

HOUSTON PARKS BOARD LGC, INC.

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 25, 2025

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 April 22, 2025, 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 April 25, 2025. 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, Ann Lents, Barry Mandel, Laura Spanjian, Dina Alsowayel, Don Woo, Tom Bacon, Cullen Geiselman Muse, Christopher George, Tantri Emo, Jenny Philip, and Alberto C. (Beto) Cardenas.

In addition, present at the meeting were: Justin Schultz, Melanie Musgrove, Kira Elbert, Beth White, Efrain Davila, Darla Bara, Linda Zhou, Alia Vinson, Elizabeth Whitton, and Tina Ortiz.

Chairman Wallace called the roll of the Board of Directors and verified that a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m.

Agenda

1. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

2. **Approval of Federal Transit Administration grant funding matters**

Chairman Wallace asked Justin Schultz, Chief Program Officer at Houston Parks Board, to give a brief overview providing context for the four approval items related to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funding.

Justin Schultz explained that the approval items pertain to Houston Parks Board LGC becoming an eligible FTA grantee. For context, Houston Parks Board LGC has secured \$38 million in project funding through H-GAC, with funds anticipated to become available within the next 12 to 18 months. The \$38 million consists of three separate grants, all of which are eligible for transfer through the FTA. These approval items will allow the Houston Parks Board LGC to complete their FTA application in the coming months and help facilitate a streamlined funding process when the funds become available. The FTA grantee designation remains active for three years and can be renewed if necessary.

Chairman Wallace asked for clarification on any conditions tied to the grant funds and whether diversity and board composition will be key considerations under the new administration.

Elizabeth Whitton noted that although executive orders have been issued, no rulemaking has followed, so current FTA guidelines remain in effect. At this time, we must continue following existing regulations, with Davis-Bacon and Buy America being the two key provisions FTA complies with. Any changes would occur once formal rulemaking is in place.

Ann Lents asked how Parks Board staff plans to manage federal grant compliance and the associated administrative burden. Justin Schultz responded that the Parks Board will continue to engage The Goodman Corporation for support, emphasizing the need for a team experienced in tracking regulatory changes and understanding their impacts. He added that the Parks Board evaluates grant size relative to compliance requirements, maintaining a higher threshold to ensure that grants pursued are worthwhile.

Approval of Resolution authorizing filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration and designation of official authorized to execute and file applications

Barry Mandel made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration and designation of official authorized to execute and file applications. This motion was seconded by Cullen Geiselman and carried by unanimous vote.

a. Approval of Resolution Approving Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Plan

Barry Mandel made a motion to approve the resolution Approving Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Plan. This motion was seconded by Tom Bacon and carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Wallace requested clarification on the approval item, and Elizabeth Whitton explained that it pertains to compliance requirements necessary for receiving federal funding.

b. Approval of Resolution Approving the Federal Transit Administration Project Policies and Procedures

Barry Mandel made a motion to approve the resolution Approving the Federal Transit Administration Project Policies and Procedures. This motion was seconded by Chris George and carried by unanimous vote.

c. Approval of execution of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Houston related to Federal Transit Administration Awards

Barry Mandel made a motion to approve the execution of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Houston related to Federal Transit Administration Awards. The motion was seconded by Don Woo and carried by unanimous vote.

Before moving to items 3, 4, and 5, Chairman Wallace asked Justin Schultz to briefly discuss the projects tied to the federal grant funding. Justin outlined the three awards that make up the \$38 million in federal funding:

- An \$18 million grant to complete a trail along the CenterPoint easement in the Alief neighborhood.
- Two \$10 million grants through the CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program) and STBG (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program), supporting new trail and transportation infrastructure. These include:
 - A new bridge at the confluence of Keegans and Brays Bayous in Sharpstown
 - Another bridge across Brays Bayou near Meyerland and Willow Waterhole, with potential future connection to the Newcastle Trail and Memorial Park
 - Trail improvements across three segments:
 - From Stella Link to Holcombe along Brays Bayou (approximately 3 miles)
 - East of SH288 between Calhoun and Brays Bayou, including underpasses at existing crossings (approximately 2 miles)

3. Approval of Resolution Supporting the Houston Parks Board LGC, Inc.'s Application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Call for Projects

Justin Schultz explained that this approval pertains to the final segment of the original Bayou Greenways Trail network along Halls Bayou - referred to internally as HA03D - located just east of US 59 and extending toward Tidwell

The Goodman Corporation identified an opportunity to apply for Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside funding. This \$10 million grant would support project construction; design is currently underway and expected to enter the permitting phase later this year.

Don Woo made a motion to approve the Resolution Supporting the Houston Parks Board LGC, Inc.'s Application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Call for Projects. The motion was seconded by Tom Bacon and carried by unanimous vote.

4. Approval of Resolution Regarding FY23 Housing and Urban Development funding

5. Approval of Resolution Regarding Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program funding

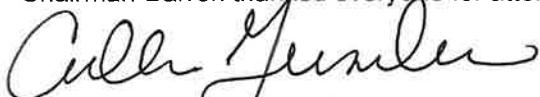
Justin noted that approval items 4 and 5 both relate to the MacGregor Park Project. The project is supported by two federal grants: a \$4 million FY23 Housing and Urban Development earmark from the late Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee's office (approval item 4), and a \$10 million grant from the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program, a competitive National Park Service grant that the Parks Board was awarded last summer - the largest ORLP grant ever awarded in Texas at the time.

The funds for both grants are being held at the federal level and must pass through state or local channels before reaching the Parks Board, adding complexity to the process. These two resolutions are intended to facilitate the necessary agreements to help streamline the transfer of these funds.

In a single motion, Tom Bacon moved to approve both resolutions 4 and 5, Regarding FY23 Housing and Urban Development funding and Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program funding. The motion was seconded by Barry Mandel and carried by unanimous vote.

Beth White expressed her appreciation to the team for their diligent efforts and thoughtful coordination with federal, state, and local agencies to facilitate grant approvals and advance project implementation.

Chairman Barron thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.



Cullen Geiselman, Board Secretary

Date: 8/19/2025