## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTH AUSTIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

June 29, 2020

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors of North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1, open to the public, was held on June 29, 2020, at the Rattan Creek Community Center, 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail, Austin, Texas, pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with law. A copy of the Certificate of Posting of said Notice is attached as **Exhibit "A"**.

The roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Donald G. Conklin - President
Jo Jones - Vice President
Diana Christiano - Secretary

Kim Green - Treasurer/Assistant Secretary

Rachel Beaulieu - Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

and all of said Directors were present, thus constituting a quorum. Also in attendance at times during the meeting were Andrew Hunt with Crossroads Utility Services, L.L.C.; Marc Marroquin with Premier Recreation Management Services, LLC; Kevin Flahive with Armbrust & Brown, PLLC; and Nick and Wendy Silkey, residents of the District.

Director Conklin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and stated that the Board would first receive citizen communications and recognized Mrs. Silkey. Mrs. Silkey thanked the Board for conducting the special meeting to discuss facilities. She complimented and thanked the Board and Mr. Marroquin for the pool reopening plan, but stated that she was concerned about the District's reopening of other recreational facilities without frequent cleaning and regulation of use. Mrs. Silkey stated that she thought many District residents opposed the reopening and she urged the Board to close the recreational facilities until a plan involving staffing, sanitation and reservations/limitations on use could be put in place. Director Conklin then recognized Mr. Silkey. Mr. Silkey stated that he agreed with Mrs. Silkey's comments and thanked the Board and Mr. Marroquin for the pool reopening and operation plan. He stated that he was concerned about regulation of use of the District's greenbelts and open space. Mr. Silkey encouraged the Board to better regulate use of those areas. He concluded by thanking the Board for its accessibility by email through the District's website. Director Conklin thanked Mr. and Mrs. Silkey for addressing the Board. He stated that the special meeting was being held due to the spike in area COVID-19 cases since the Board last met on June 17. Director Conklin stated that the Board continued its work to increase communication with District residents, including the new District website that was nearing completion and use of a Facebook page since April. He stated that the District does not have employees, and instead relies on its consultants, so monitoring use of the greenbelts and open space was difficult.

Mr. Hunt and Mr. Flahive then updated the Board on the content of Governor Abbott's June 26, 2020 Executive Order, attached as <u>Exhibit</u> "B". Mr. Hunt then reviewed his handout providing information on area city, county and district facilities operations, attached as <u>Exhibit</u>

"C". Director Conklin then reviewed a handout that he prepared showing recent COVID-19 cases and trends, attached as **Exhibit** "D". Director Green then discussed her recent experiences as a registered nurse and concerns about the sharp increases in local COVID-19 cases. Director Conklin stated that the Board would next discuss each recreational facility and determine what changes, if any, would be made with respect to operation of such facility.

After discussion, the Board elected not to take any action with respect to the District's trail system in the greenbelts, thereby leaving those trails open to use by District residents.

After discussion, upon motion by Director Green and second by Director Christiano, the Board voted 4-1 to indefinitely close the exercise stations located along the District's trail system in the greenbelts, utilizing signage for such purpose, due to an inability to clean the facilities between users, with Directors Conklin, Jones, Green and Christiano voting "aye" and Director Beaulieu voting "nay".

After discussion, upon motion by Director Conklin and second by Director Green, the Board voted 4-0 to indefinitely close the playscapes, removing the swings and utilizing signage for such purpose, due to an inability to clean the facilities between users, with Directors Conklin, Jones, Green and Christiano voting "aye" and Director Beaulieu abstaining.

After discussion, upon motion by Director Green and second by Director Conklin, the Board voted unanimously to indefinitely close all large and small pavilions and picnic tables, utilizing signage and/or stickers for such purpose, due to an inability to clean the facilities between users and limit users.

The Board discussed closing benches located within the District's parks and greenbelts, but elected not to take action to do so.

After discussion, upon motion by Director Conklin and second by Director Green, the Board voted unanimously to indefinitely close the gaga ball pit, utilizing signage for such purpose.

After discussion, upon motion by Director Green and second by Director Christiano, the Board voted unanimously to indefinitely close the sand volleyball courts, removing the nets and utilizing signage for such purpose.

The Board then discussed the tennis courts. After discussion, Director Green made a motion to indefinitely limit use of the tennis courts to singles play, which motion was seconded by Director Christiano, but the motion failed on a vote of 2-3 with Directors Green and Christiano voting "aye" and Directors Conklin, Jones and Beaulieu voting "nay". After further discussion, upon motion by Director Conklin and second by Director Jones, the Board voted 4-1 to indefinitely close the tennis courts, with Directors Conklin, Jones, Christiano and Beaulieu voting "aye" and Director Green voting "nay".

