



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/20 to 6/30/2021

Parks and Recreation Board

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

(A) The Parks and Recreation Board membership should include citizens of the city who are interested in public parks and public recreation and persons who are knowledgeable in recreation matters. The director of the Parks and Recreation Department, the city manager or designee, the director of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, and the city attorney are ex officio members of the board.

(B) The board shall advise the city council and the city manager regarding:
(1) the acquisition, development, improvement, equipment, programming, and maintenance of all land and facilities managed by the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Austin;
(2) the purchase of additional land to be managed by the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Austin.

(C) The board shall outline a general plan of development for land, facilities, and programs. The board may submit the plan to the Planning Commission and the city manager for detail development, and the city manager may then submit the plan to the city council for approval as may be required by the City Code.

(D) The board shall promote close cooperation between the City and all private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in or conducting recreational activities, so that all recreational resources within the City may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare.

(E) The board shall perform other duties as prescribed by the City Code or as directed by the city council.

1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Board has three areas of responsibility in its advisory function to the City Council. The activities this board took for fiscal year 2020-2021 are listed by area below.

A. Take action to recommend to City Council and/or Director enhancements, additions, and deletions to Parks and Recreation Department programs and planning.

July 10, 2020

1. The board made a recommendation to the City Council for adoption of the Master Plan for John Trevino Jr. Metropolitan Park at Morrison Ranch.

September 23, 2020

1. Make a recommendation to the City Council on the official naming of "Ebba Springs" in response to a proposal filed by a local property owner to the United States Board on Geographic Names, that concerns an unnamed spring located on private property in the City's extra-territorial jurisdiction near Commons Ford Ranch Metropolitan Park and the Austin Lake Hills neighborhood.

October 27, 2020

1. Recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director to approve the Pease Park Conservancy's request for an on-site recognition for considerable donations from The DeAngelis Family Foundation and "Friends of Pat Lochridge," which will be used for the future operation and maintenance of the limestone entry wall and the basketball court respectively, located at Kingsbury Commons within Pease District Park

2. Recommendation to the City Council relating to modifications to the bylaws of the Parks and Recreation Board. The resolution is to amend the Parks and Recreation Board bylaws to terminate the Land, Facilities and Programs Committee and establish the Finance Committee.

December 4, 2020

1. Made a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Director regarding support for a Parkland Improvement and Maintenance Agreement with Austin Travis County Vietnam Page 2 of 3 Memorial Association and others for the placement of a Vietnam Veterans Memorial adjacent to the Nash Hernandez Building at Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach to recognize the men and women who honorably served from all of Travis County and in particular from East Austin..

January 26, 2021

1. The board made a recommendation to City Council indicating its support for Recommendation 20210126-B1 and supporting the City of Austin's Legislative Agenda.
2. The board made a recommendation to the Planning Commission to deny the applicant's request to pay fee in lieu of land dedication for 4802 S. Congress (SP-2019-0600C) and uphold staff's recommendation for the dedication of parkland
3. The board to encourage the Austin City Council to incorporate the recommended changes to the Ordinance 20160324-021 in order to make the naming and renaming process more transparent, more efficient, more equitable, and less costly for the Parks and Recreation Department.
4. The following members were appointed to serve on the Contracts and Concessions Committee: Board Members Francoise Luca (remaining as Chair), Nina Rinaldi, Anna DiCarlo, Fred Morgan and Vice Chair Romteen Farasat.
5. The following members were appointed to serve on the Finance Committee: Board Members Sarah Faust, Laura Cottam Sajbel, Rich DePalma, Kate Mason-Murphy and Kim Taylor with Board Member Faust serving as Chair.

February 23, 2021

1. The board moved to support the Commission on Seniors Recommendation Number: 20210113-O3B regarding seating in parks, greenbelts, trails and other open spaces.

