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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
July 9, 1996**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, July 9, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Phil Friday, Mary K. Isaacs, Dewayne Naumann, Rosemary Castleberry, Elaine Carter, Rocky Medrano, Hermelinda Zamarripa, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres (arrived at 7 p.m.), Marianne Dwight (arrived at 7 p.m.) and Louise Nivison (Member Emeritus).

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

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

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There was no citizen communication.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

See Director's Report

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Construction of a Boat Dock at 2601 Big Horn Drive, File # SP-96-0221 DS
2. Approve Construction of a Boat Dock at 1532 Bruton Springs Drive, File # SP-96-0225 DS
3. Approve Construction of a Boat Dock at 2403 Big Horn Drive, File # SP-96-0226 DS

Staff recommended approval without reservations of the three (3) items listed above. The vote was 7-0 (Friday, Isaacs, Naumann, Castleberry, Carter, Medrano, Zamarripa)

4. Request for Use Agreement Across Mary Moore Searight Park, (Slaughter I Life Station Relief Line, C.I.P. No. 430/237/8240

Staff recommended approval without reservations of this item. The vote was 7-0 (Friday, Isaacs, Naumann, Castleberry, Carter, Medrano, Zamarripa)

ITEM FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

1. Make a Recommendation to City Council Regarding Appointing Jesus M. Olivares, Chairman of the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation.

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) will be overseeing the construction of the Central City Entertainment Center and the Austin

Rosewood Community Development Corporation will be dealing with the federal funds (HUD) that will help support the center. The director of PARD will serve as Chair to the Board.

Mary K. Isaacs moved to appoint Jesus M. Olivares Chairman of the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation. Seconded by Elaine Carter. The vote was in favor 7-0 (Friday, Isaacs, Naumann, Castleberry, Carter, Medrano, Zamarripa)

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Recommendation to Council Regarding Parkland Dedication Ordinance

It was reported the Land and Facilities Committee had reviewed the Parkland Dedication Ordinance and recommends no changes to the ordinance at this time. The purpose of the ordinance is to provide parkland or fees to develop parkland, in support of residential development within the City of Austin. The ordinance does this well. The limitations the ordinance does have, specifically the exemptions of property not subject to the City of Austin subdivision process, result from applicable state law, and are irremediable by city ordinance.

Mary K. Isaacs moved to endorse the report and forward it to Council. Rosemary Castleberry seconded. The vote was in favor 7-0 (Friday, Isaacs, Naumann, Castleberry, Carter, Medrano, Zamarripa)

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Self-Reliant Initiative Startup

On July 8, 1996, there was an initial community meeting of the Holly Neighbor Self-Reliant Program. Unfortunately there was a minimal turnout because of unforeseen other events. The initial presentation started the process where residents will develop ways and processes to deal with issues facing the area and to make the neighborhood more liveable. Some public improvements will be a benefit to the Parks Department.

Draft Policy Budget FY 1996-97

The Director informed the Board that the following Budget Highlights for the coming '96-97 fiscal year were presented at a Council worksession on June 26, 1996. The highlights include: increased swim fees for children and juniors; a Yulefest entry fee for vehicles; increased entry fees at Emma and Walter Long Parks; full-year funding for Dove Springs and Parque Zaragoza Recreation Centers and the Dick Nichols Pool, full-year funding for oak wilt suppression; investment in computer technology; funding for Park Police salaries to provide for a deficit from FY '95-96 from hiring Brackenridge Police officers whose salaries were not completely funded in the previous year; increased funding for maintenance of pools; eliminates seven (7) management-level positions; transfers expenditures to the softball enterprise fund, cultural arts fund and recreation programs enterprise fund; eliminates funding for horticulture activities, eliminates a one-time transfer from recreation programs enterprise fund for Pioneer

Farm and provides for the expansion of Evergreen Cemetery.

Budget Issues are: deferral of park infrastructure maintenance and capital equipment replacement; conversion of "fill-and-draw" pools; temporary/seasonal salaries; utility cost assistance for youth sports organizations; Pioneer Farm and Palm Pool. The City Manager is requesting a 1.5 cent increase in taxes.

On Thursday, July 11th there will be a public hearing to address the proposed budget issues. Board Members were urged to attend.

Board Members requested that staff determine the cost of participation at Stacy, St. John's and Palm Pools. Also that attendance records be kept for Palm for the '96 season.

At the next parks board meeting it was suggested that a Recommendation to Council Regarding the Operating Budget be an agenda item.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (NOT FOR ACTION)

Hermelinda Zamarripa commented on the well organized and successful competition swim program in which her child is participating this summer.

ITEMS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

The Board reviewed the items to be postponed indefinitely to determine if they need to stay on the agenda.

1. South MoPac Hike and Bike trail item to be deducted.
2. Lonestar Riverboat Concession will be under an audit review by staff.
A report will be made at a future board meeting.
3. Cancer Survivors Park has gone to the Downtown Management Organization.
It was not recommended by the Arts Commission. There have been no modifications to the design.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary K. Isaacs made a motion to approve. Elaine Carter seconded. The vote was 9-0 to approve (Friday, Carter, Isaacs, Naumann, Castleberry, Cruz-Torres, Medrano, Dwight, Zamarripa)

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA

July 23, 1996

6:30 P.M.

Parks and Recreation Department
200 South Lamar
Austin, Texas 78704

A. MEETING CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 P.M.

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. ITEMS FOR CONSENT

- a. Approve Construction of a two-slip boat dock at 102 Pascal Lane
File # SP-96-0245DS (pp. 2-5)

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. Develop a Comprehensive Report/Presentation to Council Regarding PARD Operating Budget
- b. Recommendation to Council Regarding the Operating Budget
- c. Discuss Dates for Election of Officers and Annual Retreat (August 23 scheduled date)

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (NOT FOR ACTION)

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of July 9, 1996 Board Meeting (pp. 6-8)

I. ADJOURN

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

ITEMS POSTPONED/SCHEDULED FOR DEFINITE DATE

- 1. Lonestar Riverboat Concession Audit Update - August 13, 1996

ITEMS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

- 1. Cancer Survivors Park

Board Members may submit agenda items up to 10 days prior to Board meetings by contacting Kim Jamail Mitchell at 499-6743.