Partial minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Item B.2. Discussion and possible action to rescind the recommendation made February 23, 2021 regarding the preferred design scenario for the Dougherty Arts Center Replacement Project.

Public comment by Bill Bunch encouraging alternate sites for the Dougherty Arts Center such as AISD schools to be closed and maintaining central parkland as parkland; Megan Meisenbach encouraging the City to re-look at other locations and that schools are a wonderful location for the Center and Linda Guerrero explaining the recommendation approved by the Environmental Commission.

Chair Lewis made a motion to rescind the recommendation made February 23, 2021 regarding the preferred design scenario for the Dougherty Arts Center Replacement Project; Board Member Mason-Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with Vice Chair Farasat abstaining and Board Members Luca, Morgan and Taylor absent.

Item B.3. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a recommendation to the City Council of the preferred design scenario for the Dougherty Arts Center Replacement Project.

Board Member DePalma made a motion to recommend to the City Council Option 1A for the Dougherty Arts Center Replacement Project with direction to investigate underground parking under the facility; Board Member Mason-Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote with Board Members Luca, Morgan and Taylor absent.

Chair Lewis made a motion to move or design around the heritage tree; Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Luca, Morgan and Taylor absent.