

## HOUSTON PARKS BOARD LGC, INC.

### MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 7, 2023

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 meeting of the Corporation:

A. The meeting was duly called by the Corporation, by posting and 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 September 1, 2023, 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.

C. The meeting was convened in conformance with the notice thereof on September 7, 2023. At such meeting a quorum of the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the “Board”) was present. The members of the Board in attendance were the following: Barron Wallace, Barry Mandel, William Taylor, Tom Flaherty, Nicholas Tobenkin, Ann Lents, Chris George, Cullen Geiselman, Andrew Price, Laura Spanjian, Don Woo, Jenny Philip, and Thomas Bacon.

In addition, present at the meeting were: Beth White (President & CEO of Houston Parks Board), Lisa Hernandez, Paulina Lezon, Kira Elbert, Justin Schultz, Mindy Guthrie, Nicole Romano, Alia Vinson, Tina Ortiz and Olivia Lee.

Chairman Wallace called the roll of the Board of Directors and verified that a quorum was present.

Chairman Wallace called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

#### **Agenda**

##### **1. Approval of the October 7, 2022 minutes**

Chairman Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Flaherty and carried by unanimous vote.

##### **2. Public Comment Session**

*Edward Pettitt:* He expressed that Houston Parks Board and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department better communication and his support of the Columbia Tap Trail.

*Karina Yonekawa-Blest:* She mentioned that the playground at Fonde Park needs assistance inquired about forming a group “Friends of Fonde Park” to advocate for the park.

*Dr. Inge Ford:* She mentioned living in the Third Ward and highlighted her appreciation for Emancipation Park and Levy Park. She expressed the need for sustainability in project allocations.

*Stacie Fairchild:* Ms. Fairchild mentioned that HPB has played significant role in the past at Nellie Keys Park. She expressed a desire for better HPARD communication and support.

*Broderick Butler:* He expressed gratitude to HPB and Mayor Turner for the 50/50 park partner improvements made to Scenic Woods Park and would like to discuss further.

*Fred Linder:* Mr. Linder expressed gratitude to HPB for their assistance in improving White Oak Bayou and Buffalo Bayou. He mentioned a letter that was submitted to TxDOT expressing concerns about the impact on the greenway.

**3. Approval of Houston Parks Board LGC Budget and Audit for FY 2023.**

Chairman Wallace moved on to the topic of the budget and audit for FY 2023.

Director Tom Flaherty mentioned that fiscal year ends on June 30 and asked Melanie Musgrove (CFO at HPB) to provide an overview of the budget.

Barry Mandel made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Ann Lents and carried by unanimous vote.

Tom Flaherty asked Kay Walther to provide an overview of the audit.

Chairman Wallace made a motion to approve the audit. This motion was seconded by Thomas Bacon and carried by unanimous vote.

**4. Approval of Resolution Confirming Corporation Officers and Establishing Regular & Annual Meeting Dates**

Chairman Wallace gave an overview of the item and made a motion to approve the Resolution Confirming Corporation Officers and Establishing Regular & Annual Meeting Date. The motion was seconded by Andrew Price and carried by unanimous vote.

**5. Projects Report**

Chairman Wallace requested Projects Reports to be presented before the budget and audit.

Kenneth Allen, the Director of HPARD, who usually presents this part was unable to attend due to feeling unwell. Tina Ortiz, representing HPARD and Mr. Allen announced that they have completed 8 ribbons cutting for park projects and have 14 more to go. She assured that they will address and respond to all comments and concerns raised in the meeting.

In addition to their park programs, they also have a mayoral parks initiative program with three more celebrations planned for neighborhood parks by end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.



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Cullen Geiselman, Board Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 10/16/2024 \_\_\_\_\_