



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
February 25, 2020
MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Board Members in Attendance: Dawn Lewis; Romteen Farasat; Laura Cottam Sajbal; Sarah Faust; Richard DePalma ; Anna L. Di Carlo; Francoise Luca; Kate Mason-Murphy; Fred Morgan and Kim Taylor. Nina Rinaldi arrived at 6:14pm.

Staff in Attendance: Anthony Segura; Liana Kallivoka; Suzanne Piper; Amanda Ross; Fred Fuller; Janna Renfro; Jason Maurer; Randy Scott; Scott Grantham and Sammi Curless.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Kevin Reinis – Austin Rowing Club events and outreach.

Andrew Harrod – Save Barton Creek Association publication entitled “Explorer’s Guide to the Hill Country Oasis”.

Robert Corbin – Concessions in Austin waterfront parks.

Malcolm Yeatts – Status update from relevant departments related to August 22, 2019 City Council directive to remove unused right-of-way from Guerrero Park.

Linda Guerrero – Update on vacation of unused street right-of-way in Guerrero Park per City Council directive on August 22, 2019.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of January 28, 2020 were approved on Board Member Cottam Sajbal motion, Vice Chair Farasat second on an 11-0 vote.

Items under “C. Staff Briefings and Reports” on the agenda were moved up to be heard before items under “B. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action Items” due to matters of time. In addition, Item C2 was heard first followed by Items C1 and C3.

C. STAFF BRIEFINGS & REPORTS*

1. Update on Austin City Limits (ACL) C3 Presents contract.
The presentation was made by Jason Maurer, Sales and Event Manager, Parks and Recreation Department and Colin Wallis, CEO, Austin Parks Foundation.
2. Update on Roy G. Guerrero Park channel stabilization.
The presentation was made by Fred Fuller, Project Manager, Parks and Recreation Department and Janna Renfro, Engineer, Watershed Protection Department.
3. Off leash dogs and portable signage in parks.
The presentation was made by Amanda Ross, Natural Resources Programs Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.

B. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding selection of members to serve on the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee and the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board.

Chair Lewis nominated Vice Chair Farasat to serve as a member of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee as he is vacating his membership on the Concessions and Contracts Committee. Vice Chair Farasat accepted the nomination. Board Members Mason-Murphy and Cottam Sajbel seconded the nomination. The motion passed on a vote of 11-0.

Chair Lewis nominated Member Faust to serve on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Faust accepted the nomination. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 11-0.

Chair Lewis nominated Member Cottam Sajbel to serve on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Cottam Sajbel accepted the nomination. Vice Chair Farasat seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 11-0.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2019 Annual Internal Review of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee.

Board Member Cottam Sajbel made a motion to accept the 2019 Annual Internal Review of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. Vice Chair Farasat seconded the motion. The motion passed on an 11-0 vote.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations associated with the Land Development Code.

Following discussion, Board Member DePalma made a motion to adopt a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt substitute language to replace the proposed amendment language in the Land Development as it relates to Fee In-Lieu Authorized and to recommend that commercial properties is included in the parkland dedication ordinance. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-0 with Board Member Rinaldi off of the dais.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a Board training opportunity.

The presentation was made by Sammi Curless, Business Process Specialist, Parks and Recreation Department. No action was taken on the item.

D. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Alternative Funding Working Group (Lewis, Farasat, DePalma, Rinaldi).

Board Member Rinaldi provided an update indicating that she has been interviewing individuals and groups with expertise in concessions to be able to provide broad recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Department for further investigations. Chair Lewis and Board Member Taylor have been interviewing partner groups in the community and Board Member DePalma has been researching improvement districts. The Working Group intends to provide recommendations at the April meeting.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the Parking and Mobility Working Group (Cottam Sajbel, Farasat and Rinaldi).

Board Member Cottam Sajbel has been researching and meeting with transportation officials in the Austin area as it relates to the challenges of access to parks across the city and updated the Board that 2-hour parking signs will be installed at Deep Eddy Pool.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Park and Facility Renaming (Ordinance 20160324-021) Working Group (Di Carlo, Farasat, Luca).
Board Member DiCarlo indicated that the working group has not met yet.

C. DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON PROGRAM AND PROJECT UPDATES AND EVENTS

Assistant Director Segura reviewed highlights of the Director’s Report.

D. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Board Members DiCarlo and DePalma - Connecting Children to Nature initiatives and program updates
- Board Member Morgan and DePalma – Oakwood Cemetery
- Board Member Cottam Sajbel and Chair Lewis – Guerrero Park street right-of-way vacation
- Board Members DePalma and Morgan – update on summer camp registrations
- Board Member DePalma and Chair Lewis – budget to include process, unmet needs and asset conditions report

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:37pm.

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