



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
JUNE 27, 2022  
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Board convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 301 W. Second Street, Austin Texas

Chair Cottam Sajbel called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Laura Cottam Sajbel, Sarah Faust, Nina Rinaldi, Anna Di Carlo, Patrick Moore, Kathryn Flowers, Dawn Lewis.

**Board Members Absent:** Lisa Hugman, Nancy Barnard, Kim Taylor, Richard DePalma.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Chase Wright – Springdale Park Neighbors

Peggy Vasquez

Anna Maciel – Oswaldo AB Cantu Recreation Center

Antony McGregor Day – Springdale Park Neighbors

Scott Cobb – Barton Springs Lifeguard

Jim Ruddy – Austin Rowing Club

Gavino Fernandez

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting of May 23, 2022. Board Member Rinaldi seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with Board Members Hugman, Barnard, Taylor and DePalma absent.

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

1. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Permanent Wastewater Use and Temporary Work Area, not to exceed 600 Calendar Days on parkland located at Jimmy Clay Golf Course, Roy Kizer Golf Course, Onion Creek Soccer Complex, Onion Creek Metropolitan Park N. Entrance, and Onion Creek Metropolitan Park S. Entrance. Total Mitigation is \$818,542.

Greg Montes, Program Manager II, Parks and Recreation Department and Brent Crawford, Project Manager, Austin Water gave a presentation and answered questions.

Vice Chair Faust made a motion to recommend that Austin City Council approve a Permanent Wastewater Use and Temporary Work Area, not to exceed 600 Calendar Days on parkland located at Jimmy Clay Golf Course, Roy Kizer Golf Course, Onion Creek Soccer Complex, Onion Creek Metropolitan Park N. Entrance, and Onion Creek Metropolitan Park S. Entrance. Total Mitigation is \$818,542. Board Member Moore seconded the motion. The

motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with Board Members Hugman, Barnard, Taylor and DePalma absent.

2. Briefing on Equity Office history, purpose, and updates on the work within the City and Parks and Recreation department.

Sona Shah, Equity and Equality Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department and Ana Perez and Amanda Jasso, Equity Office gave a briefing and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

3. Briefing on the progress of the draft Commercial Parkland Dedication Ordinance for commuters and associated community feedback and resources.

Paul Books, Planner III, Robynne Heymans, Planner Sr. Thomas Rowlinson, Principal Planner; Randy Scott, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department gave a briefing and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

4. Discussion and possible action on recommendation for Council to issue direction on the sale of alcohol within parks.

Board Members discussed this item. Board Member Di Carlo made a motion to refer the draft recommendation language back to the Contracts and Concessions Committee for additional revisions. Chair Cottam Sajbel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with Board Members Hugman, Barnard, Taylor and DePalma absent.

5. Discussion, and possible action regarding the recommendation to approve the conditional use permit (CUP) at Republic Square for the sale of alcohol.

Board Members Discussed this item. Kimberly McNeeley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, Mary Marrero, Law Department and Molly Alexander, Downtown Austin Alliance answered questions.

Chair Cottam Sajbel made a motion to table this item for a future agenda. Board Member Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with Board Members Hugman, Barnard, Taylor and DePalma absent.

6. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the proposed renaming of Pan American Neighborhood Park

Kimberly McNeeley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation and answered questions.

Board Member Moore made a motion to recommend to Austin City Council that, in lieu of renaming Pan American Neighborhood Park, a plaque be added to the park to honor Mr. Castillo and his numerous contributions and achievements to this area, and that any related application or administrative costs be waived to the applicant by Council. Board Member Lewis seconded the motion. The Motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Flowers abstaining, and Board Members Hugman, Barnard, Taylor and DePalma absent.

7. Discussion and possible action on crime and law enforcement in parks (Sponsors: Lewis, DePalma, Rinaldi, Di Carlo)

Board Members discussed this item.

Chair Cottam Sajbel made a motion to create a working group, to be led by Board Member Lewis with Board Members Moore and Barnard participating, for the purpose of creating recommendations for the Parks and Recreation Board on crime and law enforcement in parks. Board Member Rinaldi seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with Board Members Hugman, Barnard, Taylor and DePalma absent.

8. Discussion and possible action on Parks and Recreation Board public communication and tracking of public items (Sponsors: Cottam Sajbel, Moore.)

Board Members discussed this item. No action was taken on this item.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding appointment to the Contracts and Concessions Committee.

Board Members discussed this item. No action was taken on this item.

### **C. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

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

Chair Cottam Sajbel gave an update.

Update from Joint Working Group with the Animal Advisory Commission. (Lewis, Barnard)

Update from Downtown Commission. (Taylor)

Update from Joint Sustainability Committee. (DePalma, Rinaldi)

Update from Zilker Park Vision Plan Working Group. (Lewis, DePalma, Faust, Taylor)

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

Director McNeeley gave a report and answered questions.

### **E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Cottam Sajbel – History of naming at Waller Creek

Rinaldi – Parks and Recreation Board committee appointments

Chair Cottam Sajbel adjourned the meeting at 9:49 PM.