



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
April 29, 2020
MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a special meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 via videoconference in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.

Board Members in Attendance: Dawn Lewis; Romteen Farasat; Laura Cottam Sajbel; Sarah Faust; Richard DePalma; Anna L. DiCarlo; Francoise Luca; Kate Mason-Murphy; Fred Morgan; Nina Rinaldi and Kimberly Taylor.

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly McNeeley; Liana Kallivoka; Lucas Massie; Suzanne Piper; Anthony Segura; Vanorda Richardson; Robert Brizendine; Steven Linett and Sammi Curless.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of February 25, 2020 were approved on Board Member Taylor motion, Board Member DePalma second on an 11-0 vote.

B. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding election of Parks and Recreation Board Chair and Vice Chair.

Board Member DePalma nominated Chair Lewis for a second term as Board Chair. Chair Lewis accepted the nomination. Board Member Mason-Murphy seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. The motion carried on a vote of 11-0.

Board Member Morgan nominated Vice Chair Farasat for a second term as Board Vice Chair. Vice Chair Farasat accepted the nomination. Board Member Mason-Murphy seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. The motion carried on a vote of 11-0.

Board Member Rinaldi departed the meeting at 4:22pm.

2. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

Presentation made by Robert Brizendine, Budget Analyst IV, City of Austin Budget Office and Vanorda Richardson, Financial Services Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department. Following discussion, Vice Chair Farasat made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Board accept the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2021 budget forecast and moving forward will discuss budget details for future recommendations. Board Member Cottam Sajbal seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Rinaldi absent.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding selection of members to serve on the Concessions and Contracts Committee, Downtown Commission and Urban Trails Stakeholder Group. Chair Lewis nominated Board Member Faust to serve on the Concessions and Contracts Committee. Board Member Faust accepted the nomination. Board Member DePalma

seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Rinaldi absent.

Chair Lewis nominated Board Member Taylor to serve on the Downtown Commission. Board Member Taylor accepted the nomination. Board Member DePalma second the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Rinaldi absent.

Chair Lewis nominated Board Member DePalma to serve on the Urban Trails Stakeholder Group. Board Member DePalma accepted the nomination. Board Member Farasat seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Rinaldi.

C. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Alternative Funding Working Group (Lewis, Farasat, DePalma, Rinaldi).
The Working Group continues to meet but had no report.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding the Parking and Mobility Working Group (Cottam Sajbel, Farasat and Rinaldi).
The Working Group continues to meet but had no report.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Park and Facility Renaming (Ordinance 20160324-021) Working Group (Di Carlo, Farasat, Luca).
The Working Group has met and is continuing to evaluate the ordinance for possible modification.

D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON PROGRAM AND PROJECT UPDATES AND EVENTS

Director McNeeley reviewed highlights of the Director's Report.

E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members Mason-Murphy and DePalma – opportunities for growing food on Parks and Recreation Department property

Board Member DePalma and Chair Lewis – status of Walsh Landing construction

Board Member DePalma – emergency operations team decision making process; Walter E Long and Johnny Trevino Parks accessibility; additional slow street opportunities during COVID

Board Member Faust and Chair Lewis – continued budget detail discussions

Board Member Faust and Chair Lewis – communications and community engagement related to next stages of COVID restricted openings and how the Parks and Recreation Board can assist

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 4:49pm.