



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
March 28, 2022
MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board Convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 301 W. Second Street, Austin Texas.

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Dawn Lewis, Richard DePalma, Nina Rinaldi, Patrick Moore, Sarah Faust, Lisa Hugman, Nancy Barnard, Lisa Hugman and Laura Cottam Sajbel

Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Kim Taylor, Anna Di Carlo (joined at 8:13 PM)

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly McNeeley, Liana Kallikova, Suzanne Piper, Lucas Massie, Laura Esparza, Vanorda Richardson, Nicholas Johnson, Ed Morris.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Alison Alter – Mayor Pro Tem, Austin City Council

Kevin Reinis – Austin Rowing Club

Sharon Blythe – Friends of Austin Memorial Park

Mark Gentle

Bill Bunch – Save Our Springs Alliance

Angela Richter – Austin Parks Foundation

Scott Cobb – Barton Springs Lifeguard

Joy Casnovsky – Austin Parks Foundation

Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter presented a Distinguished Service Award to Dawn Lewis in recognition of her years of service as Member and Chair of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Board.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair DePalma made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Regular meeting of February 22, 2022. Board Member Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Di Carlo absent and one vacancy.

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

1. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to City Council for approval of Permanent Use and Temporary Use (not to exceed 60 days) of parkland located at Govalle Neighborhood Park and Southern Walnut Creek Trail (5200 Bolm Road). Total mitigation fee is \$67,818.

Vice-Chair Richard DePalma made a motion to recommend City Council approve the permanent use and temporary use (not to exceed 60 days) of parkland located at Govalle Neighborhood Park and Southern Walnut Creek Trail (5200 Bolm Road.) Total mitigation fee is \$67,818; Board Member Lisa Hugman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Patrick Moore abstaining, Board Member Anna Di Carlo absent and one vacancy.

2. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding preparations for Parks and Recreation Department's summer activities including staff recruitment, registration and resiliency strategies.

Board Member Sarah Faust made a motion to recommend Council pursue all available measures to increase staffing to sustainable levels for all aquatics facilities, with particular emphasis on Barton Springs; Vice-Chair Richard DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with one vacancy.

Board Member Nina Rinaldi made a motion to recommend Council pursue all available measures to increase staffing to sustainable levels for all summer camp programming; Vice-Chair Richard DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with one vacancy.

3. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget.

Chair Lewis made a motion to combine agenda items B3 and B4. Vice-Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with one vacancy.

Board Member Sarah Faust made a motion to recommend approval of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department FY 2023 Operating Budget as presented in its Budget Forecast; and the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that City Council make the additional allocations on the attached "Austin Parks and Recreation Department Financial Services Division PARB Finance Committee Presentation Under Resourced Service Expectations February 28, 2022" to the Parks and Recreation Department; Chair Dawn Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with one vacancy. Agenda items B3 and B4 were acted on in a combined motion.

4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Parks and Recreation Board budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget.

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5. Discussion and possible action regarding Parkland Dedication Ordinance.
Presenter(s): Dawn Lewis, Chair, Parks and Recreation Board.

Chair Dawn Lewis made a motion to recommend that Council support Mayor Pro Tem Alter’s resolution asking that city staff initiate code amendments to the Parkland Dedication Ordinance in City Code Chapter 25-1 to require parkland dedication for office, industrial, and commercial developments. This would include engaging with stakeholders and creating the amendment in a timely manner so a potential fee would be set in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget; Board Member Laura Cottam-Sajbel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with one vacancy.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the current and/or potential future Austin Rowing Club agreement(s).
Presenter(s): Richard DePalma, Vice-Chair, Parks and Recreation Board.

Vice-Chair Richard DePalma motioned to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Department Director to either 1) Extend Contract No. NR120000004 until a Demolition Permit application is submitted on the Waller Creek Boathouse located at 74 Trinity Street or a decision is made that the Waller Creek Boathouse located at 74 Trinity Street will not be demolished; and/or 2) enter into a Park Operations, Maintenance and Programming Agreement for the current and future boathouse and related facilities with ARC once an approved Operations & Maintenance Plan is approved by the Parks and Recreation Board and the Austin City Council; Board Member Laura Cottam-Sajbel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with one vacancy.

7. Presentation and discussion related to the community engagement and outreach efforts for Zilker metropolitan Park Vision Plan.

Chair Lewis motioned to table this item until the April 25, 2022, regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board. Vice-Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Di Carlo absent and one vacancy.

C. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

1. Update from South Central Waterfront Advisory Board. (Cottam-Sajbel)

Board Member Cottam Sajbel gave a presentation and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

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

Director McNeeley Provided a report.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Faust – Presentation on outreach and engagement

DePalma – Memo update on Walter E Long Metro Park and memo update on John Trevino Park

Lewis – Update on the maintenance of the Butler Landfill, update on prop B/Oracle land swap and update on property crimes in the park.

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 10:09 PM