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**Parks and Recreation Board Minutes
July 13, 1999
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, July 13, 1999, in the Board Room at the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office, located at 200 South Lamar Boulevard.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Elaine Carter, Secretary, Mike Librik, Mary Ruth Holder, Jeff Francell, Carol Kim and Erma Linda Cruz-Torres.

Staff Members Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Randy Scott and Donna McKennis.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

From the June 22, 1999, minutes under E., Items for Action number 5. The third sentence should read there were questions from Board Member Holder regarding the Cultural Contract Appeals Panel. Elaine Carter made a motion that the minutes from June 22, 1999, be approved as amended and, the minutes from June 29, 1999, be approved as written. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The vote was in favor 6-0-0.

C. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mike Pearce, owner of the Lone Star Riverboat signed up to speak regarding the River Boat Concession. Mr. Pearce did not speak after he was informed that the item was to be pulled from the agenda because a protest had been filed.

Ellen Johnson and Kaye Trybus, signed up to speak on the proposed Town Lake Park but, gave their time to Jeff Jack.

Jeff Jack, the Austin Neighborhoods Council. Mr. Jack stated that participation from the community on the development of the Town Lake Park has been wonderful, as well as the participation from Parks and Recreation Department staff and Board. Mr. Jack stated that there is a very tight timeframe for this project and the budget, they will be looking to the City Council to help this project through the review process. Initially the cost was thought to be about \$10.8 million for park improvements, since then the Community Events Center has been put on the fast track schedule and will cost more than that. Trying to get the City to come up with the money so that it will be possible to build the park at the simultaneously as the rest of the facilities. The master planner EDAW suggested that it would cost about \$10 million more and will be looking to the City Council to fund this up front.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. River Boat concession presentation by Jay Stone, Financial Manager with the Parks and Recreation Department. This item was pulled from the agenda; a protest has been filed.
2. Town Lake Park Master Plan Presentation by Stuart Strong, Division Manager of Planning and Design with the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Strong stated that the plan as it is proposed now, has a new Performing Arts Center. Also, there will be a new 1,200-car parking lot. The existing performance area in the northeast quadrant, with a performance stage; this area will remain similar to its existing appearance. There will be more trees planted; a series of pathways and some major trails that will lead down to the water. The existing trail will remain. On the plan presented, Riverside Drive will be eliminated and the Dougherty Arts Center will remain, with parking of it's own. A children's garden is proposed, as well as a wildflower area with a viewing mound. The budget is over \$10 million. The money will come on line for a series of years. There are small concessions proposed on the north end, a small café proposed for the Dougherty Arts Center. The Pitch and Putt course is to remain.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Recommendation to the City Council regarding River Boat Concession. This item was pulled from the agenda; protest has been filed.
2. Recommend Approval of Construction of Hughes Boat dock at 2609 Westlake Drive. Carol Kim made a motion that the Board approves the construction of this boat dock. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The Board voted in favor 3-2-0. (Carter, Librik) Francell was out of the room at the time of voting.
3. Recommend Approval of Construction of Stafford Boat dock at 3115 Brass Buttons Trail. This item was pulled from the agenda.
4. Recommend Approval of Construction of McWhorter Boat dock at 1511 Manana Street. Carol Kim made a motion that the Board approve the construction of this boat dock. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The Board voted in favor 4-1-1. (Carter) (Librik).
5. Recommend Approval of Construction of Byrd Boat dock at 3817 Westlake Drive. This item was pulled from the agenda.
6. Recommend Approval of Construction of Jeffries Boat dock at 3106 Rivercrest Drive. This item was pulled from the agenda.
7. Recommendation to the Director that the Shoal Creek Greenways Action Plan be Used as a Tool. Elaine Carter made a motion that Board recommend approval to the Parks Director to use the Shoal Creek Greenways Action Plan as a Tool for the development of the trails around Shoal Creek. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The vote was in favor 6-0-0.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares reported on the policy budget. Mr. Olivares stated that the Department is in the process of developing a new business plan and it will work

closely with the budget. There was a budget handout that breaks down the services offered by the Department and the budget amount allocated to each. Last year the budget was \$42 million, this year it will be increase to \$64 million. Mr. Olivares also reported that he and the Park Police Administrator, Warren Struss had toured the Twin Falls and Sculpture Falls area and found that it was very clean. Community service restitution workers are now being taken there for extra clean up. On July 20th or 21st the proposed budget should be coming out with some minor changes. On Thursday, July 22, 1999, the KVUE 24 Community Dinner will be held at Metz Recreation Center.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee – Nothing at this time; will meet on July 27, 1999.

Land and Facilities – Two of the items discussed at the meeting were the sculpture at Buttermilk Park and the Town Lake Park Master Plan. Staff will follow up on questions regarding the sculpture.

Navigation – Nothing further.

Downtown Commission – There was a special called meeting. There was a presentation regarding the ordinance amending the Waterfront Overlay, and it is on the Council Agenda for the week of the 15th. There was approval for a vacation of an alley. There was also a presentation about the Seaholm Power Plant; the suggestion was for it to be an Intermodal Station

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Rosemary Castleberry made appointments to Arts Appeals Panel, Carol Kim, Elaine Carter and Mary Ruth Holder will be representatives. Also, the Republic Square Advisory Committee will convene after all group members listed on the resolution have been contacted.

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