

METROPOLITIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of January 5, 2016

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

Members Present: Dan Wilkinson, Chairman, Roxanne Turley; Janet Harrington, Ted O. Humphreys, Louis Romero

Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative for the MPRAB: Bill Nordin

Members Excused/Absent: John Myers, Vice-Chairman, Susan Michie-Maitlen, Marylou Kraemer

City Staff Present: Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, Bobbie Jo Garcia, Executive Assistant

Visitors: John Witson

Call to Order: Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order.

Approval of Today's Agenda: Mr. Wilkinson asked to include a discussion on elections to the 2016 MPRAB on the Agenda. Mr. Wilkinson asked to approve the Agenda. No objections were made. Janet Harrington moved to approve the Agenda. Roxanne seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Wilkinson inquired if there were any objections to the Minutes as written for December, 2015. No objections were made. Janet Harrington moved to approve the Agenda. Roxanne seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests: N/A

Announcements: None

General Public Testimony: None

Reports:

- Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, provided information on various Divisions in the Department:

PRD is in the process now of assembling the indoor track at the Albuquerque Convention Center and we are resurfacing 200 meter oval. This is an approximately a \$325k resurfacing project. The start date that we have to meet is January 22, 2016 which will host the first University of New Mexico track meet. We will be able to hold collegiate level athletic events at the Convention Center. The track season should run through March 2016.

In the Recreation Division we were able to hire a new Manager for the Sid Cutter Pilots Pavilion at Balloon Fiesta Park. Balloon Fiesta Park has a full management staff.

There were 2 retirements in the Recreation Division under the Sports Office, the Tennis Assistant and one of our Program Supervisors.

There are 5 indoor pools that are currently open this time of year. We are currently running a Life Guard class and are currently hiring Life Guards. This is an ongoing year round process as 250+ Life Guards are needed to staff the City Pools.

Wilson Pool is being updated, a \$30k+ slide is being installed. It is similar to the slide at Montgomery Pool.

Golf Courses are closed when there is snow fall during this time of year. This includes Ladera Golf Course; we close courses when there is snow on the courses.

The contract for the west side Golf Concessionaire has been extended for 90 days while they complete the Request for Proposal process for finding a new concessionaire to operate Ladera Golf Course. We have a 90 extension that runs through March 2016.

Golf is currently reviewing the membership pricing and potentially the establishment of a rewards program and possibly reviewing some of the rate structures for the Golf Courses. Golf has been a declining business for City Municipal Courses, there's a wealth of competition surrounding the Albuquerque area. We are going to take a look at redoing our Membership model and implementing a rewards program. In order to do that a Public Hearing is required to make changes; we are not looking at raising prices. We do have to get public input as per the Ordinance.

The Golf Advisory Board is currently taking applicants for the vacant position on the Board.

The Parks Management Division is currently hiring a new Superintendent. This position should be filled this month.

Park Management is in the process of completing a Master Maintenance Plan for the entire parks maintenance system. It should be finalized by the end of the first quarter. The Master Maintenance Plan will work in conjunction with the YARDI system in order to record and reflect the true cost for maintenance operations.

Pilot program training for Irrigators, Supervisors, Water Manager and our Park Management Division Trainer is being implemented. All training will be provide in-house and will ensure that all Irrigators are up to speed with the Parks irrigation system and be able to identify concerns and implement the proper maintenance and provide a timely response to emergency call outs.

Open Space will be hosting a Public Meeting on January 7, 2016 at 5:30 pm and will be held at the Los Duranes Community Center regarding the Bosque Trail improvements that will run from I40 to Campbell Rd.

- Garry Wolfe reporting for Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager, provided information as follows:

Updating the Parks Ordinance, copies were distributed; Updates to the Ordinance are to include Camping in parks, Drone and Remote Aircraft use. There are currently 2 parks which allow for Drone and Remote Aircraft use, the Balloon Fiesta Park and the George Maloof Air-parkway on the west side. Christina is currently working on this, any recommendations or suggestions can be sent to Christina.

- Bill Nordin reporting for the Balloon Fiesta Commission:

The update from Paul Smith with AIBF relayed parking concerns for Balloon fiesta Park include the new construction taking place could take approximately 3000 parking spaces which are utilized during the Balloon Fiesta Event. Parking access will decrease as new construction is being done around the Balloon Fiesta Park.

The Ordinance which the Balloon Fiesta Commission falls under is being rewritten and should be voted on by City Council. The rewritten Ordinance should include language to support it moving towards an advisory committee with term limits and is also separating two on the positions on the Board and making them non-voting members. They would be the representative from Parks and Recreation and Police and Fire.

The other issue the Committee will be reviewing is a zoning change to a 40 unit residential gated community right next to the Balloon Museum. The City and Parks and Recreations have already said no, they don't feel it would be a good idea. The hearing will be held next Thursday.

- Sub-Committee Reports – NA.
- Members' Roundtable – Report on P&R issues in their area (limit 2 minutes)
- Unfinished Business - There are currently vacancies in Districts 1, 7 and 8. Will confirm the requested the appointments for the vacant positions on the Board.
- Old/New Business – A request to delay Board Elections for a full Board in attendance, it was agreed to delay till next month. A suggestion was made to host a Board meeting at Sid Cutter.

Adjourn: Mr. Wilkinson adjourned the meeting.