

**Parks and Recreation Board Minutes
October 26, 1999
Regular Meeting**

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, October 26, 1999, in the Board Room of the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office located at 200 South Lamar Boulevard.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Rocky Medrano, Vice Chair, Elaine Carter, Secretary, Clint Small, Mike Librik, Mary Ruth Holder, Jeff Francell and Carol Kim.

Staff Members Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Jay Stone, Randy Scott, Stacey Talbert-Reed and Dina Haines.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the October 12, 1999, regular meeting

Board Member Holder had a correction for the minutes. Item 1, page 3, last sentence should read: proposed by the application, to LIPDA would violate the intent of the Waterfront Overlay. Elaine Carter made the motion for approval of minutes with the one correction. All were in favor 7-0-0.

C. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

None.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Jay Stone, Financial Manager with the Austin Parks and Recreation Department to present the 1998-99 Annual Concession Report.
Mr. Stone stated that basically, nothing has changed. All concessionaires did well compared to last year. Revenues went up 17.4% from last year. The main difference in the report from the previous year is the Rowing and Riverboat concessions. For additional information please see the annual concession report.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Recommendation regarding Approval of Construction of Spence Boat dock at 1905 Manana Street, File No. SP-99-2052DS.
2. Recommendation regarding Approval of Construction of Stafford Boat dock 3115 Brass Buttons Trail, File No. SP-99-0234DS.
3. Recommendation regarding Approval of Construction of Wendlandt Boat dock 1716 Channel road, File No. SP-99-2068DS.
4. Recommendation regarding Approval of Construction of Pizzitola Boat dock at 3113 Brass Buttons Trail, File No. SP-99-2082DS.

Items number 1, 3 and 4 were pulled from the agenda. Carol Kim made the motion that Parks Board approve item number 2, the construction of the Stafford Boat dock, which is one slip, at 3115 Brass Buttons Trail, File No. SP-99-0234DS. Jeff Francell seconded. The vote was in favor 5-2-0. (Librik, Carter).

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares handed out packages of information regarding the Totally Cool, Totally Art project. He also noted that the Department received the Dorothy Mullen award at the National Convention; it is a Gold Medal Award for outstanding teen program in the nation. And, that the Department was in the final running for the Gold Medal Award for the finest park system in the nation. He also mentioned that the City of Austin is working on a Business Plan and that the Parks and Recreation Department will be one of the pilot departments to report to Council on how the process has worked. More information regarding this will be provided at the Parks Board Retreat to be held November 13, 1999, here in the Board Room at the Main Office, 200 South Lamar Blvd. Springdale Park Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. Also, the Trick or Treat Trail will be held Sunday, October 31, 1999, from 3:00 –6:00 p.m. at Auditorium Shores.

At this point Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, introduced the new Parks Board Member, Mr. Clint Small.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Programs Committee – Nothing to report at this time.
- Land and Facilities Committee – Will be planning the agenda for future meeting; stakeholders will be invited.
- Navigation Committee – Discussion regarding the lake study that is to be done, and what all it entails.
- Downtown Commission – Attended last meeting there was talk about re-development in the Rainey Street area. Also elected officers.
- Republic Square Advisory Committee – Recommendation should be forthcoming in about a month. Discussion regarding the relationship with the new businesses that are to be built close to the park. And, there was discussion regarding the appearance of the park, the connection of Saltillo Plaza and pedestrian issues.

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Various issues were mentioned regarding individual suggestions and concerns.

I. ADJOURN

J. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ACTION

1. Recommendation regarding River Boat Concession.
2. Andrew Zilker Road Traffic.