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**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
May 28, 1996**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, May 14, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Elaine Carter, Ron Cartlidge, Rosemary Castleberry, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Phil Friday, Hermelinda Zamarripa and Rocky Medrano.

Staff members present: Jesus M. Olivares, Mary Ybarbo, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Randy Russell.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Blake Tollett, Acting President of West Austin Neighborhood Group appeared before the Board to ask for an update on implementing the Walsh Boat Landing Agreement. In the absence of Peter Marsh, Mr. Tollett was informed that both Warren Struss, Park Police Administrator and Kendall Moss, Deputy Director, have been working with the business owners and would be calling him with an update in the next day or so.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Appoint Parks Board Members to Treaty Oak Task Force

Rosemary Castleberry and Erma Linda Cruz-Torres volunteered to be members of a newly formed Treaty Oak Task Force and with consensus of the board, they were so appointed. The purpose of the task force will be to examine PARD's draft plans to improve Treaty Oak Park and make recommendations concerning park development to the Director of PARD. They will serve along with members from the Historic Landmark Commission, Forestry Board, local area merchants, a member from Old West Austin Neighborhood Association and members in opposition to the project.

Make Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the Parkland Maintenance Task Force Report

This item was previously postponed by the Board from their May meeting. Phil Friday, Chair, presented the task force report to the City Council at a work session on Wednesday, May 22, 1996. Council members expressed concern that the Parks Board had not yet made a recommendation of the report. There was much deliberation over certain components of the report, especially regarding whether certain aspects were legally enforceable. Mr.

Olivares asked the Board if further research and comments would assist the Board in making their recommendation.

Ron Cartlidge moved that the Board not recommend the enactment of a Parkland Maintenance fee on utility bills. Elaine Carter seconded. The vote not to recommend was two (2) Cartlidge and Carter. The vote to recommend was five (5) Castleberry, Cruz-Torres, Medrano, Zamarripa, Friday.

Ron Cartlidge moved to amend item #2 that it enacts a Parkland Maintenance Fee for a two (2) year period. This died for lack of a second.

Elaine Carter made a recommendation to hold a special meeting to discuss the Parkland Maintenance Task Force Report. ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres seconded. The vote was four (4) in favor (Castleberry, Cruz-Torres, Carter, Zamarripa). One opposed (Medrano) and two abstained (Cartlidge, Friday).

The meeting is set for Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Modification of Lease with Travis County for Travis County Exposition Center

Since 1989 the City entered into an Agreement with Travis County in which the Livestock Show leased parkland from the City. The County has now signed a five (5) year exclusive Agreement with the Ice Bats Hockey Team, and there are some changes which will amend the Agreement as follows: the City may designate its thirty (30) free use days in June of each year (for the following calendar year); the City has five (5) days of free use of the center yearly; PARD will have use of a large storage area. In addition it has been negotiated that if traffic increases significantly, street improvement costs will be shared by the City and the County.

Ron Cartlidge moved to accept the amendment for recommendation to Council. Elaine Carter seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept (Castleberry, Cruz-Torres, Carter, Zamarripa, Medrano, Cartlidge, Friday).

Make Recommendation to Council Regarding Parkland Dedication Ordinance

Because of the absence of Mary K. Isaacs no report was given. It will be on the agenda of next regular scheduled meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus Olivares read highlights from the Zilker Clubhouse memo which was included in the board agenda. The report shows that \$38,475.00 in revenue was generated in 1995. Ron Cartlidge mentioned the possibility of renovating the Norwood House as another source of income for the department. Costs to move the house are estimated at \$60,000 with an additional cost of \$600,000 for operating expenses.

All members were encouraged to attend a Flag Day Celebration at Dick Nichols Park on June 14, 1996.

A detailed copy of the Raba-Kistner-Brytest Lead-Based Paint Report was included in agenda backup. It also contained a description of the encapsulation coating which will be used on city playscapes.

A copy of the City Council and City Manager Budget Schedule was distributed with notations that Friday, August 2, 1996, the City Manager will present the proposed budget and on Wednesday, August 28, 1996, there will be a council work session on the Parks items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Rocky Medrano said there would be a press conference on Saturday, June 1, 1996 at the Pan American Recreation Center to announce the possible re-naming of the center to the Oswaldo A. B. Cantu Recreation Center. This group will be approaching the Parks Board after they approach the Pan Am Advisory Center Board. All members are invited to the press conference.

Rosemary Castleberry requested staff to review issuing monthly swim passes for the Barton Springs Pool.

Ron Cartlidge asked if the plans for Lamar Bridge would look like the improvements that were made on South First Street Bridge. Public Works is lead on this project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Phil Friday noted on pages 84 and 85 the phrase made a motion should be read that he 'entertained' the Board to move for recommendations and that he, as Chair, practices not to make motions in accordance with parliamentary procedures. Also that Land and Facility Committee is a committee and not a sub committee as listed.

Rocky Medrano motioned to accept the minutes of May 14, 1996 with corrections. Ron Cartlidge seconded. Vote was 7-0 to accept (Medrano, Carter, Cartlidge, Friday, Cruz-Torres, Castleberry, Zamarripa).

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.