

METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of November 10, 2009

Location: Parks and Recreation's Open Space Visitors Center, 6500 Coors NW

Members Present: Donald Couchman, William Baldwin, Robert W. Day, Becky Lee, Richard L. Rivas, Carolyn Stewart, Jerry Worrall.

City Staff Present: Barbara Baca, PRD-Recreation; Jeff Hart, PRD-Park Management; Barbara Taylor-DMD; Cynthia Lucero, Board Secretary

Visitors: Cliff Richardson, Sandra Richardson, Liaison, Frieda Worrall, Darlene Couchman, Joe Montano, Bill Nordin

Call to Order: Donald Couchman called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Approval of Today's Agenda: Member Day and Member Steward approved both September and October's minutes with no changes to either.

Announcements:

Mr. Day corrected the spelling of Beth's last name to Scharrer. Becky Lee is to be excused from last month's meeting. Mr. Couchman corrected a statement he made about there only being five of the seven members present. Mr. Couchman could not find EC's that indicate their reappointment. They are Jerry Worrall, Carolyn Stewart, Richard Rivas and Becky Lee. He asked that they get with their City Councilor's to get this taken care of. Mr. Couchman will send out an updated copy with this information.

General Testimony: None

Reports:

PRD-Barbara Baca, Recreation Manager passed out the Regional Recreation and Sports Summit to members. This was requested at the last meeting. Barbara could not find the Sustainability Report. Mr. Couchman provided Barbara a copy. Met with the Transition Team November 2, 2009 and provided information to the Team. We have not received a report back from the team. Lots of budget issues. All State Grants have been frozen. We have been asked to submit documents on expenditures for the purpose of balancing the State budget. Monies not used may be taken back. Sandra Richardson mentioned the groundbreaking of the North Domingo Baca Multi-generational center on Thursday, 10/1/09. Will this project be impacted? GO Bond has been set aside for this project. It may or may not be affected. Mr. Couchman corrected a statement he made about there only being five of the seven members present.

BFP- Bill Nordin mentioned that at this year's Balloon Fiesta, rough numbers indicate that they had 241,000 in paid attendance. This is up from last year's 226,000. No major

problems were reported. For the last couple of years, we've had a problem with the light on Alameda. A switch was made and now there is a light on Balloon Fiesta Drive. We were very busy at the park with the Diabetes Walk and the Doggie Dash. We had traffic problems, due to the amount of participants. More participation than anticipated. Park will close down at the end of December to give the grass a chance to grow. The Motor Homes Association will be back at the park in March for about 3-4 weeks. Garduno's has been shut down. No RFP has been sent out. Everything is on hold. Mr. Couchman asked Bill Nordin about the current resolution. It does not identify any changes. His question is, Section 9 – Appropriations. Revenue of \$126,000, CIP Fund 230. What does that mean? Barbara Taylor mentioned that fund 230 maybe State Grant money. Fund 305 is the correct fund for CIP. If this is State Grant Money, do not count on it at all. Barbara Taylor will check with the Financial Section of CIP and get back with the Board on this issue. Nothing is scheduled to go before City Council. Bill Nordin will send the Board Secretary the current resolution. Bill Nordin was not sent the attachment. Everything is on hold until the new Mayor comes in.

DMD-Barbara Taylor announced two projects. Ventana Community Park and Seville Park. Seville Park is being constructed by our own crews. No problems with this project. Moving along as scheduled. Ventana Park on the other hand has turned into a "Sea of the Basalt". Not unexpected. Quantity is higher. Cost of Phase I is \$100,000 over budget due to digging, removing and transporting offsite. Bill Nordin asked Barbara Taylor about the Bike Trail by Balloon Fiesta. Are there any plans to connect them? Barbara Taylor will check with Traffic Engineering on this.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Jerry Worrall attended the Prescription Trails meeting and will continue to do so. The Prescription Trails and Ditches and Trails have been combined into one committee. The big issue is that we do not have doctor's prescribing trails. More cities are expanding on the Prescription Trail resource. Santa Fe has a good program and is willing to work with us. Sandra Richardson asked what happened to the prescription pads that were printed? Jeff Hart from Park Management met with Charm to discuss markers being put up at Prescription Parks. Richard Rivas asked that these be distributed to the Medical Association for conferences, etc. We need to find out what has or has not been done to get this information out. A good way to get the word out is possibly through the Journal.

Round Table Discussion: None

Mr. Couchman mentioned that there are seven active members. Bob Day will serve until replaced. Mr. Couchman will not be here very long.

New Business:

The board has agreed to meet in January 2010 when the new Mayor takes over.

Adjourn: Chair Couchman adjourned the meeting at 4:55pm.