March 25, 2021

1. The board recommended to the City Council Option 1A for the Dougherty Arts Center Replacement Project with direction to investigate underground parking under the facility. The board also recommended that the heritage tree be preserved.
2. The board appointed Board Members Dawn Lewis and Sarah Faust as members of the joint working group with the Animal Advisory Commission

April 27, 2021

1. The board recommended approval of the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget as presented in its Budget Forecast with a recommendation that City Council make the additional allocations on the attached "FISCAL YEAR 2022 UNDER RESOURCED NEEDS" to the Parks and Recreation

Department as these are priority items needed to address changes in city services, for parks programming, and pressures on the parks system which are not addressed under the current definitions provided in the budget process;

2. The board appointed Board Member Dawn Lewis to serve a third term as Chair.
3. The board appointed Board Member Rich DePalma to serve as Vice Chair.
4. The board appointed Board Member Anna D Carlo to serve as the Chair of the Contracts and Concessions Committee.
5. The board appointed Board Member Cottam Sajbel to serve as the Board representative to the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.
6. The board recommended to the City Council the adoption of the George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural & Genealogy Center Facility Expansion Plan.

May 25, 2021

1. Made a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Director for the approval of the Safety and Mobility Plan for the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail with the following condition: no position is taken by the Parks and Recreation Board in support or against the Double Deck Bridge over Barton Creek described as a potential project in the southwest quadrant within the plan.
2. The board appointed Board Member Nancy Barnard to the Contracts and Concession Committee.
3. The board appointed Board Member Nancy Barnard to the Joint Working Group with the Animal Advisory Commission
4. The board appointed Board Members Sarah Faust, Rich DePalma, Kim Taylor and Dawn Lewis to the Zilker Park Vision Plan Working Group.
5. The board appointed Board Member Rich DePalma to the Joint Sustainability Committee and Board Member Nina Rinaldi as the alternative representative for that Committee.

June 22, 2021

1. The board recommended recommend to the City Council to approve the renaming of Payton Gin Pocket Park to Heron Hollow Pocket Park
2. The board recommended to the Parks and Recreation Department Director the approval of Waterloo Greenway Conservancy's naming of new park features within Waterloo Park.

B. Recommend to the City Council and/or Director approval of concessions on City parkland designed to serve citizens using the parks:

September 2, 2020

1. Made a recommendation to the City Council for the negotiation and execution of an interlocal cooperation agreement with the Save Historic Mundy District to operate the food and beverage concession at Lions Municipal Golf Course.

December 4, 2020

1. Made a recommendation to the City Council regarding the renewal of the Local Standards of Care for the Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Recreation Programs to be discussed via public hearing as required for State of Texas' Child Care Licensing exemption for youth programs. .operated by a municipality (public facilities) - Code Chapter 42. State of Texas' child care licensing exemption; Public Hearing request date February 4, 2021.

2. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal cooperation agreement with the Austin Independent School District for support of the Literacy First Program.

3. Made a recommendation to the City Council regarding the acceptance of the 2020 Annual Concession Report as required per Austin City Code, §8-1-73.

April 25, 2021

1. The board recommended that the City Council approve the negotiation and execution of a partnership agreement with Pease Park Conservancy for the operations, maintenance and programming for Kingsbury Commons within Pease District

May 25, 2021

1. The board made a recommendation to the Planning Commission for the approval of a Conditional Use Permit for Waterloo Park for the three designated areas: Lebermann Plaza; Food Truck and deck area and Moody Amphitheater venue including: performance platform, rooftop terrace, lower lawn, and Great Lawn areas.

2. The board recommended to the City Council the negotiation and execution of interlocal cooperation agreements for Wildland Fire Management Activities with: (1) Travis County and (2) The University of Texas at Austin.

C. **Recommend granting temporary and/or permanent easements making repairs or enhancements to City utilities or improving City property adjacent to city parkland through Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funding.**

June 22, 2021

1. Made a recommendation to the City Council to approve the Permanent Wastewater Use and Temporary Work Area, not to exceed 11 Months, on parkland located at Davis White Neighborhood Park (6705 Crystalbrook Dr.) and Southern Walnut Creek Greenbelt (6013 Loyola Ln.). Total Mitigation is \$42,189

December 4, 2020

1. Made a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Director to approve the Temporary Staging Area (9,920 sq. ft.), not to exceed 240 Calendar Days on parkland located at 2407 Canterbury Street (Metz Neighborhood Park). Total mitigation value is \$54,441.

D. **Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.**

Yes.

E. **List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.**

A. Take action to recommend to City Council and/or Director enhancements, additions, and deletions to Parks and Recreation Department programs and planning.

B. Recommend to the City Council and/or Director approval of concessions on City parkland designed to serve citizens using the parks; and

C. Recommend granting temporary and/or permanent easements making repairs or enhancements to City utilities or improving City property adjacent to city parkland through Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funding.