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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
April 23, 1996

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, April 23, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Elaine Carter, Hermelinda Zamarripa, Rosemary Castleberry, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Phil Friday, Ron Cartlidge, Marianne Scott Dwight, Mary K. Isaacs, Rocky Medrano and Louise Nivison, ex-officio member.

Staff members present were Jesus M. Olivares, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Peter Marsh, Heather Griffith Peterson and Mary Ybarbo.

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

No one signed up to speak under this item.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Stuart Strong, Division Manager for Planning and Design, gave a short presentation on the Austin Transportation Pedestrian Study. A copy of the draft study was included in the board agenda for member review. The plan is proposed to implement the pedestrian goals of the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan. City Council will be asked to adopt the plan as part of the City's Master Plan.

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Construction of 8 boat slips at "The Island on Westlake". File # SP-96-0114D.

Ron Cartlidge, Navigation Committee Chairman, explained that this project was to provide a cluster of 6 boat slips within the common area and a cluster of 2 boat slips located on Lots 4 and 5, in "The Island on Westlake" subdivision of 11 lots. In order to ensure that the total number of slips will never exceed the maximum of 11 additional, language is required in the restrictive covenants and should be signed and returned to Parks and Recreation staff for review.

The vote to approve the request to cluster the boat slips in accordance with Section 13-2-794(a)(2) of the Land Development Code with the additional language in the restrictive covenant, was 8 to approve (Carter, Isaacs, Cartlidge, Friday, Medrano, Castleberry, Cruz-Torres, Zamarripa) and 1 to abstain (Dwight).

Re-construction and addition to boat dock at 2607D Riverhills Road

The Navigation Committee motioned to approve the re-construction and addition to the boat dock at 2607D Riverhills Road. The vote to approve was 9-0 (Carter, Isaacs, Cartlidge, Friday, Medrano, Castleberry, Cruz-Torres, Zamarripa, Dwight).

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Recommendation to Council regarding an amendment to the License Agreement with Austin Aqua Festival

Jesus M. Olivares, Director, gave a presentation which included a statement regarding Aqua Fest's request and listed modifications to be made this year:

(a) allow the Festival to be charged standard rentals with a prepayment of 25% of the estimated direct charges. The balance of direct charges shall be paid no later than 30 days after the Festival's conclusion.

(b) the city would defer due payments of \$55,895 until October 1, 1996.

(c) Aqua Festival would agree to apply all net proceeds minus up to \$20,000 per year start up costs from the Festival to the amounts due the City.

(d) Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to reduce or waive annually the deposits if in his opinion Aqua Festival has demonstrated compliance with sound level requirements and it reasonably appears that Aqua Festival will continue to comply.

(e) This amendment shall be in effect until January 1, 2000.

Jack Macy, President of Austin Aqua Festival gave a brief financial history of Aqua Festival. Sheena Hickman, Aqua Festival volunteer, spoke in favor of continuing the festival.

Leonard Lyons, citizen, spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment changes.

Gail Armstrong, Treasurer of the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association, spoke about the working relation between the festival and the neighborhood. He stated he would like to see Aqua Fest moved due to negative impact on neighborhood.

There was a lengthy discussion among board members about accepting the proposed amendment to the Aqua Festival Agreement. The Board felt they needed additional information prior to making a decision on the amendment. It was agreed that the Aqua Festival staff would provide last year's financial statement, a business plan for 1996, a current budget, a list of sponsors and a 1995 balance sheet for the board members to review and that a decision would be postponed until Tuesday, April 30, 1996.

A motion to postpone a vote and to have a special called Parks Board

meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 1996, was made by Hermelinda Zamarripa and seconded by Erma Linda Cruz-Torres. The vote was 8-0 to postpone (Carter, Zamarripa, Castleberry, Cruz-Torres, Friday, Cartlidge, Isaacs and Medrano).

Recommendation to Council regarding Parkland Dedication Appropriation - Expenditure Plan

Stuart Strong informed the board the City Council will be asked to approve a budget amendment allocating \$197,809 in Parkland Dedication Fees. Those parks and the amounts to be spent are: Great Hills (\$31,092), Schroeter (\$19,993), Spicewood Springs (\$2,954), Doss (\$21,925), Canyon Vista (\$12,572), Emma Long (\$2,032), Copperfield (\$11,970), Rosewood (\$4,829), Barton Creek Greenbelt (\$6,600), Vireo Preserve (\$756), Slaughter (\$16,807), Dick Nichols (\$12,749), Mayfield (\$13,573), Zilker School (\$11,666), Gillis (\$20,638), Stacy (\$3,137), Dittmar (\$4,516). The board was asked to approve the allocations.

Ron Cartlidge made a motion to approve. Elaine Carter seconded. The vote to approve was 8-0 (Carter, Castleberry, Medrano, Cruz-Torres, Zamarripa, Friday, Cartlidge, Isaacs).

Recommendation to Council regarding advisability of revising Parkland Dedication Ordinance

This item was postponed until the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares, Director, made note of the handouts each board member received:

- 96-97 Financial Forecast Report
- Downtown Monthly Report for April
- Invitation for Parque Zaragoza opening
- Invitation to Reicher Ranch for signing of 10A Permit 5/2/96
- Copy of Citizens Planning Report

He mentioned that Col. Leroy Swift had resigned as Park Police Administrator and that Warren Struss will replace Col. Swift as well as continue his present duties as Division Manager for Operations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parkland Maintenance Task Force

Rosemary Castleberry reported the committee will start to prioritize the work which has been recommended. There will possibly be a recommendation to increase fees or sell parkland.

Colorado River Park Planning Committee

Rocky Medrano reported that neighborhood input has been given. Committee is debating where to place the pavilion and the pool. Accessibility seems to be a problem.

Parks Board Committee Updates

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres reported that Programs Committee met recently. Aquatics Board approached committee about charging a fee at Dick Nichols Pool. Committee will meet with people in community and will wait until Parkland Maintenance Task Force makes their report to Parks Board before deciding about fee charge.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Ron Cartlidge stated that the U.S. Corps of Engineers was conducting a study for LCRA of Lake Travis. He stated the Parks Dept. and Board will need to keep apprised of LCRA's actions.

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres asked for update on Montopolis Sportsplex. Rocky Medrano informed board on the use of the little league fields.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Noted Elaine Carter's attendance at the April 9 and March 26 was corrected in the previous minutes. Elaine Carter made a motion to approve minutes. Rosemary Castleberry seconded. Vote was 7-0 to accept (Isaacs, Medrano, Carter, Cartlidge, Friday, Cruz-Torres, Castleberry)

ADJOURMENT

Ron Cartlidge moved to adjourn. Seconded by ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres at 9:30 p.m.

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