



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020

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 2019-2020 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.

August 27, 2019

1. The board made a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the Asian American Resource Center Master Plan..
2. Made a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director to approve Pease Park Conservancy's request for an on-site recognition for a considerable donation from Dale and Libby Linebarger to be used for the future operation and maintenance of The Historic Tudor Cottage at Kingsbury Commons within Pease District Park.
3. The board appointed Board Member Francoise Luca to serve as chair of the Contracts and Concessions committee.
4. The board made a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Director to name the disc golf course at Roy G. Guerrero Park after Raul A. Alvarez.

September 10, 2019

1. Submitted a letter of support from the Parks and Recreation Board to City Council recommending renaming the Central Williamson Creek Nature Trail for Parks and Recreation Board Member Tom Donovan..

October 22, 2019

1. The board made a recommendation that the City Council rename the Dove Springs Recreation Center to the George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center.
2. The board made a recommendation to the City Council that supported the Parkland Dedication Ordinance as it now is in City Code.

December 3, 2019

1. The board created a working group to address parking adjacent to parks, parking on parkland facilities, and multi-mobility issues regarding access

to parkland and park facilities. Board Members Cottam-Sjabel, Farasat and Rinaldi were appointed to the group.

2. The board made a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director regarding the improvements being proposed in the Parkland Improvement Agreement for Lamar Beach Park.

January 25, 2020

1. The board made a recommendation to City Council regarding the superiority of the Austin Green Planned Unit Development and Municipal Utility District as it pertains to parkland.
2. The board made a recommendation to support the effort for the 4th amendment to the Brackenridge development agreement and a 5th amendment to the lease agreement for Lions Municipal Golf Course as stated in the City of Austin's January 23, 2020 letter to the University of Texas System.
3. The board established a working group to discuss amending Ordinance 20160324-021 regarding the park and facility naming process. Board members Di Carlo, Luca and Farasat were appointed to the group.

February 25, 2020

1. The board appointed Vice-Chair Romteen Farasat to the Land, Facilities and Programs Committee.
2. The board appointed Board Members Sarah Faust and Cottam Sjabel to serve on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board.
3. The board recommended that the City Council adopt substitute language to replace the proposed amendment language in the Land Development as it relates to Fee In-Lieu Authorized and to recommend that commercial properties are included in the parkland dedication ordinance.
4. The board approved the Annual Report of the Land, Facilities and Programs Committee of the Parks and Recreation Board.

March 26, 2019

1. Made a recommendation to Parks and Recreation Director for the approval of renaming the gymnasium at the Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center.

April 29, 2020

1. The board elected Board Member Dawn Lewis to serve as Board Chair.

2. The board elected Board Member Romteen Farasat to serve as Board Vice-Chair.
3. The board moved to accept the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2021 budget forecast and moving forward will discuss budget details for future recommendations.
4. The board appointed Board Member Sarah Faust to serve on the Contracts and Concessions Committee.
5. The board appointed Board Members Sarah Faust and Laura Cottam-Sjabel to serve on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board.
6. The board appointed Board Member Kim Taylor to serve on the Downtown Commission.
7. The board appointed Rich DePalma to serve on the Urban Trails Stakeholder group.

May 27 , 2020

1. The Board recommended to the City Council that the Circuit of the Americas Planned Unit Development was superior as it pertains to parkland; Board Member DePalma seconded the motion.

June 27, 2020

1. The board recommended to the City Council an amendment to the Goodnight Ranch Planned Unit Development as it pertains to parkland.
2. The board recommended to City Council the renaming of Metz Recreation Center to the Rodolfo “Rudy” Mendez Recreation Center.

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

August 27, 2019

1. Made a recommendation to the City Council regarding the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City of Austin and Austin Community College to provide an occasional meeting space at the Oakwood Cemetery Chapel for educational purposes related to the Great Questions Course.

September 23, 2019

1. Made a recommendation to the Austin City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City of Austin and Austin Community College to provide space at the Asian American Resource Center for adult education classes.
2. Made a recommendation to the Austin City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with the successful proposer, Springfed LLC JV, to provide a food and beverage concession at Zilker Park.

October 22, 2019

1. Recommend to City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City of Austin and the University of Texas Health Science Center to conduct a grant-funded study of green schoolyards as a tool for urban heat island adaptation and health promotion in underserved communities.
2. Made a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department Director that the contract for the miniature train concession at Zilker Metropolitan Park be recompeted.

December 3, 2019

1. The board made a recommendation to City Council regarding the Local Standards of Care Ordinance.
2. The board made at recommendation to the City Council approve the creation, continuation, termination and status of Lady Bird Lake concessions contained in the 2019 Annual Report of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department managed concessions on Lady Bird Lake.
3. The board made a recommendation that the City Council approve the First Amendment to the Consent Agreement by and among the City of Austin, Onion Creek Metro Park District, and Austin Goodnight Ranch.

January 25, 2020

1. Make a Recommendation to City Council to authorize the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Parkland Improvement, Management, and Operations Agreement for Republic Square Park between the City, Austin Parks Foundation, and the Downtown Austin Parks, LLC. Board Member Luca made a motion to recommend to the City Council to authorize the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Parkland Improvement, Management, and Operations Agreement for Republic Square Park

between the City, Austin Parks Foundation, and the Downtown Austin Parks, LLC.

June 27, 2020

1. The board recommended that the Parks and Recreation Director approve a five-year extension to the Contract between the City of Austin and Lone Star Riverboat, Inc. for the Excursion Boat Operation on Lady Bird Lake.
2. The board recommended that the City Council negotiate and execute an agreement with the successful proposer, Texas Rowing Center, Inc., to provide management and operation of a boating concession on Lady Bird Lake.
3. The board recommended that the City Council authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Amendment between the City of Austin and Capital Area Council of Governments for the direct management of the congregate meal service offered at nine Parks and Recreation Department sites and one Austin Public Health site.

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.

August 27, 2019

1. Made a recommendation to the City Council for approval of Permanent Road and Water Quality Pond Use (25,074 sq. ft.), Temporary Embankment Area (26,136 sq. ft.), Temporary Storage Area (2,178 sq. ft.), not to exceed 550 Calendar Days on parkland located west of S. Pleasant Valley Rd. (Onion Creek Greenbelt). at 1101 Mearns Meadow Blvd. (Quail Creek Neighborhood Park).

September 10, 2019

1. Made a recommendation to the City Council for approval of Permanent Use (115,900 sq. ft.), Temporary Staging/Access Area (25,000 sq. ft.), not to exceed 450 Calendar Days on parkland located at 5801 Ainez Dr. (Dove Springs Park), Total Mitigation is \$388,672; recommended all mitigation funds be used within the Dove Springs neighborhood to mitigate loss of parkland; recommended establishing an advisory board to see the project through to include a parks board member, an early childhood representative, a mental health representative, and community representation to establish and advocate for the mission of this facility; and recommended that Parks and Recreation Department and Austin Public Health staff will place an agenda item before the Parks and Recreation Board to brief the board and accept feedback on the design before the 60% design phase is finalized.

September 24, 2019

1. Made a recommendation to the Austin City Council for approval of Permanent Use (13,431 sq. ft.), Temporary Use Area (10,745 sq. ft.), not to exceed 120 Calendar Days on parkland located at 1200 W. Cesar Chavez (Lamar Beach Metro Park).

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.

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