

**METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes of July 17, 2012**

**Location:** Parks and Recreation Department, Administration Office, 1801 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW

**Members Present:** William Kraemer, Chair; Janet Harrington; Carmen Garcia, Dan Wilkinson; Rebecca L. Tays

**Members Excused/Absent:** Amy Lahti, Vice-Chair; Jerry Worrall; Kelly Gossett

**City Staff Present:** Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager; Jane Trujillo, Board Secretary

**Visitors:** None

**Call to Order:** Mr. Kraemer called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

**Approval of Today's Agenda:** Mr. Kraemer requested a motion to approve the Agenda. Jan Harrington moved approval; Dan Wilkinson seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Kraemer requested a motion to approve the June 2012 Minutes. Dan Wilkinson moved approval; Jan Harrington seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Introduction of Visitors and Guests:** None

**Announcements:** Mr. Kraemer mentioned discussion at last months meeting to hold the July meeting at Manzano Mesa Multi-Generational Center. Mr. Wilkinson was not able to make arrangements. Board Members discussed. Jan Harrington asked who was responsible for enforcing the Street Tree Ordinance. Christina informed her that adjacent property owners are responsible for maintenance of trees. If the trees are located in landscaped medians, then they are the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department. New medians currently being built have a 3 to 5 year maintenance warranty and are maintained by private companies. When the maintenance warranty expires, they become the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Administration has expressed an interest in maintenance contracts due to the high volume of medians and the work that is required. This is currently being explored. Meetings are currently taking place between Parks and Recreation, Planning and DMD to come up with an overall vision for maintenance of streetscapes. Christina explained that Zoning Enforcement is responsible for citing individuals that are in violation of the Street Tree Ordinance. It is a very complicated issue.

**General Public Testimony:** None

**Reports:**

- Barbara Baca, Director for Parks and Recreation Department, was not in attendance as she was in a meeting in the Mayor's Office.
  
- Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative - Bill Nordin mentioned the event chart. Not many changes have been made since he provided a copy at a previous meeting. He mentioned the City Summer Jam event where many low rider clubs were represented. They had great security and the event went well.

The Girl Scouts of America Campout will be held August 11-12. Many dads have volunteered to provide security. The film company filming the Lone Range would like to build a set on the northern part of the Balloon Fiesta Park. They want to build a blue screen measuring 170 feet long X 90 feet deep X 60 feet tall. He will report more on this at a later date. Balloon Fiesta is working on a 2012 update to the Master Development Plan. Once approved by Balloon Fiesta, it is forwarded to EPC and then City Council. Mr. Kraemer inquired if there is anything the Board can do to assist with the Master Development Plan. Bill Nordin said there is nothing at this time, but he will provide additional information next month.

- Sub-Committee Reports – None.
- Members Roundtable – Rebecca Tays expressed her appreciation for the new parking signs that have been installed at El Oso Grande Park. She showed pictures. Christina stated that Malia ordered the signs and the Parking Agreement between CNM and the City of Albuquerque has been signed and finalized. Mr. Wilkinson said he toured Manzano Mesa. He briefly mentioned amenities at the site and informed the Board how Parks and Recreation Department assisted Senior Affairs with a repair at the facility. Mr. Wilkinson inquired about the park at 118<sup>th</sup> Street. Christina said that negotiations for the purchase of the property are currently taking place. This is a multi-million dollar project that will be a phased development. Phase One could include infrastructure and a couple of fields. Mr. Wilkinson and the Board discussed various issues concerning sports in parks, fees that are charged, joint use agreements with APS. He feels we need to support prevention; we need more and bigger fields for kids. Christina mentioned that meetings have been taking place between APS and the COA for approximately 6 months. Discussions are taking place concerning joint use agreements. Everyone is looking for new revenues streams. Bill Nordin mentioned that Fred will be sending a letter to Principals at APS explaining the joint use agreement. Mr. Wilkinson feels Fred is a great youth advocate and he will be retiring in December 2013. Mr. Kraemer mentioned that we are in general agreement that there are things that need to be looked at

**Unfinished Business:** We have vacancies in Districts 3, 5 and 6.

**New Business:** Board Members discussed the location of next months meeting. Mr. Wilkinson will make arrangements to use Manzano Mesa Multi-Generational Center. Board Members also discussed the possibility of another Retreat.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at Manzano Mesa Multi-Generational Center.

**Adjourn:** Mr. Kraemer adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM.