

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
April 8, 1997

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, April 8, 1997, in the Board Room at 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Elaine Carter, Secretary, Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Phil Friday, Hermelinda Zamarripa, Dewayne Naumann, Rocky Medrano, Vice-Chair, Mary K. Isaacs, Marianne Dwight, Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kendall Moss, Deputy Director, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Sarah Campbell, Tino Garcia, Peter Marsh, 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 March 11 and March 25 were approved.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Beau Byers, citizen, approached the Board to protest the leasing of Butler 1 & 2 Softball Fields to the Austin Girls Fastpitch.

Jim von Wolskie, President of Lakeshore Drive Neighborhood Association, approached the Board about developing a consolidated plan with LCRA and the Corps of Engineers for the use and maintenance of Lake Austin.

(Ms. Zamarripa left at 7:00 p.m.)

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Tino Garcia, Development Coordinator for PARD, gave a 1996 Citizen Survey review for the Board. The survey was conducted to obtain citizen input on City customer relations and basic city services. How well employees know their jobs resulted in a favorable 74%. PARD service and programs received a favorable 85%, as did parks maintenance. Overall quality of city services received a favorable 83%. Ratings of PARD employees for quality of service was 87%. The survey will be conducted every two years with results compared to the previous years.

Mrs. Roberta Crenshaw presented the Board with some history of the Sand Beach Reserve area and the importance of expanding it as parkland and not for high rise development. The land was deeded to the City in 1945 by the state legislature. There is some question about the actual boundaries of the property with this being an ongoing concern for many years. Mrs. Crenshaw and Mary Arnold requested the Board do the following: (1) Be aware of the present proposal and how it would impact use and traffic in the area, (2) Review the boundaries to determine what is city property, (3) Insure compliance with all comprehensive plans and masterplans and (4) Be active to protect and enhance public usage.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Anderson Mill MUD Proposed Strategic Partnership Agreement

Mary K. Isaacs informed the Board this item was presented to the Land and Facilities Committee and because committee members felt they had insufficient information no recommendation was made. Luther Polnau of Planning, Environmental and Conservation Services Department (PECSD) informed the Board of the Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) which proposes the following: (1) City will annex the Anderson Mill MUD for limited purposes. The negotiations with Anderson Mill District includes a potential for residents voting in City Council elections and the City collecting retail sales tax, (2) The MUD will convert to full purpose annex district to City sewer after 6 years, (4) Before connection to City sewer and conversion of District customers to City retail customers, a utility and rate transition plan will be established, (5) During the Limited Purpose (LP) annexation period an Emergency Services transition plan will be established to coordinate the services of the various providers (Williamson Co., volunteers, and City of Austin (COA)), (6) District will retain ownership and maintenance of parkland, facilities and operation and (7) After Full Purpose (FP) annexation the MUD will become a special district with limited taxing power and authority to own and operate district park and recreation facilities similar to many of the homeowner associations.

The City Council is asking for a recommendation from Water and WasteWater Commislsion, Environmental Board, Planning Commission and the Park Board.

After further discussion this item was referred back to the Land and Facilities meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Approve Construction of a Boat Dock at 2605 Pearce Road. File # SP-97-0024DS

Dewayne Naumann informed the Board that this issue had been considered previously and the applicant has complied with changes and clarifications and that the site plans now meet the requirements of the Land Development Code. The Navigation Committee recommended approval subject to the following: an additional navigation light station be provided on the upstream corner of the structure. With this serving as a motion and seconded by Mary K. Isaacs the vote in favor was 7-0 (Dwight, Naumann, Medrano, Castleberry, Carter, Isaacs, Friday).

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares, Director, distributed copies of the 1997 City Bond election brochure and reminded the Board of the election on May 3, 1997.

Mr. Olivares announced that he will move on a temporary reassignment to the Neighborhood Housing and Conservation Office to manage all day to day operations. It is anticipated this reassignment will last 90-120 days. In this capacity he will report to Marcia Conner, Assistant City Manager. In

the interim, Kendall Moss, Deputy Director of PARD, will serve as chief administrator of the Department for day to day operations.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mary K. Isaacs asked that the Zilker Train ride be rescheduled. The Land and Facilities Committee will review the Palm School and Pool issue. The Sayers Wall issue will be on the Board agenda for April 22. A copy of the re-worded resolution was distributed.

Dewayne Naumann distributed a copy of the Navigation Committee's Goals and announced a future presentation will be done for the Board.

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (not for action)

Eeyore's Birthday Party is on the Council agenda for April 10th.

I. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.