



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, February 23, 2021 – 6:00pm
MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 via videoconference in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Dawn Lewis, Laura Cottam Sajbel, Sarah Faust, Francoise Luca, Kate Mason-Murphy, Fred Morgan and Kimberly Taylor.

Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Romteen Farasat, Richard DePalma, Anna Di Carlo and Nina Rinaldi.

Board Member Taylor joined the meeting at approximately 6:12pm.

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly McNeeley; Liana Kallivoka; Lucas Massie; Suzanne Piper; Anthony Segura; Kevin Johnson; Amanda Ross; Christine Chute Canul and Sammi Curless.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Gene Smith – large sized boat permit to use Walsh Boat Landing.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting of January 26, 2021 were approved on Board Member Morgan motion, Board Member Faust second on a 7-0 with Vice Chair Farasat and Board Members DePalma, Di Carlo and Rinaldi absent.

B. NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Commission on Seniors Recommendation Number: 20210113-O3B regarding seating in parks, greenbelts, trails and other open spaces.

Board Member Faust made a motion to support Commission on Seniors Recommendation Number: 20210113-O3B regarding seating in parks, greenbelts, trails and other open spaces; Board Member Cottam Sajbel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 7-0 with Vice Chair Farasat and Board Members DePalma, Di Carlo and Rinaldi absent.

2. Presentation and discussion regarding update on Zilker Train.

Presentation by Colin Wallis and Ladye Anne Wofford of the Austin Parks Foundations. Discussion followed but no action was taken by the Board.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the City Council of the preferred design scenario for the Dougherty Arts Center Replacement Project.

Board Member Morgan made a motion to recommend to the City Council the preferred design scenario (Option 1B) for the Dougherty Arts Center Replacement Program; Board Member Luca seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 6-1 vote with Board Member Faust voting nay and Vice Chair Farasat and Board Members DePalma, Di Carlo and Rinaldi absent.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding Barton Creek Greenbelt reservation pilot program recommendations.

Presentation made by Amanda Ross of the Parks and Recreation Department. Discussion followed but no action was taken by the Board.

5. Discussion of partnership pathways as it relates to Resolution No. 20200312-041.

Presentation by Kimberly McNeeley and Christine Chute Canul of the Parks and Recreation Department. Discussion followed but no action was taken by the Board.

6. Discussion regarding transition of the Alternative Funding Working Group activities to the Finance Committee.

Due to absence of Board Member Rinaldi this item was not discussed.

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

Director McNeeley provided a report.

D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Lewis – update on recycling program in parks and process to develop a pocket park.

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:23pm.