



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
APRIL 25, 2022
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a regular meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 301 W. Second Street, Austin Texas

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Dawn Lewis, Richard DePalma, Nina Rinaldi, Anna Di Carlo, Patrick Moore, Sarah Faust, Nancy Barnard, Kim Taylor, Laura Cottam Sajbel

Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Lisa Hugman

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Joe Thompson – Boys & Girls Club of the Austin Area

Kevin Reinis – Austin Rowing Club

Sharon Blythe – Friends of Austin Memorial Park

Scott Cobb – Barton Springs Lifeguard

Eric Paulus – Ecology Action

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Lewis made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of March 28, 2022. Vice-Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with one vacancy.

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

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

Greg Montes and Claudia Conner, Parks and Recreation Department, and Clair Hempel, Design Workshop, gave a presentation and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

2. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Zilker Park Re-Wilding plan.

Board Member Rinaldi made a motion to hear agenda item B2 out of order. Vice-Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with one vacancy.

Robin Rather and Gail Rothe, Zilker Neighborhood Association, gave a presentation and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

3. Briefing on Dove Springs Health Facility.

Kymberly Maddox, Austin Public Health, gave a presentation and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Parks and Recreation Department community engagement process.

Board Member Taylor made a motion to table agenda item B4. Board Member Di Carlo seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with one vacancy.

5. Briefing on the creation of a new parkland dedication ordinance for commercial developments, as described in this presentation and associated Study, for adoption by City Council.

Chair Lewis motioned to hear agenda item B5 out of order. Vice-Chair DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with one vacancy.

Randy Scott, Paul Books, Robynne Heymans and Thomas Rowlinson, Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

6. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair to the Parks and Recreation Board, and committee appointments.

Vice-Chair DePalma nominated himself for the officer position of Chair on the Parks and Recreation Board. This nomination failed on a vote of 0-8 with Vice-Chair DePalma and Board Member Taylor abstaining and one vacancy.

Board Member Di Carlo nominated Board Member Cottam Sajbel for the officer position of Chair on the Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Cottam Sajbel accepted the nomination. This nomination passed on a vote of 8-0 With Vice-Chair DePalma and Board Member Moore abstaining and one vacancy.

Board Member Barnard nominated Board Member Faust for the officer position of Vice-Chair on the Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member Faust accepted the nomination. This nomination passed on a vote of 9-1 with one vacancy.

C. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

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

Director McNeeley provided a report.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Faust – Report on ticket fees from 2021 Austin City Limits Music Festival.

DePalma – Presentation from Chief Equity Officer and PARD Equity & Inclusion Program Manager

Di Carlo – Update on cutting down of trees at Austin Memorial Park. Longhorn dam water releases at Roy G Guerrero Park.

Rinaldi – Update on timeline and funding relating to John Trevino and Walter E Long Metro Parks.

Cottam Sajbel – Update on signage at Roy G Guerrero Park as it relates to water release.

Lewis – Refreshed on Austin Pets Alive and parkland obligations.

Vice-Chair DePalma motioned to extend the scheduled meeting end time to 10:15 PM. Chair Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with one vacancy.

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 10:07 PM