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Parks and Recreation Board Minutes
July 28, 1998

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, July 28, 1998 at 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board Members present: Mike Librik, Mary Ruth Holder, Elaine Carter, Rosemary Castleberry, Rocky Medrano, Jeff Francell, Carol Kim, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres.

Staff members present: Jesus M. Olivares, Director, , Kim Jamail Mitchell, Randy Scott, Stuart Strong, Donna McKennis, Jay Stone, Leon Barba, Mary Ybarbo.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 7 and 14, 1998, were approved

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Don Rivera, Chair of the Parque Zaragoza Advisory Board, approached the board to thank them for supporting the addition of a game room at the recreation center and requested there be no naming of any of the rooms at the center.

Brian Bungum, 2115 Barton Hills Drive and Brandon Gardner, Texas Aquatics Assistant Diving Coach, approached the board and requested support for the construction of a diving well at Deep Eddy Pool (the old Austin Nature Center). They were referred to the Aquatics Advisory Board and the Land and Facilities Committee for additional support for their project.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Lamar Pedestrian Bridge Presentation

Richard Kroger with the Public Works Department and Gerard Kinney, Architect, informed the board that at the request of council a series of public workshops were held seeking public input for the construction of a pedestrian and bike facility in the Lamar Bridge area. The facility would serve the hike and bike users as well as the commuter-bike population. The facility will be located between the Lamar Bridge and the railroad crossing at Lee Barton Road. There were four possible solutions that have been developed (cable-stayed, arched, parallel/close and double-curve). A detailed explanation of each was presented to the board. At the request of council a public display will be available at the central library for people to view and give opinions. The total estimated costs of the project are \$4-7M. It was requested another presentation be given to the Land and Facilities Committee at the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Approve Construction of Simons Boat Dock at 2311 River Hills Road.

Approve Construction of Fisher-Zandan Boat Dock at 4504 Island Cove,
File No. SP-98-0258DS.

Approve Construction of Gillingwater Boat Dock at 4516 Island Cove,
File No. SP-98-0257DS.

Approve Construction of Opus Boat Dock at 4801 and 5001 Plaza on the Lake,
File No. SP-98-0259DS.

The above four boat docks were pulled for further staff review.

Approve Construction of Greer Boat Dock at 3303 Wind Harbor Drive,
File No. SP-98-0279DS.

Jeff Francell informed the board the Navigation Committee recommends approval of this boat dock. This served as a motion. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The vote in favor was 7-0 (Holder, Carter, Castleberry, Medrano, Francell, Kim, Cruz-Torres)

Make a Recommendation to Council Regarding Sayers Wall at 2454 Scenic Drive,
File No. SP-96-03-0085DS

Mary Arnold informed the board that Scott Sayers requested to build a fence on the Taylor Slough lift station property, which is adjacent to his property. In April of '97 the Parks Board passed a resolution that read in part "the tract of land should remain unfenced and open to the public and any fencing constructed perpendicular and adjacent to the shoreline, on the property line between 2542 Scenic Drive and the public open space, should be transparent material (e.g. decorative steel)". Ms. Arnold requested that the board make recommendations to council about changes in the license agreement between Mr. Sayers and the City of Austin. Changes would include putting public easement along the shoreline, putting a time limit on license agreements and working out the maintenance and landscape plans between the Water and Wastewater Dept. and PARD. Mr. Sayers informed the board a wooden fence was constructed for privacy reasons. He is willing to work with WANG (West Austin Neighborhood Group) on all their requests. He stated that changes he had made were an improvement over what was there previously. Additional discussion followed between Ms. Arnold, Mr. Sayers and board members.

Elaine Carter made a motion to refer this issue to the Land and Facilities Committee for further discussion and to seek a legal opinion from the Law Department. Mike Librik seconded. The vote in favor was 6-0-1 (Librik, Holder, Carter, Francell, Kim, Cruz-Torres) (Medrano)

Make a Recommendation Regarding the Special Events Policy

Raul Calderon with the Law Department, assisted board members in reading through the final draft copy of the Special Events Policy. A special event is defined as an event (other than a co-sponsored event) with an expected attendance of one thousand or more persons that will reasonably require planning to handle matters pertaining to traffic/parking, security, emergency medical services, litter/waste and toilet facilities. Special Events Venue means a location designated by the Parks Department as appropriate for use in holding a special event. Special events shall be held only in special events venues. The following facilities are designated special events venues and are limited in use as noted: Auditorium Shores (25 event days per year), Emma Long Metropolitan Park (no water events), Pease Park (1 annual event until discontinued), Zilker Park (1 large event per year), Fiesta Gardens, Walter E. Long Park, Waterloo Park and Wooldridge Park are not scheduled for limited use. Discussion and questions followed.

Jeff Francell made a motion to recommend that Council accept PARD's Special Events Policy with an addition to include a review of the lottery process and the traffic plan to read 'Special Events must file a parking plan, a bicycle plan and a traffic plan, etc.' and a site plan which includes fencing. Elaine Carter seconded. The vote in favor was 8-0 (Librik, Holder, Carter, Castleberry, Medrano, Francell, Kim, Cruz-Torres).

Review and Discussion of Town Lake Comprehensive Plan Working Group's Guiding Principles.

Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, presented a draft copy of the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan Roundtable Advisory Group's Guiding Principles. The group's mission statement reads To challenge and inspire the Austin City Council to act on this list of Guiding Principles for the development of the 54 acres at Auditorium Shores in the spirit of the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan to the benefit of the entire

community and reflecting the diverse interests of the end users and stakeholders. Implementation of the guidelines will be a great endeavor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On September 2nd there will be a budget presentation to council.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife will hold public hearings on the salamander issue 7/29 & 7/30 at Town Lake Center.

Council has agreed to the purchase of the K of C property located by the McBeth Recreation Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee will meet the 3rd Monday in August.

Downtown Commission is reviewing city codes to allow development in the area.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (not for action)

Carol Kim was appointed to the Navigation Committee.

Forestry Board has requested a tree inventory.

Elaine Carter has been re-appointed to the Parks Board.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.