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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
July 23, 1996

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, July 23, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Elaine Carter, Dewayne Naumann, Mary K. Isaacs, Phil Friday, Marianne Dwight, Rosemary Castleberry, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, and Rocky Medrano.

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

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

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Approve Construction of a two-slip boat dock at 102 Pascal Lane, File # SP-96-0245DS

Dewayne Naumann reported that he and Peter Marsh, had reviewed this request and decided not to take any action at this time because the applicant did not provide sufficient information.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Develop a Comprehensive Report/Presentation to Council Regarding PARD Operating Budget

Board members were again briefed on the issues that are addressed in the Draft FY 96-97 Policy Budget and will impact the department. These issues are deferral of park infrastructure maintenance, capital equipment replacement, conversion of 'fill-and-draw' pools, Pioneer Farm, Palm Pool, temporary/seasonal salaries and utility cost assistance for youth sports organizations. The final printing of the City Manager's budget will be July 24, 1996. The budget for the coming year eliminates seven (7) management positions, places more financial responsibility on the enterprise funds and increases fees in four (4) areas: swim fees, Yule Fest, picnic reservation and park entry fees at Lake Walter E. Long and Emma Long Metro Parks. The budget is \$100,000 less than last years budget. Dove Springs Recreation Center, Dick Nichols Pool and Parque Zaragoza have been added for full funding in the proposed budget.

A lengthy discussion of the issues among Board Members followed.

### Recommendation to Council Regarding the Operating Budget

The Parks Board budget recommendations to council as adopted at the July 23, 1996, meeting are as follows:

First Tier	\$250,000	Second Tier	\$500,000
Playscapes	150,000	Forestry	120,000
Inspection & Safety	49,000	Pest & Disease	5,000 (fire ants)
Surface & Courts	51,000	Physical Plant	125,000
	250,000		250,000
		First Tier Total	250,000
Total			500,000

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres made a motion to recommend to Council that additional money be appropriated to bring existing Park Police up to the same level as the Brackenridge Police who transferred and the Board authorizes the Director to develop the figure necessary to do that. Dewayne Naumann seconded. The vote was unanimous 8-0 (Carter, Naumann, Isaacs, Friday, Dwight, Castleberry, Cruz-Torres, Medrano).

### Discuss Dates for Election of Officers and Annual Retreat

At the next Board Meeting on August 13, 1996 the election of officers will take place.

Board members were asked to check their schedules and decide between September 21 or September 28 for the annual retreat. Committee reports will be given at that time.

### **E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director reported that there is an emergency item placed on the council agenda by Ronney Reynolds for July 25 which directs the City Manager to draft and implement a plan to reuse water from all fill and draw swimming pools which would water parkland and trees.

### **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee reports.

### **G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres mentioned a staffing incident the previous day at Civitan Pool involving the pool to temporarily close. The Aquatics department sent additional staff to the pool as soon as the incident was reported.

Scott Wright, a reporter for the America-Statesman has written an unfavorable article about the department possibly mispending aqua fest monies from the past. The PARD director and the reporter have talked and

agreed that was not the intent of the article.

August 8 is the next public hearing for the 96-97 budget and all members were encouraged to attend at Council chambers.

Chairman Friday presented a copy of a letter to be sent to Capital Metro Board of Directors in which he as a signer endorses a proposal by Commissioner Karen Sonleitner to participate in a joint use Park and Ride facility at the county's Springbrook Soccer Complex in Pflugerville. He requested permission from the Board Members to sign as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board. The Board requested it be placed on the next agenda to receive a full recommendation by its members.

#### H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rosemary Castleberry requested that on page 8 of the draft minutes, the word deducted be changed to deleted. With this request the Board approved the minutes of July 23rd meeting with a vote of 8-0 (Naumann, Dwight, Castleberry, Carter, Cruz-Torres, Medrano, Friday, Isaacs)

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.