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**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
March 11, 1997**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, in the Board Room at 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Elaine Carter, Secretary, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Dewayne Naumann, Marianne Dwight, Hermelinda Zamarripa, Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Kendall Moss, Deputy Director, Peter Marsh, Stuart Strong, Mary Ybarbo.

A. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 25, 1997 meeting were approved.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Blake Tollett, President of West Austin Neighborhood Group, approached the Board and requested that they vote against fencing around the lift station.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Kendall Moss, Deputy Director, informed the Board of the progress that has been made with the Parks and Recreation Department's Adopt-a-Park Program (which is currently called Partners with PARD). Using overheads he listed the other members of the steering committee: Tino Garcia, Mini Freeman, John Giedraitis, Jim Valadez, Jim Rodgers, Tito Ramirez, Robin Redford and Rosemary Castleberry. The mission statement which reads: The mission of the Partners with PARD program is to build partnerships in order to enhance parks and programs and to reward partners. The scope of the program is broad to include any voluntary contribution of labor or resources to enhance parks, facilities or programs. On going tasks among other things include: developing a job description for project manager, seeking funding for project manager, having a name-the-program contest and developing leverage reports. All divisions within the department are developing leverage reports to show how the department works with various groups and businesses in sharing resources.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Make Recommendation Regarding Fencing Around Public Property: Sayers Lake Front Property

Note: Refer to previous Board meeting item of February 25, 1997, Approve Construction of Sayers Boat Dock, 2542 Scenic Drive, SP-96-0385DS

Peter Marsh, staff engineer, updated the Board on the legality of a letter

from Water and Wastewater which states the owner of the adjacent property at the Scenic Cove Lift Station can fence around the property. Mr. Marsh has been in contact with Raul Calderon, a city attorney, who determined the letter should not be considered an authorization by City to construct the wall on city property. After discussion, Rosemary Castleberry referred this item for the next Land and Facilities meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 at noon. Mr. Calderon will be asked to attend.

Make Recommendation to Council Regarding the Parks and Recreation Department's Capital Improvements Plan

Stuart Strong, Division Manager of Planning and Design, presented the Board with a list of Proposed Capital Improvements Projects which showed a first priority listing and a second priority listing with preliminary cost estimates (a copy is attached to these minutes). After discussion Hermelinda Zamarripa moved to recommend that the In-Door Swimming Pool Conversion, listed in the second priority, be moved to first priority. Marianne Dwight seconded. The vote in favor was 5-1 (Cruz-Torres, Naumann, Isaacs, Castleberry, Dwight with Carter voting no).

Mary K. Isaacs moved to recommend the Improvements at Pan-Am Cantu Recreation Center (swimming pool only) be moved from first priority to second priority. Dewayne Naumann seconded. The vote in favor was 5-0-1 (Dwight, Naumann, Castleberry, Carter, Isaacs with Cruz-Torres abstaining.)

Dewayne Naumann moved to recommend to Council the priority projects as listed and as amended above. The vote in favor was 4-0-2 (Dwight, Naumann, Castleberry, Isaacs with Cruz-Torres and Carter abstaining).

Mr. Strong informed the Board that Stacy Pool will remain open until the middle of August at which time a filtration system will be installed.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dewayne Naumann informed the Board the Navigation Committee had met March 6th and addressed the goals that were previously set at the annual retreat. A presentation will be given to the Board in the future. Navigation will have a joint meeting with the Lake Austin Advisory Panel.

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres announced a Programs Committee will meet March 17th at noon.

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (not for action)

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres requested a financial audit on Aqua Fest.

Rosemary Castleberry announced the Montopolis Recreation Center will host a state-wide basketball tournament.

Kendall Moss, Deputy Director, informed the Board that a pilot project will

soon start in the Pease Park area in the hopes of deterring the traffic and other concerns the neighborhood people have expressed.

Stuart Strong informed the Board the Zilker Zephyr Train will officially open on Saturday March 14th with a grand opening scheduled a couple of weeks following.

I. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.