

**METROPOLITIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes of October 23, 2012**

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

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

**Members Excused/Absent:** Jerry Worrall

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

**Visitors:** Kenneth Lahti, son of Vice-Chair, Amy Lahti.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Kraemer called the meeting to order at 12:36 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 September 2012 Minutes. Jan Harrington moved approval; Rebecca Tays seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Introduction of Visitors and Guests:** Kenneth Lahti, son of Vice-Chair, Amy Lahti.

**Announcements:** None

**General Public Testimony:** None

**Items for Discussion**

- **Letter of Support for Upcoming Bond Election for Parks and Recreation** – Board Members discussed this matter and a draft letter that had been sent out via email by Jan Harrington. Mr. Kraemer suggested that this letter of support be sent to the newspaper. Dan Wilkinson moved that the letter prepared by Jan be forwarded to the newspaper. Amy Lahti seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion. Jan will edit the correspondence and send it to Board Members for their approval prior to sending it to the newspaper. Mr. Kraemer requested that Jane forward a copy of this correspondence to the Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Department Director, County Manager and Deputy County Manager for their information.
  
- **Request to Rename Bel-Air Park**
- **Request to Rename Trails Park**  
Board Members discussed the requests that were submitted for renaming of Bel-Air and Trails Parks. They also discussed guidelines for renaming parks. It was decided that the guidelines had to be revised and updated prior to proceeding with the requests to rename the two parks. Mr. Kraemer requested that the guidelines be placed on the November agenda as an Action Item. The Board feels that they need to have a clear philosophy with a long term view. The requests to rename Bel-Air and

Trails Parks will be reviewed at the December 2012 meeting after clear guidelines have been updated and established. This will allow Christina time to conduct additional research on Bel-air Park. Barbara and Christina will contact City Council concerning the Boards decision to delay reviewing the requests to rename the parks.

**Reports:**

- Barbara Baca, Director for Parks and Recreation Department, mentioned that she had just attended the NRPA Congress in Anaheim, CA. She provided booklets and information for the Boards review and discussed the event with them. She distributed a handout concerning the GO Bond Program and reviewed the information with Board Members.
- Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative - Bill Nordin mentioned that Balloon Fiesta was very successful. The park should be re-opening to the public on November 1, 2012. The Balloon Fiesta Park Master Development Plan is going before EPC. The COA and AIBF have reached an agreement on a new lease which has been reduced from 90 to 60 days. He mentioned cross country events that are scheduled at the park in November and December 2012.
- Sub-Committee Reports – Barbara mentioned that information was provided at NRPA on foundations. She expressed her desire to reinvigorate the Foundation Sub-Committee to establish a foundation. A sub-committee meeting will be scheduled prior to the next MPRAB meeting.
- Members Roundtable – Mr. Kraemer, District 2, inquired about Garfield Park. Barbara provided him with information.

**Unfinished Business:** We have vacancies in Districts 3, 5 and 6.

**New Business:** None.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2012, 12:30 PM, at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building, 1801 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

**Adjourn:** Mr. Kraemer adjourned the meeting at 1:56 PM.