

**METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes of February 8, 2011**

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

**Members Present:** Gerald C. Worrall, Chair; Richard Rivas, Vice-Chair; William Kraemer; Margaret Coombs; Carmen Garcia; Amy Elrod-Lahti

**Members Absent:** Dan Wilkinson

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

**Visitors:** Kelly Gossett, Public; Janet Harrington; Bill Nordin, BFP Commission

**Call to Order:** Chair Gerald Worrall called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

**Approval of Today's Agenda:** Chair Gerald Worrall requested a motion to approve the Agenda. Member Margaret Coombs moved approval; Vice-Chair Richard Rivas seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Approval of December 2010 Minutes:** Chair Gerald Worrall requested a motion to approve the December 2010 Minutes. Member Amy Lahti moved approval; Member Margaret Coombs seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Introduction of Visitors and Guests:** Visitors and guests listed above.

**Annual Election:** At the first annual meeting of the Board, elections are held for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Jerry Worrall as Chair; the board unanimously approved the motion. For the position of Vice-Chair, Mr. Kraemer made a motion to re-elect Richard Rivas as Vice-Chair and Margaret Coombs seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Announcements:** Chair Worrall welcomed everyone. He mentioned an article in today's newspaper concerning the APS Stadium that is proposed to be located at 98<sup>th</sup> and I-40. He also mentioned that there was a meeting with the Pat Hurley Park Neighborhood Association. The topic of discussion was a shooting incident that occurred at the park. It was suggested by the neighborhood that the park be closed at specific hours. Mr. Worrall spoke at the meeting notifying the neighborhood association that all parks need to be included in closing as it would be impossible to enforce different closing times.

Director Baca stated that a meeting was also held with APD to reduce potential for crime at Pat Hurley. There is a concern that all parks need to close at the same time. This is an example of the types of items that can come before the Board. Christina Sandoval indicated that the possibility of repealing and developing new ordinances is currently being reviewed. Director Baca mentioned some examples of the types of items we are hoping to address include fun jumps, closing hours for parks, and reservation systems. We are trying to change the ordinance system so that we do not have to go before Council in order to change ordinances. Director Baca mentioned that it was very helpful to have a Board Member at the Pat Hurley meeting. Mr. Worrall stated that it would be a good idea to invite Board Members to various events such as park openings, etc.

### **General Public Testimony:**

- None.

### **Reports:**

- Parks and Recreation Department Director, Barbara Baca also mentioned the APS Stadium. She indicated that this has the potential to become a Joint Use site between APS and the Parks and Recreation Department. Christina is working on a potential site for a regional complex for soccer. Barbara feels that regional parks will help get activities out of neighborhood parks. Director Baca stated that on Thursday we are going before City Council with the 2011 GO Bond Program for all capital improvements. Christina distributed handouts with information on the proposed 2011 projects for Parks and Recreation Department. It was mentioned that the theme of the program is renovation and rehabilitation based this year. Some of the projects proposed include irrigation or playground equipment replacement.

Mr. Kraemer inquired if Director Baca would like Board Members to attend the meeting on Thursday for support of the program. Director Baca thought it would be a good idea if members would like to attend.

- Parks and Recreation Department Senior Planner, Christina Sandoval discussed the Retreat that was held with Board Members in January. She felt that it was very helpful to the Board. She distributed the notes from the Retreat. The Board reviewed the various sub-committees that were established with volunteers for each. The sub-committees include Budget Advocacy; Volunteer Program; Health and Wellness Programming; Foundation; Joint use; and Safety.

Mr. Worrall requested a motion to officially create the various sub-committees. Member Amy Lahti moved to officially create the sub-committees and Member Margaret Coombs seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Worrall stated that he or Vice-Chair Rivas would attend each of the sub-committee meetings. He and

Mr. Rivas will decide which meeting they would be attending. Mr. Worrall stated that each sub-committee should make arrangements to meet. Mr. Worrall also thought the Retreat was very productive and should become a normal part of the Board. He indicated that he wants to continue meeting at various facilities, but would like the Board to become more familiar with each of the facilities. We will begin in March at Ladera Golf Course. Member Margaret Coombs inquired if someone from the Golf Advisory Board might be available to attend to discuss the project that is currently taking place at Ladera Golf Course. Director Baca stated that she would invite someone.

- Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative - Bill Nordin displayed a picture of the Balloon Fiesta Park and mentioned the boundaries of the park, including the landfill. He discussed the main priorities and the structure of the Balloon Fiesta Park Commission. He mentioned the various activities that take place at Balloon Fiesta Park. Mr. Nordin mentioned Strategic Planning meetings that have been taking place in an effort to improve the Balloon Fiesta Park. If anyone has questions, please contact Mr. Nordin at 321-9328.
- Mr. Worrall asked members to discuss issues in their districts. Richard Rivas, District 3, indicated that he is not aware of any issues in District 3, but he did express his appreciation to staff for holding the Retreat. Mr. Worrall, District 1, mentioned the APS Stadium. He also mentioned how patrols do a lot for safety in our parks. Carmen Garcia, District 7, mentioned the Hahn Arroyo project. She also mentioned an upcoming training on fundraising which she thought would be helpful for the Foundation sub-committee. She will forward the information to all Board Members assigned to the Foundation sub-committee. Kelly Gossett, who will soon be appointed to the District 4 position, did not have any information. Margaret Coombs, District 5, stated she was not aware of any new issues in District 5. She will contact Sara, the Policy Analyst for Councilor Lewis concerning the APS Stadium to see how the Board can provide assistance. Amy Lahti, At-Large, mentioned the North Domingo Project seems to be going well. Bill Kraemer, District 2, mentioned graffiti and vandalism, particularly at Garfield Park. He said the Parks and Recreation staff has been very responsive to complaints from the community. He mentioned the design of a traffic roundabout at the Indian School/Menaul intersection near 4-H Park. Fleming West is doing the design. He will provide it to Barbara and Christina for their input.

**Unfinished Business:** Mr. Worrall mentioned that Kelly Gossett and Rebecca Tays would be appointed to the Board on Monday, February 23, 2011, to fill the District 4 and 8 positions. Positions for Districts 6 and one At-large position remain vacant. Director Baca indicated that she would contact Councilor Garduno for a recommendation for the District 6 position and we are moving forward with the appointment of Janet Harrington to fill the vacant At-large position.

**New Business:** Mr. Worrall mentioned fee schedules to the Board. He inquired about the Shooting Range fees. Director mentioned that the recommendation has been submitted to the Mayor. Mayor Berry is talking to gun clubs for their input. He has suggested that the fees be increase by \$2 instead of the \$1 that was submitted, with \$1 going directly back to the Shooting Range. This is currently being reviewed. Director Baca mentioned that a \$2 increase would bring in an additional \$60,000 annually. Mayor Berry does support an increase. Mr. Worrall inquired if other fees need to be reviewed. Director Baca indicated that there are; however, it is better to move forward with a request for fee increases separate from the Budget. Parks and Recreation is currently gathering information and will provide this information to the Board at a later date.

The next Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2011, will be held at the Ladera Golf Course, 3401 Ladera NW.

**Adjourn:** Chair Worrall adjourned the meeting at 4:27 PM.