

ZNA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2021 5:30 p.m. Umlauf Sculpture Garden

Attending: Dave Piper, Gary Hamilton, Bill Neale, Bill Bunch, Robin Rather, Bobby Rigney, Bruce Wiland

Guests: Lorraine Atherton

Old Business:

1. Approval of minutes of ExCom meeting on 5-3-21 -- Dave Piper moves, Robin Rather 2nd, 6-0 vote with Bobby Rigney absent.
2. Treasurer and Membership report (Bruce Wiland)
3. Parks & Environment report (Robin Rather) and discussion
 - Resolution to support PARD's request for increased funding for park security (See below.) Dave Piper moves, Gary Hamilton 2nd, approved 6-0 with Bobby Rigney absent.
 - Resolution to oppose camping in parks and in favor of the city moving promptly to provide sheltered housing (See below.) Bill Neale moves, Robin Rather 2nd, approved 6-0 with Bobby Rigney absent.
 - Resolution to endorse P&E Top 10 priorities 2-pager for Zilker Park plan and plan/process (See below.) Bill Neale moves, Robin Rather 2nd, approved 6-0 with Bobby Rigney absent.
 - Discussion on related topics, including (a) stakeholder process and how to "win" on the future of Zilker, (b) ZNA sponsored walking and biking tours in the park to engage neighbors with both ZNA and the Zilker plan process, (c) proposed TTF bike and safety plan for trail, including proposed double-decker bridge over mouth of Barton Creek, from Lou Neff Point to Butler Shores.
5. ANC business update

New Business

1. Z-News newsletter report, funding, and related decisions (Lorraine Atherton)
2. Filling vacancies for Pat Cramer and Megal Paul, thanking them for service.
3. ZNA potential social media initiative
4. Land Development Code update including 2700 S. Lamar, Sterzing/Toomey, and Brodie Oaks
5. Next ZNA general meeting --agenda, location, etc.
6. Hether/Lamar water problem update (Bruce Wiland)
7. Dougherty arts update/recap
8. Dog Committee report /discussion
9. Bill Bunch moves to donate \$500 to Umlauf Sculpture Garden. Bobby Rigney 2nd. Unanimous vote to approve with Robin Rather absent.

Adjourn at 8:20 pm

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARD REQUEST

WHEREAS, At present, PARD has only 20 park rangers, who must cover 300 parks; and

WHEREAS, This staffing number is woefully inadequate, as can be seen every day in Zilker Park and other parks throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, From March 15 to April 15, park rangers handled more than 1,700 interactions with the public regarding laws, safety, service, and education; and

WHEREAS, Zilker Park was far and away the most frequent location for these interactions, making up more than 1,100 of all interactions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That ZNA Excom supports PARD's request for more park rangers, extra security, training programs for its staff, and extra security at Barton Springs Pool.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ENCAMPMENTS IN PARKS

WHEREAS, Encampments in city parks are not a solution to the homeless problem, as parks have inadequate services for people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Not only is PARD ill-equipped to handle any aspect of our homeless problem, the encampments are often harmful to the environment; and

WHEREAS, PARD is already under-resourced for the job of park management and is not qualified to manage homeless encampments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That ZNA Excom opposes any efforts to set up homeless encampments in any park and opposes efforts to have PARD play a lead role in homeless efforts in Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That ZNA Excom supports efforts to house our homeless neighbors in shelters with adequate facilities for bathing, showering, cooking, and sleeping and recommends that residents of these shelters be supported with "wraparound services" for addiction recovery, job training, and other social needs.

RESOLUTION ASKING ANC TO JOIN THE SUMMIT TO END HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, The ZNA Excom recognizes that homelessness affects our neighborhood and every other neighborhood in Austin, and

WHEREAS, The ZNA Excom understands that there is currently no neighborhood representation on the Summit for Ending Homelessness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That ZNA requests that the Austin Neighborhood Council consider joining the Summit for Ending Homelessness by reaching out to Lynn Meredith, who is chair of the summit.