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MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
June 25, 1996

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, June 25, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Phil Friday, Elaine Carter, Mary K. Isaacs, Dwayne Naumann, Rosemary Castleberry, Erma Linda Cruz Torres, Rocky Medrano and Marianne Dwight.

Staff members present were Jesus M. Olivares, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Mary Ybarbo, Warren Struss and Peter Marsh.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Items for Consideration

Appoint three (3) Parks Board members to serve on the Arts & Recreation Subcommittee of the Austin Arts Commission

This subcommittee hears and decides appeals to the cultural contract process. Mary K. Isaacs, Rosemary Castleberry and Elaine Carter were chosen by concensus to serve on this subcommittee.

Make a Recommendation to City Council regarding a name change of the Pan American Recreation Center to the Oswaldo A. B. Cantu Recreation Center

After some discussion and the reading of a letter to the Board Members from Mr. Roy Guerrero, former Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, who was not in support of the elimination of "Pan American" from the name, Rocky Medrano made a motion that the Board approve the recommendation to support the name change. Seconded by Cruz-Torres. The vote was (7-0) to accept the name change (Cruz-Torres, Castleberry, Carter, Friday, Isaacs, Medrano, Naumann) (Dwight had not yet arrived at meeting).

Make Recommendation to Council Regarding the establishment of a water-ski slalom course for the North Austin Shortline Ski Club

Phil Friday, Chair, read the recommendation of the Navigation Committee, as it was written in a memo to the Board Members. He read as follows, "The recommendation of the Navigation Committee is to approve the location and operation of the slalom water ski course by the North Lake Austin Shortline Water Ski Club (NLASWSC) with the following conditions: (1) The NLASWSC must be legally organized into a Corporation Partnership or a Registered Nonprofit group to ensure accountability; (2) Membership of the NLASWSC be limited to a maximum of 25 members; (3) Boats waiting to use the slalom ski course must wait at idle or moor adjacent to the SE shore (Steiner Ranch side) of the lake; (4) The slalom ski course shall be comprised of buoys

that are removable or submersible and during the times when skiing is not permitted the buoys shall not be visible on the water's surface; (5) No ski jump facilities shall be permitted; (6) At all times when the slalom ski course is in use, buoys shall be placed 1,000' upstream and downstream of the entrance gate buoys at each end of the course to advise approaching watercraft of the ski course. The buoys shall comply with the requirements of the Uniform State Waterway Marking System 'Controlled Area' and shall have the legend 'Ski Area'. These warning buoys shall be removable or submersible and shall only be visible on the surface during the times when the ski course is in operation; (7) No tournaments shall be permitted; (8) The hours of operation shall be either 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays (excluding Sundays) or 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. seven (7) days a week; (9) The course shall not be operated on the following days: Memorial Day Saturday, Sunday and Monday weekend, Labor Day Saturday, Sunday and Monday weekend or July 4 holiday; (10) The agreement shall be for an initial period of one (1) year with an option of a two (2) year extension."

There was extensive discussion between the property owners, who are opposing the slalom course, and the representatives from the NLASWSC who are seeking a favorable recommendation.

Those speaking in opposition were Jeb Brown, Don Gardner, Eddy Trevino, Gloria McFarland, Sandy MacMurtrie, Dave Meyerhofer, Steve Sawin, Pam Murfin and Harvey Broussard.

Those speaking in favor were Rick Link, Lance Shockley, Kim Converse, Jerry Zanders and Herman Mac.

The Navigation Committee's recommendation is to license the ski course provided they meet all the requirements as listed. In addition, the Board included in their motion four (4) Departmental recommendations: (1) The course to be located at the upper end of Lake Austin, approximately four (4) miles south of Mansfield Dam, (2) The specific location of the slalom ski course be defined on a map to be made part of the Agreement (any deviation from this location will require the approval of the Parks and Recreation Department), (3) Affiliate club membership shall be maintained with the American Water Ski Assn. to provide \$1,000,000 liability insurance. The City of Austin shall be named additional insured, and (4) At no time will any concession type activity take place at the location of the slalom ski course. The vote was 4-3-1. In favor Medrano, Naumann, Dwight, Friday(4). Opposed Castleberry, Cruz-Torres, Isaacs (3). Abstained Carter (1).

After additional discussion about the hours of operation, Carter made a motion to accept the hours of 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays. Seconded by Medrano. The vote was 6-2. In favor Medrano, Castleberry, Dwight, Naumann, Carter, Isaacs. Abstained Cruz-Torres, Friday (2).

Recommendation to Council Regarding Parkland Dedication Ordinance

Mary K. Isaacs informed the Board the Land and Facilities Committee will write a synopsis of their recommendations and present it at the next board meeting.

Make Parks Board Member Appointment to Navigation Committee

Phil Friday, Chair, welcomed Dwayne Naumann as the newest Parks Board Member and by consensus appointed him to the Navigation Committee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A CIP update was provided each member for the month of May. Director Olivares informed the Board that the policy budget will be discussed in a worksession on June 26th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rosemary Castleberry gave an update on the Treaty Oak Task Force which met on June 18th and will meet for about a month to examine PARD's draft plans to improve Treaty Oak Park. She gave a breakdown of the people serving on the task force.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A correction was noted by Mary K. Isaacs that on page 11 of the minutes for June 11, 1996, should read "one more meeting of the Land and Facilities Committee" instead of the Parkland Dedication Ordinance Committee.

Rosemary Castleberry moved to approve the minutes of June 4 and 11 (with the correction noted). Seconded by Elaine Carter. Approval was 7-0 (Cruz-Torres, Castleberry, Carter, Naumann, Dwight, Isaacs, Friday).

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.