

METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of March 11, 2008

Location: Parks and Recreation Admin Building A, 1801 Fourth Street NW

Members Present: Sandra P. Richardson, Chair; Donald H. Couchman, Vice Chair; Robert W. Day; Jerry Worrall; Carolyn Stewart

Members Absent: Joe M. Montano; Orlando Sedillo

City Staff Present: Jay Hart, PRD-Director; Jay Evans, PRD-Deputy Director; Theresa Baca, DMD; Malia Tafoya–Board Secretary

Visitors: Darlene Couchman, Arts Board; John Hartmann, DMD; Melissa Lozoya, DMD; Bill Nordin, BFPB representative; Cliff Richardson, Cherry Hills

Call to Order: Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

Approval of Today's Agenda: Member Worrall moved approval, Member Stewart seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of February Minutes: Member Worrall moved approval, Member Stewart seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

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

Announcements:

Chair Richardson announced that the EPC will be taking up Great Streets and the I-25 sector plan.

Malia Tafoya provided an update on the upcoming Heartwalk.

Vice Chair Couchman announced that he has downloaded the legislative budget that passed, and following a brief conversation he will forward it to the board members.

Member Day and Jay Hart advised that this years Fishing Durby was a huge success.

General Public Testimony: None

Reports:

Jay Hart discussed and distributed handouts to include a printout of highlights of the Director's report, and the Water Conservation Ordinance Revision. Jay Hart updated the board on staff changes, priorities, and upcoming events.

Bill Nordin stated that at the BF meeting tonight they will try to come up with five BF priorities, and advised the Rugby Tournament will be held at BF next month.

Theresa Baca provided the board with an update of medians and trails in design and/or construction, some of the trails that were highlighted were Bear Canyon Arroyo, Embudo Channel Trail, I-40 crossing Rio Grande, and the North Diversion Channel.

Jay Evans discussed and distributed a 2008 Walking Trails Guide that was created for the Albuquerque Prescription Trails Pilot Program. Mr. Evans also reported that a 9mm World War II gun is being moved from the Shooting Range to a World War II memorial in Santa Fe, and discussed park safety and security in regards to park lighting.

Theresa Baca advised a "Ditches with Trails" meeting will be held on April 4th, she will send the information regarding the meeting to Chair Richardson.

Members' Roundtable: Member Worrall updated the board on money that has been requested for the Shawn Mcwethy Park and discussed park security. Member Worrall announced that a program is scheduled to be aired on April 10th at 6:30pm called "Crystal Darkness" regarding Crystal Meth awareness.

Member Worrall provided her support for the Crystal Darkness program.

Chair Richardson reported to the board that, in response to the PAC letter she sent to Rep. Larranaga, we received \$635K for the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, a sum that puts us 'right on track' for moving ahead. Chair Richardson also urged members to push for new members.

Unfinished Business: none discussed

New Business: none discussed

Next meeting April 8th, 2008, 4:00pm to 6:00 pm

Adjourn: Member Day moved to adjourn, Member Stewart seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.