After discussion, upon motion by director Conklin and second by Director Jones, the Board voted unanimously to indefinitely close the basketball court, utilizing a physical barrier to entry for such purpose.

The Board then discussed swimming pool operations with Mr. Marroquin. Mr. Marroquin stated that, though the Board took action at the June 17 regular meeting to authorize him to further reopen the swimming pool to 38% capacity, thereby allowing a maximum of 75 people within the swimming pool area at any time, he had continued to operate the swimming

pool at a maximum of 49-55 people and recommended returning to a 25% capacity maximum for the pool, but otherwise maintain all prior actions taken by the Board with respect to swimming pool operations. Upon motion by Director Green and second by Director Christiano, the Board voted unanimously to indefinitely reduce the maximum permitted capacity of the swimming pool to 25%, thereby allowing a maximum of 49 people within the swimming pool area at any time.

Director Conklin then recognized Mr. Marroquin to discuss community center operations. Mr. Marroquin stated that long-term renters of the community center had stated a desire to resume use of the facility, but none had provided a written plan for doing so to him, as he had requested of each renter. After discussion, upon motion by Director Green and second by Director Conklin, the Board voted unanimously to indefinitely close the community center, except for use by the Board for meetings, and to direct Mr. Marroquin to continue to maintain a record of requests, including the name and contact information of the requestor and the proposed date of use for Board consideration at a later time.

The Board then discussed closing the soccer fields located within the District's parks and greenbelts, but elected not to take action to do so.

The Board concluded discussion of facilities operations by confirming with Mr. Hunt and Mr. Marroquin that the exterior restrooms in Rattan Creek Park and the restrooms in Robinson Park were being cleaned daily.

Director Conklin stated that the Board would next discuss pending events to be held at the District's facilities and potential cancellation of same. The Board directed Mr. Marroquin to inform reservations holders for use of the District's pavilions that the facilities had been indefinitely closed would not be available for use if the date of the reservation occurs prior to the Board taking action to reopen the facility. After discussion of whether to allow the Sailfish Swim Team to resume use of the swimming pool, Director Conklin made a motion to indefinitely disallow such use of the swimming pool, which motion was seconded by Director Green, but the motion failed on a vote of 1-4 with Director Green voting "aye" and Directors Conklin, Jones, Christiano and Beaulieu voting "nay". As result, no action was taken by the Board and the Sailfish Swim Team would be permitted to resume use of the swimming pool pursuant to the written plan provided by the swim team to Mr. Marroquin, which plan he stated that he was comfortable with. After discussion, upon motion by Director Conklin and second by Director Jones, the Board voted 4-1 to indefinitely disallow use of the swimming pool by reservation holders until such time as the Board takes action to resume allowing reservation of the swimming pool and directed Mr. Marroquin to inform reservation holders of the Board's action, with Directors Conklin, Jones, Green and Beaulieu voting "aye" and Director Christiano voting "nay". Lastly, upon motion by Director Conklin and second by Director Green, the Board voted unanimously to close the Rattan Creek Park parking lot on July 4th until 12:00 noon.

As the only facility that would remain open was the swimming pool, which Mr. Marroquin and his staff operate and monitor on behalf of the District, the Board took no action to direct further monitoring of facilities by District consultants. The Board took a recess at 8:04 p.m. and returned in open session at 8:14 p.m. Director Conklin stated that the Board would then discuss signage to be installed within the District's parks and greenbelts. The Board discussed the content of signage with Mr. Hunt, Mr. Marroquin and Mr. Flahive, including "use at your own risk" signage for benches, trails and open spaces, "this facility is closed" signage for all closed facilities, and "maintain social distancing" signage for trails and open spaces. Mr.

Hunt then discussed timing for obtaining and installing the signage, estimating that the signage could be installed within 1-2 days.

Director Conklin then asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board. Director Green stated a desire to conduct a special meeting to discuss and establish a comprehensive reopening plan that would guide the Board's decisions moving forward. The Board and Mr. Hunt then discussed recent issues with the District's existing website, efforts to address those issues, and posting of information regarding facilities closures on the District's Facebook page. There being no other matters to come before the Board, upon motion by Director Jones and second by Director Green, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:42 d second by Director Gree p.m.

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Diana Christiano, Secretary

**Board of Directors** 

Date: July 15, 2020