

METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of September 14, 2010

Location: Los Altos Golf Course, 9717 Copper NE

Members Present: Gerald C. Worrall, Chair; Richard Rivas, Vice-Chair; Robert W. Day

Members Absent: Becky Lee; Amy Elrod-Lahti

City Staff Present: Andy Garcia, Finance Manager, Parks and Recreation Department; Christina Sandoval, Senior Planner, Parks and Recreation Department; Jane Trujillo, Board Secretary

Visitors: Bill Nordin, Balloon Fiesta Park Commission Representative; Rex Foutz, Public

Call to Order: Chair Gerald Worrall called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.

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

Approval of June 2010 Minutes: Member Robert Day moved approval; Vice-Chair Richard Rivas seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

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

Announcements: Chair Worrall distributed and discussed an article entitled "Parks, Playgrounds and Active Living". He also discussed the 2008 Albuquerque Progress Report and will provide updates as information becomes available. He stated that Parks and Recreation is considered a reason to celebrate in the Albuquerque Progress Report.

General Public Testimony:

- Mr. Foutz inquired about undeveloped parks. Christina provided him with information and will forward additional information via email.

Reports:

- Parks and Recreation Department Finance Manager, Andy Garcia, distributed and discussed the Current Fee Schedules for the Parks and Recreation Department. All of the fees are recommended by the Parks and Recreation Department for approval by the Administration. Andy will provide fee schedules for the ball fields and the Shooting Range via email. Mr. Worrall requested that Shooting Range Fees be discussed at the next meeting.
- Parks and Recreation Department, Christina Sandoval, mentioned that the NMRPA Conference is being held in Rio Rancho on September 22-24, 2010. She discussed various events that will be taking place and subjects that will be discussed. She feels it is a good networking opportunity with a chance to gain valuable knowledge. She stated that we are currently in the beginning stages of the Ladera Golf Course Renovation Project and the process for the renovation will begin in the next few months.

An ADA Conference will be held in October. We have received concerns from constituents concerning accessibility in our parks. We are required by Federal Regulations to make our facilities accessible. As we progress forward, we may be bringing issues to the Board for their recommendation. Christina distributed a handout concerning the Parks and Recreation Department efforts to address issues on jumpers in parks. Approximately two years ago, a policy was established that does not allow jumpers in the parks. Jumper companies are not happy with this policy. The neighborhoods are upset because we do not have anyone to enforce the policy. She discussed issues, possible solutions, enforcement challenges, possible policy changes and research that is needed. Parks and Recreation Department is working with the Administration to come up with solutions.

- Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative - Bill Nordin mentioned that the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta event is coming up in a few weeks. The Golf Center is closed during this event. Electrical lines are currently being laid out in the landfill on the south side of Alameda for motor homes during the Balloon Fiesta event. A YAFL tournament will be held at Balloon Fiesta Park in November. He mentioned that Parks and Recreation Department hired a consultant, Consensus Builder, to develop a strategic plan for the Balloon Fiesta Park. An issue on the AIBF agenda for tonight's meeting is that ACVB is pushing for room nights for events in Albuquerque. Mr. Nordin mentioned that the Balloon Fiesta Fee Schedule comes from the Balloon Fiesta Commission. A volunteer event sponsored by the City, Clean-Up Albuquerque, is taking place on September 25, 2010, 9:00 AM to Noon, at the Balloon Fiesta Park, Alameda and Balloon Museum Drive. Volunteers are encouraged to participate.

Sub-Committee Reports – None.

Members Roundtable – Mr. Rivas discussed issues in his district.

Unfinished Business: Positions for Districts 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and one At-large position remain vacant. Amy Elrod-Lahti was appointed to fill one of the At-large positions and nominees have been submitted for Districts 2, 4, 5, and 7. Mr. Worrall expressed his frustration with how long the appointment process takes.

New Business: None.

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, at Fire Station #20, 7520 Corona NE (Wyoming and Corona).

Adjourn: Chair Worrall adjourned the meeting at 4:26 PM.