

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
August 27, 1996

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, August 13, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Elaine Carter, Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Erma Linda Cruz Torres, Phil Friday, Dewayne Naumann, Rocky Medrano, Mary K. Isaacs, Hermelinda Zamarripa.

Staff members present were Jesus M. Olivares, Kendall Moss, Warren Struss, Mary Ybarbo.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Elaine Carter noted on page 3 the minutes should be corrected to read that she had made an amendment to the speed guidelines recommendation that a two week grace period be allowed before issuing tickets.

Erma Linda Cruz Torres noted on page 5 last paragraph the word objections should be changed to objectives.

With these amendments Dewayne Naumann made a motion to accept the minutes of August 13, 1996 with corrections. Rocky Medrano seconded. The vote was 6-0 (Friday, Naumann, Carter, Medrano, Castleberry, Cruz-Torres).

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Robert W. Kearl, Homeowner, addressed the Board about the traffic situation in Pease Park particularly at night. He handed copies of past written correspondence to the mayor's office requesting a traffic plan be developed which would help minimize the flow of traffic. The neighborhood is in agreement that this situation needs to be addressed. Rosemary Castleberry informed Mr. Kearl that the issue will be presented as an agenda item at a future board meeting.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation Regarding the Construction of the Greater East Austin Youth League (GEAYL) Activity Center on Parkland

Ponciano Morales, Architect for the project, informed the Board he was hired by the City to work with the Holly Good Neighbor Action Plan and part of that plan was to design a youth activity center. He presented a detailed schematic design showing two possible locations for the construction of the activity center on city parkland. Robert Mendoza, community activist, showed a story board which outlined the programs that will be offered at the center. These include Traditional Sports Activities (baseball, softball, basketball, football); Educational (accelerated learning center, college resource center, TAAS session, tutorial program, SAT training and leadership); Technology (computer center, school to work,

job opportunities); Non-Traditional Sport Activities (fishing, camping, boating/canoeing) and Cultural (art, music, dance). GEAYL will work closely with the Austin Independent School District and the University of Texas to implement these programs.

Bicycle Plan, Part II - New Route Planning and Mapping Document

Rick Waring, Community Service Coordinator from Public Works and Transportation, presented a slide show on the Bicycle Plan, Part II, which involves new routes and mapping. The reason for the presentation is to provide people an opportunity to evaluate and critique the future long-term plan for developing bicycle routes in Austin. This is a five year planning effort. Implementation is ongoing and about 60% underway or complete at this time.

Mr. Waring asked if he could approach the board at a future time for their approval of the plan before it goes to council. He was assured the Bicycle Plan will be a future agenda item.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Set a Date for Public Hearing Regarding GEAYL as it Relates to the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan. Ordinance #890126-P

It was agreed that a public hearing will be scheduled at Fiesta Gardens for the Board meeting of Tuesday, September 24th to allow neighborhood input regarding the construction of the GEAYL activity center on parkland. Copies of the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan will be made available to board members.

Approve Construction of a Boat Dock at 1714 Channel Road West.
File # SP-96-0289DS

The Navigation Committee reported that the applicant had withdrawn this request.

Approve Construction of a Two Slip Boat Dock at 102 Pascal Lane.
File # SP-96-0245DS

The Board at their meeting of July 23 had denied this request pending additional information from the applicant. The Navigation Committee reviewed the revised application and recommended the request be approved subject to the site plan being brought back to staff for approval with the following amendments:

1. Reference to the letter signed by Joe Calabrese, City Environmental Office, approving construction within the conservation easement and the CEF set back.
2. The route of the trail be revised so as not to encroach on the bluff along Lake Austin in accordance with the letter from Joe Calabrese.
3. The navigation lighting to be shown in the correct locations required by Section 13-2-793 of the City Code.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations as reported by Dewayne Naumann. The vote was (8-0) Friday, Isaacs, Naumann, Carter, Castleberry, Medrano, Zamarripa, Cruz-Torres

Reconsideration of Recommendation to City Council Regarding Easement of Wastewater Main in the Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park

The Water and Wastewater Department brought this back to the Board as a courtesy for reconsideration because it's been two years or more since the Parks Board made its recommendations about the easements; but things have not changed that much and the board does not need to take any action at this time.

Appoint Board Members to a Concessions Sub-Committee

Phil Friday, Elaine Carter and Mary K. Isaacs were appointed to serve on a Concessions Sub-Committee.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kendall Moss, Deputy Director, brought the Board up-to-date on Walsh Boat Landing. Since he last spoke to the Board, a permitting system has been put into place for the parking lot at the landing; signs have been posted indicating that a section will be reserved for vehicles with permits, and vehicles with trailers. The system has been in place for two (2) weeks and the department has had four (4) requests for permits. The permits are for people who use the boat landing but don't have trailers. There is a limit of 50 permits available. An honor system is in place where people come into the office and sign a statement that they will use the permit only for parking during use of the boat landing. The permits are valid thru the end of the calendar year, and the system will be reviewed at that time. There is no fee for the permit. Another section of the parking lot may be set aside for trailers if there continues to be a need for additional parking areas for the users of the landing.

Jesus M. Olivares asked Board Members to read the two printed materials entitled Continuouse Pathways for Youth Development and a Description of Top Priorities. During these times of budget sessions both documents contain a lot of information of what additional community outreach programs could be put together with additional funds. These documents were put together at the request of Council Member Beverly Griffith. She and Council Member Gus Garcia will give a presentation tomorrow at the council worksession.

Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, presented two letters of support to the Mayor and Council for these programs. One letter is for her signature only, and the other contains all the board members signatures.

At this time Council Member Beverly Griffith arrived at the meeting and urged all the board members to sign the letter.

A xerox copy of the signed letter by those present will be distributed at a later time.

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (NOT FOR ACTION)

The Pease Park issue and the Bicycle Plan should be future agenda items. Copies of the Bicycle Coordinator's overheads will be distributed to board members.

Park Police will give an analysis of the holiday lake monitoring at the next board meeting.

H. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS