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**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
July 22, 1997**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, July 22, 1997, in the Board Room at 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present: Elaine Carter, Secretary, Dewayne Naumann, Rosemary Castleberry, Chair., Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Phil Friday, Mary K. Isaacs, Rocky Medrano, Vice-Chair.

Staff members present: Juan Valera-Lema, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Mary Ybarbo, Stuart Strong, Jesus M. Olivares, Director.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With a request that the sentence written as: Specific issues will be addressed later, be changed to: Specific issues will be included in the report and addressed later, the minutes were approved.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Make a Recommendation to Council Regarding Dedicating .78 Acres (4 residential lots) of City of Austin Owned Surplus Property at the Southwest Corner of 14th and Waller Streets in the Swede Hill Neighborhood as Parkland

Mike Clark-Madison, President of the Swede Hill Neighborhood Association, asked the board's support to dedicate the Southwest corner of 14th St. and Waller as parkland. Since 1978 this property has been used by area residents and surrounding neighborhoods as a community park. The neighborhood association wants to work with the Parks and Recreation Department to help maintain and develop this greenspace. Mary K. Isaacs informed the board the Land & Facilities Committee strongly recommends dedicating this land as parkland and that a formal, written agreement be entered into for regular maintenance by the neighborhood association until the park is developed or money is budgeted for routine maintenance. With this serving as a motion, Rocky Medrano seconded. The vote to accept recommendation was 7-0 (Castleberry, Carter, Naumann, Cruz-Torres, Friday, Isaacs, Medrano).

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Make a Recommendation to Council Regarding Zoning Case C14-97-0087, Knights of Columbus Tract Proposed MF3, on Impact to Zilker Park and McBeth Recreation Center

The request to change the present LO-CO Limited Office with a Conditional Overlay zoning to MF-3 Multifamily zoning would create an apartment complex of 300 units adjacent to the park. Human and vehicle traffic congestion would greatly increase. Mary K. Isaacs informed the board the Land & Facilities Committee reviewed this request and recommended against the zoning change. The Committee recommends to the board that the board oppose the change. With this serving as a motion, Dewayne Naumann seconded. The vote to recommend against the zoning change was 7-0 (Castleberry, Carter, Naumann, Cruz-Torres, Friday, Isaacs, Medrano). This recommendation will be forwarded to both the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Make an Appointment to the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport (RMMA) Advisory Group

Rosemary Castleberry appointed Dewayne Naumann to represent the Parks Board on the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Advisory Group.

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Affordability 2000 Program Review and the Department Response to the Program Review were presented to the board for their review. A work session has been scheduled for the board for Thursday, July 31 at noon to discuss the report in detail.

A memo on the proposal for renovation of the State Theater was presented to the board. Land & Facilities will receive a presentation at their August 5, 1997 meeting.

A memo on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Update was presented to the board. Juan Valera-Lema, Division Manager for the Natural Resources Management Division, informed the board that as of October 1, 1997, the BCCP team will be consolidated at PARD and that Jesus M. Olivares will replace Joe Lessard as BCCP Secretary of the Coordinating Committee, effective July 18, 1997. The Environmental Board recommended a subcommittee from the Environmental Board and the Parks Board work with city staff until the end of the 97-98 fiscal year to (a) hear input from the public about BCCP, (b) discuss and make recommendation to staff and council and (c) increase public awareness and support for the BCCP and its preserves. A citizens advisory group is to be appointed. There are three tiers of management plans for the preserves, and after review by the public and various boards, the plans will be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes from the last Programs Committee were distributed to board members.

The next Land & Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for August 5, 1997, at noon.

Concessions Committee meeting is scheduled for July 29, 1997.

Eeyore's Task Force meeting is scheduled for July 23, 1997.

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (not for action)

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres asked for an update on the Treaty Oak Task Force and for a report on the boat concession located under the 360 bridge.

H. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.