

METROPOLITIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of December 2, 2014

Location: Parks and Recreation Department, 1801 4th Street NW

Members Present: Dan Wilkinson, Chair; John Myers, Vice-Chair; Lou Romero; Ted Humphreys, Susan Michie-Maitlen; Carmen Garcia; Janet Harrington

Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative for the MPRAB: Bill Nordin

Members Excused/Absent: Roxanne Turley

City Staff Present: Keith Reed, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department; Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department; Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager; Jane Trujillo, Board Secretary

Visitors: None

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

Approval of Today's Agenda: Mr. Wilkinson inquired if there were objections to the Agenda as written; the Board unanimously approved the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Wilkinson inquired if there were objections to the Minutes for the November 2014 meeting as written; the Board unanimously approved the Minutes.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Keith Reed introduced himself to the Board and provided background history.

Announcements: N/A

General Public Testimony: N/A

Reports:

- Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, provided information on what is occurring in each Division within the Parks and Recreation Department. For Aquatics Division, the outdoor pools have been closed for the winter season. Energy projects are taking place at West Mesa and Sandia Pools. Golf Management Division is currently in its slow season. Golf Administration is in the process of relocating their offices to Arroyo del Oso Golf Course. This relocation should take place by the end of this week. Park Management Division is also in their slow season. They are working on winter projects and the YARDI implementation. Planning and Design Division is planning for the 118th Street project and building the Sid Cutter Pavilion at the Balloon Fiesta Park for use at the 2015 Balloon Fiesta event. Open Space is in the process of filling vacancies due to retirement. They are also in the public comment period for an Environmental Monitoring Report that was recently completed. They are working on Bosque restoration projects. Recreation Division is compiling costs

for the recent Balloon Fiesta event. They are also working on purchasing a software program that will allow the public to schedule use of fields via the web. This software will also allow messages to be sent to users concerning field and weather conditions and cancellation of games. The Department Safety Officer has been able to purchase AED's for all of our pools and major facilities through the Executive Safety Committee. He is in the process of training staff to use this equipment. It may be helpful if a facility user suffers a heart attack, similar to the situation that recently occurred at the Shooting Range Park.

- Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager, mentioned a Build a Bike class that is being offered at the Esperanza Community Bike Shop. Christina will forward this information to the Board via email. The Twinkle Light Parade is scheduled for this weekend. Open Space Division and the Esperanza Bike Shop will have floats in the parade. Ladera Golf Course is the west side facility for the tree recycling this year. Chips from the trees are used for landscaping purposes. An Aquatics Division employee, Alessandra Fernandez, is being honored as Employee of the Week for her assistance during a traffic accident. Shay Kemsley, a pool supervisor, attended a Certified Pool Instructor Course and is now able to train others. Aquatics is doing quality work in terms of training staff. Phase 9 of North Domingo Baca Park opened last week. Christina provided details on the amenities that were added. Construction has started on Sierra Sunset Park and a dog park at Country Meadows Park in Ventana Ranch. An agility dog course was added at Ouray Dog Park. Staff has been meeting with the baseball and softball community concerning the 118th Street project. City Council is paying for an economic development analysis. This facility will be an economic driver for sports tourism. A meeting is being scheduled with APS to discuss colocation of facilities and how to share resources. This project will go before EPC in February. John Myers inquired about the 50 mile loop and requested that someone speak to the Board concerning this project. Christina will reach out to Linda Rumpf and request that she attend a future meeting. Christina inquired about holding a Retreat for the month of January in lieu of our regular meeting. Christina will reach out to Board Members so a date can be determined. The Retreat will require half a day, possibly on a Friday.
- Bill Nordin, BFP Commission Representative for MPRAB, mentioned that the Balloon Fiesta Commission is currently reviewing and updating their policies pertaining to the Balloon Fiesta Park. They are also reviewing their fee schedule.
- Sub-Committee reports – N/A
- Members' Roundtable – Ted Humphreys received a request for the installation of a mutt mitt station and trash can at the northwest entrance of Ventana Community Park where dog-walkers enter the park from the bike/walk path on Universe. This information will be forwarded to Malia at Park Management Division. He also received a request for a swing set in a park east of Ventana Ranch Elementary School, but he was unsure of the park name. Christina will forward park names to him so she can provide him with information on this matter. Lou mentioned that he spoke to Mary Lou regarding the District 2 position on the Board. She is considering it. Lou will speak to her about attending the Retreat. Dan expressed his appreciation to Jan for always providing snacks for our meetings.

- Unfinished Business – There are currently vacancies in Districts 1, 2 and 8.
- New Business – N/A

The January meeting will be cancelled in lieu of a Board Retreat which will be held in January. The date is yet to be determined.

Adjourn: Mr. Wilkinson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Myers made a motion and Mr. Wilkinson adjourned the meeting at 1:41 PM.