

**METROPOLITIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes of June 11, 2013**

**Location:** Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1801 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW

**Members Present:** William Kraemer, Chair; Janet Harrington; Rebecca L. Tays; Kelly Gossett; Carmen Garcia; Dan Wilkinson

**Members Excused/Absent:** N/A

**City Staff Present:** Barbara Baca, Director, Parks and Recreation Department; Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager; Jane Trujillo, Board Secretary

**Visitors:** Barb Johnson; Jan Zerr; John Whitson; John Myers;

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 12:37 PM

**Approval of Today's Agenda:** Mr. Kraemer requested a motion to approve the Agenda. Jan Harrington moved approval; Rebecca Tays seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Kraemer requested a motion to approve the May 2013 Minutes. Jan Harrington moved approval; Mr. Kraemer seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Introduction of Visitors and Guests:** All visitors introduced themselves.

**Announcements:** None.

**General Public Testimony:** None

**Action Items**

- Recommendations on Renaming Parks
  - Bel-Air Miramontes Park after Lee Julian – Barb Johnson, President of the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association and Jan Zerr of the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association were in attendance. Both are in favor on naming the pavilion after Lee Julian. Jan Harrington made a motion to reject the renaming of the park in favor of naming the pavilion in honor of Lee Julian. Rebecca Tays seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Christina and Barbara will work with Ms. Johnson and Ms. Zerr on the plaque wording with the hopes of having a dedication at the neighborhood meeting on July 27, 2013. Mr. Kramer made a motion that the City prepare the plaque at no cost. Dan seconded the motion. Christina will be in contact with them with additional details.
  - The Trails Park after Hailey Ratliff –Mr. Kraemer provided background information. Jan Harrington made a motion to reject the renaming of the park in favor of a more appropriate way to honor Hailey Ratliff, such as a bicycle education and safety event being created and named in her honor. Parks and

Recreation staff will reach out to the family to discuss this matter. Dan Wilkinson seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

- Carlos Rey Park after Benny Aragon – Board Members discussed a Resolution, Council Bill No. F/S R-46, adopted and approved by City Council in 1996, indicating: “Section 14. City facilities, parks, and other lands and possessions only may be named for individuals posthumously.” Mr. Kraemer made a motion to deny the name change but suggested some other method of honoring Mr. Aragon may be considered. He suggested that correspondence be forwarded to Councilor Sanchez with a copy of the Resolution. All Board Members were in favor of this motion.
- Sunrise Terrace Park after Kyle Robert Irwin – Board Members discussed correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. Irwin indicating their desire to rename Sunrise Terrace Park after their son, as they have been volunteers at this park for many years. Jan Harrington made a motion to deny the name change but requested that Park staff work with the Irwin’s on a more appropriate way of honoring their son. Carmen Garcia seconded the motion. All Board Members were in favor of this motion.

Mr. Kraemer requested that correspondence be prepared by staff and forwarded to all individuals that made the request to rename parks notifying them of the results.

- Meeting Date – Move to first or third Tuesday of each Month – Board Members discussed this matter. Rebecca Tays made a motion that monthly meetings be moved to the first Tuesday of each month from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. Jan Harrington seconded the motion. All Board Members were in favor of this motion.
- Mr. Kraemer mentioned that we needed to elect a Vice-Chair for the MPRAB. Carmen Garcia nominated Dan Wilkinson. Mr. Wilkinson was amenable to serving as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the year. Carmen Garcia made a motion to nominate Dan Wilkinson as Vice-Chair for the MPRAB. Jan Harrington seconded the motion. All Board Members were in favor of this motion.

#### **Reports:**

- Barbara Baca, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, discussed the Trails and Bikeways Master Plan. She would like to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting. Barbara would like to invite the consultants to attend and provide a briefing to the Board. Due to the Fourth of July Holiday, the Board decided to have the next meeting on an alternate date, Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 12:30 PM. Barbara mentioned that final touches are being completed on a renovation at Bullhead Park. A field has been added, as well as striped parking. An invitation will be sent out for a future ribbon cutting. Consultants will be doing a presentation at the Balloon Fiesta Park Commission meeting tonight for a pavilion that is being added at the facility. Barbara mentioned the Robinson Park Growers Market and how the grass is taking quite a beating during this event. She is requesting feedback on this matter.

- Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager, mentioned that an inventory will be completed of all Parks and Recreation Department facilities for ADA compliance. A consultant has been hired to train staff on 25 sites. Staff will be responsible for completing the remaining sites. The training will take place the week of July 22, 2013. There will be a kick-off training on Monday afternoon. Information will be sent out prior to that date. Once all sites have been evaluated, a plan will be completed to get into compliance. New recreational fields have been added at North Domingo Baca Park, as well as the completion of phase 2 of the multi-generation center. A Grand Opening is scheduled on June 29, 2013, Noon to 4:00 PM. Christina will send an evite to the Board. The field will not be utilized for scheduled play for another season.
- BFP Commission Representative for MPRAB – Bill Nordin – Mr. Nordin discussed the Master Plan for Balloon Fiesta Park. He also provided information on past and future events. He briefly discussed the upcoming Balloon Fiesta event in October.
- Sub-Committee reports – Committee Chairmen or their designees – Christina mentioned that she will be emailing the notes from the Retreat to Board Members.
- Members' Roundtable – Report on P&R issues in their area (limit 2 min) – Mr. Kraemer asked Rebecca Tays to speak about a support letter she prepared for the PNM Grant. She provided additional details on this project and Board Members signed the letter of support. Dan Wilkinson expressed his concern for safety of children participating in youth sports. He would like to force all coaches for youth sports to get background checks. Barbara will reach out to the Legal Department concerning this matter. He also inquired about the possibility have having a memorial for all deceased bike riders at a specific place. Barbara mentioned that we have to be careful with these types of memorials as it may discourage bike riding if a list of all deceased bikers is posted.

Unfinished Business – Mr. Kraemer mentioned that we have potential applicants for the vacancies in District 1, 3 and the at-large positions. We are working on filling vacancies.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 12:30 PM, at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building, 1801 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

**Adjourn:** Mr. Kraemer adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM.