

METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of November 4, 2014

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

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

Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative for the MPRAB: Bill Nordin

Members Excused/Absent: N/A

City Staff Present: Barbara Taylor, 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 12:33 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 October 2014 meeting as written; the Board unanimously approved the October 2014 Minutes.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Dan introduced the new Parks and Recreation Department Director, Barbara Taylor, to the Board. Barbara provided background information on her 20 year career with the City. Board Members introduced themselves to Barbara.

Announcements: N/A

General Public Testimony: N/A

Items for Discussion

- Youth Sports Concussion Training and Background Checks for Coaches – Mr. Wilkinson discussed how he would like the Board to endorse the position that all individuals who interact with youth and use our facilities have concussion training and background checks. He provided additional information concerning this matter. He would like to submit this endorsement to the Administration and City Council. Board Members and Staff discussed what kind of policing issues and liability would this type of policy place on the City. Christina discussed the Youth Sports Commission that is being established by Bernalillo County. She suggested that the correspondence might be addressed to the Youth Sports Commission rather than the Administration and City Council. Christina mentioned that she can research

what other entities are doing. Barbara indicated that we would also need to contact Risk Management and City Legal for their input.

Reports:

- Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager, notified Board Members that the 2015 GO Bond Program will be presented at EPC on November 13, 2014, at 8:30 AM. Barbara Taylor provided additional information on the process. The meeting will be held in the Basement Conference Room of Plaza del Sol Building. Festival of the Cranes will be held at the Open Space Visitor Center on November 15 and 16, 2014. She discussed the request from the Board to hold a half-day retreat after the first of the year. The contract for the Sid Cutter Pavilion at Balloon Fiesta Park will be awarded this week and the facility will be completed and ready for use during Balloon Fiesta 2015. The first agility dog course in Albuquerque will be completed soon at Ouray Dog Park. Unused tennis courts are being removed at Mesa Verde Park. Fencing will be left up and this facility will be used for soccer. The Trails Plan was approved at EPC last month and will be moving on for City Council Approval. Christina discussed the Foundation with the Board. The Board discussed the Foundation. Christina mentioned the upcoming Twinkle Light Parade and how we are going to have a float. She welcomed the Board to participate.
- Bill Nordin, BFP Commission Representative for MPRAB, was unavailable at today's meeting
- Sub-Committee reports – N/A
- Members' Roundtable – Susan Michie-Maitlin mentioned that neighbors of Morningside Park would like to develop a dog park along the Lead Avenue side of the park. They are hoping this will alleviate a problem with homeless in the area. Christina will conduct research and provide information at the next meeting. Roxanne Turley expressed her appreciation to the Department for making the Balloon Fiesta passes available to the Board.
- Unfinished Business – There are currently vacancies in Districts 1, 2 and 8.
- New Business – N/A

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 12:30 PM

Adjourn: Mr. Wilkinson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Myers made a motion and Mr. Wilkinson adjourned the meeting at 1:32 PM.