Renaissance Market.

**Items Approved**

The following items were approved by Council within the last few weeks:

- . Citizen Communication from Gavino Fernandez re: Colorado River Park.
- . Citizen Communication from Robert Donley re: CDBG funds.
- . Park Improvement Agreement with Capital Area Tennis Association for restroom renovation at Caswell Tennis Center.