



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, March 26, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
Boards and Commissions Room, City Hall
301 W. Second Street
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

As the Parks and Recreation Board did not have Chair or Vice Chair, the Parks and Recreation Department Assistant Director, Anthony Segura, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and presided over the meeting.

Board Members in Attendance:

Richard DePalma, Tom Donovan, Romteen Farasat, Dawn Lewis, Francoise Luca, Kate Mason-Murphy, Fred Morgan, Nina Rinaldi, and Frank Ward.

Board Members Absent:

None

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of February 26, 2019

Board Member Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of February 26, 2019. Board Member Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0 with Board Member Farasat off dais and Board Member Rinaldi abstaining from the vote.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Kevin Reinis, Austin Rowing Club, spoke to the Board and provided an update on the Center's activities and events.

Malcolm Yeatts, EROC, spoke to the Board and expressed concerns about a large development that will affect Roy Guerrero Park and may take over parkland at Country Club Creek Trail.

Assistant Director Segura moved item 4. before the Action Items.

D. STAFF BRIEFINGS

4. Parks and Recreation Board Membership

Anthony Segura, Acting Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, provided an update on changes in the Parks and Recreation Board Membership.

E. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent

Board Member Farasat arrived at 6:23 p.m.

2. Make a recommendation to Parks and Recreation Director for the approval of renaming the gymnasium at the Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center

Ardtria Griffin, spoke to the Board about her deceased husband Merv Griffin and expressed her support for the item.

Lucas Massie, Acting Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board and answered Board Members' questions.

Board Member DePalma made a motion for the approval of this item. Board Member Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0.

3. Make a recommendation to City Council for approval of the proposed Dougherty Arts Center redevelopment site at Butler Shores Park

Kevin Johnson, Project Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, Barbara Austin, RVi, and Robert Byrnes, Studio8 Architects, made a presentation to the Board and answered to Board Members' questions.

Board Member Morgan made a motion for approval of the item. Board Member Donovan seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0.

G. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Anthony Segura, Assistant Director, Liana Kallivoka, Assistant Director, Lucas Massie, Acting Assistant Director, Suzanne Piper, Chief Administrative Officer, Parks and Recreation Department, provided a report with updates on master plans, parks development and maintenance, and past and upcoming programs and events.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member DePalma—requested adding Board recommendation regarding budget to April agenda

Board Member DePalma—requested River Place update (the renewal of the Strategic Plan agreement with the City that is up in September)

Board Member DePalma—requested prioritized list of PARD staff’s unmet needs

Board Member Ward—requested report with numbers of summer camp registrations and wait list numbers; could existing bond funding, be used to add summer camps?

Board Member DePalma—update on scenic Brook Neighborhood park acquisition

Board Member DePalma—update regarding park maintenance (PARD, PWD, moving, etc.)

Board Member DePalma—update on Long Range Plan

Board Member Lewis—requested memo or presentation on the 97 acres project

Board Member Lewis—expressed concern about car break-ins in parks, requested APD records regarding break-ins in parks

Board Member Mason-Murphy—requested a report or list of lighting, restrooms, and water fountain amenities at parks from equity stand point (asset inventory by District)

I. ADJOURNMENT

Assistant Director Segura adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.