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**Parks and Recreation Board Minutes
November 9, 1999**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on November 9, 1999, in the Board Room of the Main Office, located at 200 South Lamar Boulevard.

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

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

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the October 26, 1999, meeting.

Jeff Francell made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The motion passed. 6-0-0.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Randy Storm, Chair of the Steering Committee of the Zilker Park Conservancy, stated that one of the goals of the Zilker Park Conservancy is to develop a Master Plan for Zilker Park. Mr. Storm wanted to advise the Board and talk about the replacement stairs at Lou Neff Point. An artists rendering of what the project would be like was presented, he stated that landscaping will be done also.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Brooke Springer, Public Works and Transportation Department, spoke about the pedestrian plan. Ms. Springer explained that this will be an on-going process in updating the plan.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make Recommendation to City Council Regarding the Pedestrian Plan.
This item was pulled from the agenda. It will be placed on the Land and Facilities agenda for the next meeting for comments and recommendation.
2. Make Recommendation to City Council Regarding the Colorado River Park.
Sherry Marchand, Project Manager with the Water and Wastewater Department spoke about an underground wastewater tunnel in the Colorado River Park area that was installed in 1988. The Water and Wastewater Department needs to obtain a land use agreement to access the area for inspection of the tunnel. Water and Wastewater is proposing to contribute money towards the purchase of a house for a Caretaker at the Colorado River Park. Mike Librik made a motion to approve Water and Wastewater to proceed with the tunnel project and the land use agreement.

And, also that a presentation is made at the Public Hearing for the Colorado River Park to be held on November 16, 1999. Jeff Francell seconded. The vote was in favor 6-0-0.

3. Make Recommendation to City Council Regarding Use Agreement for Gardens at Bull Creek.

Stuart Strong, Planning and Design Division Manager with the Parks and Recreation Department gave a brief presentation regarding the Gardens at Bull Creek. Mr. Strong stated that the project entails construction of an earthen dam on an upper tributary of Bull Creek and, in order to permit the project, a drainage easement is required. This item was pulled from the agenda.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares reported that the Adopt – A – Park Rewards and Recognition party will be held tomorrow on Auditorium Shores. The Public Hearing for the Colorado River Park will be Tuesday the 16th at the Montopolis Recreation Center. On November 19th the Town Lake Park Stakeholders will meet to review the RFP's for Town Lake. Springdale Park dedication was postponed because of rain; it will be held November 20th at 2:00 p.m. It was decided to cancel the November 23rd and December 28th Parks Board meetings.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Programs Committee – Will meet again on November 10, 1999.
- Land and Facilities Committee – One of the things mentioned at the last meeting was draft proposals regarding trail closures. Also talked about flooding at Northeast District Park.
- Navigation Committee – Will be reviewing goals and objectives. Applicant from the Rowing Dock, dock permit and they gave their reasons for wanting expansion; the board will review.
- Downtown Commission – Will meet tomorrow night.
- Republic Square Advisory Committee – Talking about uses of the park, linkages, especially from Saltillo Plaza and 5th Street, and make recommendations on transportation between the two. Recommendations on the type of park it will be.
- Municipal Airport Advisory Group – Board Member Librik stated that he proposes for a hike and bike trail to be all the way around the airport. No meeting date has been set.

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Various issues were mentioned regarding individual suggestions and concerns.

I. ADJOURN

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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