

METROPOLITIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of March 8, 2011

Location: Ladera Golf Course, 3401 Ladera NW

Members Present: Gerald C. Worrall, Chair; Richard Rivas, Vice-Chair; Kelly W. Gossett; Carmen Garcia; Rebecca L. Tays; Dan Wilkinson

Members Absent: William Kraemer; Amy Elrod-Lahti; Margaret Coombs

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

Visitors: Janet Harrington; Bill Nordin, BFP Commission; Ted Garrett, Garrett Development Corporation; LeRoy Chavez, Former employee of Westland/Suncal; Thomas Borst, Tres Volcanes Neighborhood Association; Holly Womack; Bob McCannon, Ladera West Neighborhood Association; Wally Iverson, Municipal Golf Advisory Board; Joan Jones, Pat Hurley Neighborhood Association; Tabitha King, Stormcloud Tres Volcanes Neighborhood Association; Jim Aldez, Stormcloud Tres Volcanes Neighborhood Association; Patrice Herberholz, Stormcloud Tres Volcanes Neighborhood Association, Elaine Romero, Policy Analyst for Councilor Ken Sanchez, District 1; Kathy Korte, APS

Call to Order: Chair Gerald Worrall called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Mr. Worrall, Chair, introduced Wally Iverson of the Golf Advisory Board. Mr. Iverson discussed various issues at the four City of Albuquerque Golf Course, but specifically at Ladera Golf Course. He also discussed the Golf Advisory Board and mentioned that he would like to work closely in the future with the MPRAB. Barbara Baca, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department mentioned the various boards in the Parks and Recreation Department. She also mentioned a \$1.5M project at Ladera Golf Course that will begin this fall. Consultants are currently looking at various problems at Ladera, including the soil, detention ponds, gophers, and the aging irrigation system.

Approval of Today's Agenda: Chair Gerald Worrall requested a motion to approve the Agenda. Member Dan Wilkinson moved approval; Member Kelly Gossett seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of December 2010 Minutes: Chair Gerald Worrall requested a motion to approve the February 2011 Minutes. Vice-Chair Richard Rivas moved approval; Member Carmen Garcia seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Visitors and guests listed above. Mr. Worrall welcomed Rebecca Tays, a newly appointed member to the MPRAB for District 8.

Announcements: Chair Worrall welcomed everyone. He mentioned that a facilitated meeting would be held on March 24, 2011, concerning the Ventana Ranch Community Park. He asked Christina Sandoval to provide additional information. She said that in April the EPC is looking at changing the zoning from residential to SU1 which is appropriate for the site plan. She discussed site plan amenities. The meeting on March 24, 2011, is to air out issues prior to the EPC meeting. Mr. Worrall indicated that he will represent the MPRAB at the March 24th meeting.

General Public Testimony:

- Mr. Worrall mentioned that the purpose of this meeting is to determine if the City should purchase an additional 81 acres in the area of 98th and I-40 for a regional park to be built near the APS stadium which will be built in this area. Barbara Baca mentioned that the City Council passed the 2011 GO Bond Program which includes \$2.5 M for a regional park on the west side, but it is currently in the planning stages.
- Visitors talked about the APS stadium that would be built in the area of 98th and I-40. Some of the public speakers indicated they did not feel this was a good location for the stadium as it is adjacent to existing residential properties, and many would like to see the facility moved further west. No opposition was raised to a regional park facility at this location and some speakers proposed the City of Albuquerque purchase 81 acres of property along 98th Street to be used as a buffer between the stadium and the residential area.

Reports:

- Parks and Recreation Department Director, Barbara Baca mentioned that she does not have anything else to add on this subject except that it is very valuable to air out issues. The GO Bond Program that we put forward is for renovation rather than bringing on new facilities. As we look forward and the City grows we need to look at the need for grass space in neighborhood parks. She said it is a balancing act and we need to use tax payer money efficiently. APS is currently further along with this project than the City is on purchasing property for a regional park.
- Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative - Bill Nordin mentioned that they are working with Consensus Builder on the Balloon Fiesta Park Strategic Plan. He said there are two GO Bond requests. One in the amount of \$2.45M. He believes this is for infrastructure and a command center. The other is for a memorial for lost balloonists. He said the park is booked and he discussed various events occurring at the park. He mentioned that the driving range at the Golf Center is doing well. He should have numbers after tonight's Board meeting.

- Mr. Worrall inquired if any of the Sub-committees had reports. Carmen Garcia mentioned that she wants to schedule a meeting for the Foundation Sub-committee to explore the idea of a foundation.
- Mr. Worrall asked members to discuss issues in their districts. Mr. Worrall, District 1, did not have anything else for his district. Mr. Rivas had no report on District 3. Mr. Wilkinson, District 9, mentioned that he had talked to coaches in his area concerning traffic at Wilson Stadium. Rebecca Tays, District 8, passed. Kelly Gossett, District 4, had no report.

Unfinished Business: Mr. Worrall mentioned that we need to provide a recommendation on adjusting the closing hours for parks. This will be decided at our next meeting. Barbara mentioned that we need to indicate more clearly on the agenda when a vote is needed or more research is required. They discussed bringing more information to the table at the next meeting on this subject and possibly having a representative from APD attend. Mr. Worrall mentioned that Janet Harrington is in the process of being appointed to the Board for an At-large position. We still need a recommendation for District 6.

New Business: Mr. Worrall had no statement concerning new business.

The next Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011, will be held at the Alamosa Community Center, 6900 Gonzales SW.

Adjourn: Chair Worrall adjourned the meeting at 4:50 PM.