

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
February 25, 1997

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, February 25, 1997, in the Board Room at 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Elaine Carter, Secretary, Phil Friday, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Rocky Medrano, Vice Chair, Dewayne Naumann, Marianne Dwight, Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kendall Moss, Deputy Director, Warren Struss, Park Police Administrator, Mike von Wupperfeld, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Peter Marsh, Mary Ybarbo.

**A. MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With a correction that the last Navigation Committee met at noon, the minutes of February 11, 1997 were approved.

**C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Tom Zimmerman, a speaker/trainer with Synergy Consulting invited the Board to attend any and all of the TRAPS Conference workshops being held February 26-March 1, 1997 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel.

**D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Ullrich Water Treatment Plant Transmission Main

Ann Kern with the Water & Waste Water Department informed the Board the Ullrich Water Treatment Plant Transmission project will be constructed from Red Bud Isle, parallel with Cesar Chavez and ending at 2nd and San Antonio Streets.

**E. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

Accept Public Comment, Review and Recommend to PARKS Director Revised Park Rules

Members briefly discussed and asked questions about the following topics: Vending, Motor Vehicles, Performing Artists in Parks, Weapons and Firearms and Alcohol.

Marianne Dwight made a motion to recommend the Director accept the revised park rules with a minor correction to page 7 to clarify the intent of regulations regarding "weapons - firearms". Dewayne Naumann seconded. The vote in favor was 7-0 (Cruz-Torres, Dwight, Naumann, Medrano, Carter, Castleberry, Friday).

Williamson Creek Greenbelt - Parkland Use Agreement Creek Bend Flood Control Project

Peter Marsh with Planning and Design, informed the Board the Department of Public Works and Transportation on behalf of the Drainage Utility Department, has requested approval of a 5.99 acre Use Agreement through part of Williamson Creek Greenbelt for the construction and future maintenance of the Creek Bend Flood Control Project. The request was reviewed by the Land and Facilities Committee at their meeting held on February 19, 1997. The committee recommended approval of the request. Susie Valentine with Espey Huston Engineers gave a brief history of the area located at William Cannon and South Pleasant Valley Road. The area was developed in the early 1970's. Mitigation and revegetation requirements include construction of play equipment at Franklin Park and tree planting in public locations within the neighborhood. These shall include Dove Springs Park and Recreation Center, Widen and Houston Elementary Schools, and Mendez Junior High School.

Rocky Medrano motioned to accept the formal recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee. Elaine Carter seconded. The vote in favor was 7-0 (Friday, Carter, Castleberry, Medrano, Naumann, Dwight, Cruz-Torres).

Approve Construction of Sayers Boat Dock, 2542 Scenic Drive, SP-96-0385DS

Dewayne Naumann informed the Board a request had been received from Signor Enterprises, on behalf of Scott Sayers, to construct a two-slip boat dock with upper deck at 2542 Scenic Drive. He further informed the Board the Navigation Committee considered this item but did not make a recommendation for this construction. In the early 1980's the Parks Board and the City Council expressed concern about diminishing public access along Lake Austin and that this tract should be retained as open space for the public. There are alternative locations available for the placement of this boat dock.

Marianne Dwight made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to refuse the request to construct this boat dock at the location proposed. The vote in favor of refusal was 7-0 (Friday, Carter, Castleberry, Medrano, Naumann, Dwight, Cruz-Torres).

The owner presented a copy of a letter he had received earlier which indicated there is a possibility for fencing around the park.

Elaine Carter made a motion to table any further discussion about fencing. Dewayne Naumann seconded. The vote to table was 6-0 (Cruz-Torres, Naumann, Medrano, Castleberry, Carter, Friday).

Boat Docks

Dewayne Naumann made a motion that with a recommendation from the Navigation Committee the following boat dock items be approved for construction with notations as made. Phil Friday seconded. The vote in favor was 7-0 (Cruz-Torres, Dwight, Naumann, Medrano, Carter, Friday, Castleberry)



Approve Construction of Eichenseer Boat Dock at 1871 Westlake Drive.

File # SP-97-0020DS

Approval subject to navigation light stations being provided on both outside corners of the boat dock in accordance with Section 13-2-793(b)(2)(B)(2) of the Land Development Code.

Approve Construction of Regnier Boat Dock at 1611 Manana.

File # SP-97-0033DS

Approval subject to navigation light stations being provided on both outside corners of the boat dock in accordance with Section 13-2-793(b)(2)(B)(2) of the Land Development Code.

Approve Construction of Carrothers Boat Dock at 2913 Brass Buttons Trail.

File # SP-97-002DS

Approval subject to: (1) no sanitary facilities, including sinks, being provided on the boat dock, (2) the boat dock being constructed a minimum of 10' from the adjacent side property line in accordance with Section 13-2-795(2) of the Land Development Code, (3) navigation light stations being provided on both outside corners of the boat dock in accordance with Section 13-2-793(b)(2)(B)(2) of the Land Development Code.

Approve Construction of Graham Boat Dock at 709 River Road.

File # SP-97-0016DS

Approval recommended.

Approve Construction of Dezso Retaining Wall, 1216 Bruton Springs Road.

File # SP-96-0327D

Approval recommended.

Make Recommendation to Council Regarding Park Maintenance Appropriation for FY 1997-98 Operating Budget

After discussion Phil Friday moved to recommend that Council increase the operating budget for parks maintenance by \$750,000 in the amounts and service areas identified by the Board in a November resolution to Council for budget FY 96-97 and if any additional money is identified by Council that money will go toward physical plant maintenance. Marianne Dwight seconded. The vote in favor was 6-0 (Friday, Carter, Medrano, Naumann, Dwight, Cruz-Torres)

#### F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares, Director, announced the 1997 NRPA Southwest Region, Texas Recreation and Park Society and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Training Institute will be February 26 thru March 1 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel and all board members are invited to attend any of the workshops.

#### G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres passed out copies of the Programs Committee goals for 1997.

Dewayne Naumann announced the Navigation Committee will meet March 6th after 5:00 p.m. to discuss the goals set at the annual retreat and will have a joint meeting with the Lake Austin Advisory Panel.

**H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (NOT FOR ACTION)**

**I. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.