

HOUSTON PARKS BOARD LGC, INC.
MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 22, 2021

The undersigned, being the Secretary of HOUSTON PARKS BOARD LGC, INC., a Texas local government corporation (the “Corporation”) pursuant to Subchapter D of Chapter 431, Texas Transportation Code, and Chapter 394, Vernon’s Texas Codes Annotated, Texas Local Government Code, does hereby certify that the following are true and correct minutes of the organizational meeting of the Corporation:

A. The organizational meeting was duly called by a majority of the Incorporators of the Corporation, by sending written notice of the time and place of the meeting to each of the directors, at least three days prior to such meeting, in accordance with Section 394.022(b), Texas Local Government Code and Section 431.102, Texas Transportation Code.

B. A notice of the meeting was duly filed on June 18, 2021 in the same manner and same location as required of the City of Houston, in accordance with Section 431.004(d), Texas Transportation Code and Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, and the March 16, 2020 action by the Governor of the State of Texas under Section 418.016, Texas Government Code, suspending certain provisions of Chapter 551. Texas Government Code (i.e. the Texas Open Meetings Act).

C. The organizational meeting was convened in conformance with the notice thereof on June 22, 2021. At such organizational meeting a quorum of the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the “Board”) was present. The members of the Board in attendance at the meeting were the following:

Position	Name	Attendance
1	David Kinder	
2	Joseph Dilg	Yes
3	Precious Williams Owodunni	Yes
4	Tom Flaherty	Yes
5	Jill Jewett	
6	Christopher D. Porter	Yes
7	Mindy Hildebrand	
8	Maire Baldwin	Yes
9	Barron F. Wallace	Yes
10	Herman L. Stude	Yes
11	Ann Lents	Yes
12	Christopher George	Yes
13	Cullen Geiselman	Yes
14	Andrew Price	
15	Laura Spanjian	Yes
16	Dina Alsowayel	Yes
17	Alberto P. “Beto” Cardenas, Jr.	Yes
18	Don Woo	Yes
19	Phoebe Tudor	Yes
20	Tom Bacon	Yes
(Ex Officio)	Kenneth Allen	
(President & CEO)	Beth White	Yes

In addition, present at the meeting were Houston Parks Board Staff members: Tina M. Clayton, Amanda Edwards; Denise Garcia; Lucy Mongogna, Matt Neilson, Nicole Romano, Candace Williams, and Linda Zhou; Houston Parks Board, Inc. members of the Board of Directors: Jim Green, Sis Johnson, Jackie Martin; Lisa Johnson, Houston Parks and Recreation Department; Maria Montes, City of Houston Boards and Commissions; Susan Elmore, Elmore PR; and Kim Sterling, Sterling Associates.

Ms. Clayton called the roll of the Board of Directors and verified that a quorum was present.

Chairman Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone. He asked that guests announce themselves; no one responded.

Agenda

1. Approval of the June 23, 2020 and September 22, 2020 minutes

Director Lents made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Alsowayel and carried by unanimous vote.

2. Chairman's Report

Chairman Wallace advised that this meeting would address specific items, including the budget, and that the September meeting will provide a broader outlook on projects. These projects include Bayou Greenways 2020, the Mayor's 50/50 Park Partners initiative, and the Beyond the Bayous plan. Chairman Wallace noted that conservation is the backbone Houston Parks Board's work.

3. Finance Report

Director Flaherty gave an overview of the budget. The Houston Parks Board management board has approved and recommends approval of the Houston Parks Board LGC Budget for FY 2022. Director Geiselman made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Director Baldwin and it carried by unanimous vote.

4. Projects Report

Beth White reported that 122 miles of Bayou Greenway Trails are open to the public as the fiscal year ends. Some segments will need to be completed later in coordination with Harris County Flood Control's work on Hunting, Halls, Brays, and Greens Bayous. Houston Parks Board is stewarding over 2,000 acres through its conservation and maintenance programs. Progress moves forward with Mayor Turner's 50/50 Park Partners initiative in partnership with the Greater Houston Partnership and Houston Parks and Recreation Department. Community engagement sessions have been completed for 11 of the parks and HPB is now working on the design phase of those parks. A ribbon cutting for Hartman Park, the first 50/50 Park Partners initiative project, will take place on July 8. Reforestation work in the Hogg Bird Sanctuary, which was postponed due to the pandemic, has resumed. Ms. White thanked neighbors of the sanctuary for being HPB's eyes on the project as the work continues.

5. Houston Parks and Recreation Department Report

Kenneth Allen was unable to attend.

6. Public Comment Session

Chairman Wallace indicated he was delighted to hear any and all comments from the public. He asked that members of the public announce their name prior to giving comments and limit them to 3 minutes if possible. He advised that board members cannot respond to questions or items that are not on the agenda. The staff will be glad to respond in writing to any questions. Chairman Wallace reminded individuals on the phone to press *6 to unmute.

- Susan Chadwick - Ms. Chadwick indicated she had trouble getting into meeting and missed the first 10 minutes. She thanked the Board for having the public meeting and telling the public about it. She expressed gratitude for the good work Houston Parks Board has done and for giving Houstonians various opportunities to get outside to walk and bike. Ms. Chadwick asked several questions: Where are the bylaws for the Parks Board? Who are the elected officers of the LGC? Where can she find the minutes for the June and September 2020 meetings that were approved today? Will the Parks Board have regular scheduled meetings so the public can plan in advance? What are the greenway plans on Buffalo Bayou? Has the Parks Board looked into alternate routes like a dedicated lane on Memorial Drive or using the power lane right of way through the forest? Ms. Chadwick noted that equity is an important issue for today. What is the Parks Board's plan for a more equitable representation on the board?
- Katy Emde – Ms. Emde thanked the board for having a public meeting and being given the opportunity to participate. Ms. Emde indicated there is a long time between meetings. She noted that her residence backs up to the Hogg Bird Sanctuary and asked several questions: How does the LGC Board operate? Where can she find a copy of the Hogg Bird 5 year plan? Where can she find a copy of the management plan for Hogg Bird? Why were native vines cut last week? She did not understand why this was done and stated the vines are a food source for wildlife. Ms. Emde also asked if bike trails will be going into the sanctuary and advised that she hopes not.

Chairman Wallace read the names of Adria, Susan Knight, Mary Christ, Ha Nguyen, John Lovell and Chuck Stillwell with no responses.

- Bill Wilson – Mr. Wilson expressed his concern for the encroachment of concrete and gravel trails south of Memorial Drive. He feels this is encroaching on the wilderness area and does not want any trails installed closer to the bayou and in the bird sanctuary.

Chairman Wallace asked if any member of the public would like to make any other comments. Hearing none, he thanked those that did make public comments. The staff will respond in writing and hopefully have you join in future meetings. The next regular meetings will be determined at the beginning of the fiscal year, which is next month, and will be posted on the website.

The Chairman asked if any member of the Board would like to make comments. Director Cárdenas thanked those from public that spoke and confirmed that we have contact information for them.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27am.

DocuSigned by:

Precious Williams Owodunni, Board Secretary

Date: 9/21/2021