

**METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes of October 7, 2014**

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

**Members Present:** Dan Wilkinson, Chair; John Myers, Vice-Chair; Roxanne Turley; Janet Harrington; Lou Romero; Carmen Garcia; Ted Humphreys

**Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative for the MPRAB:** Bill Nordin

**Members Excused/Absent:** Susan Michie-Maitlen

**City Staff Present:** Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department; Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager; Jane Trujillo, Board Secretary

**Visitors:** None

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 12:31 PM

**Approval of Today's Agenda:** Mr. Wilkinson inquired if there were objections to the Agenda as written; the Board unanimously approved the Agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Wilkinson inquired if there were objections to the Minutes for the September 2014 meeting as written; the Board unanimously approved the September 2014 Minutes.

**Introduction of Visitors and Guests:** Mary Lou Kraemer

**Announcements:** N/A

**General Public Testimony:** Mary Lou Kraemer attended the meeting to speak about the memorial for Bill Kraemer that was discussed at the September meeting. She expressed her appreciation to the Board for considering a memorial for Mr. Kraemer. She felt that he would love the bike ride and music festival. She has spoken to the Albuquerque Community Foundation about the proceeds for this type of event possibly going to them. John Myers spoke about how the Board is wanting to create a foundation to support the Parks and Recreation Department and how they are talking about establishing an event to memorialize Mr. Kramer and have the proceeds from this event go to the Parks and Recreation Foundation to support our parks. The Board discussed various bike events that are currently in place. Christina mentioned that Barbara's goal is to have the event next year some time. She provided additional detail and discussed this further. Christina will contact Mary Lou Kraemer prior to the next Board meeting after she has an opportunity to speak with Barbara Baca. Christina will try to come back to the next meeting with a date and location for this event. Jan Harrington suggested calling the event "Kramer's Kruse and Blues".

## Reports:

- Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, stated that Director Baca was handling matters at the Balloon Fiesta Park. He provided information on this year's Balloon Fiesta event and mentioned that all is going well. Park Management Division staff members have been working hard at the Balloon Fiesta Park. We are currently in the non-growing season, so they are reducing their Adecco staffing. Aquatics staff has winterized their seasonal pools. They are completing facility upgrades at Sandia Pool. Golf Management has obtained approval from City Council of two new contracts for Arroyo del Oso and Puerto del Sol Golf Courses. Arroyo del Oso Golf Course has the most golfers and generates the most money. A new supervisor was recently hired for Puerto del Sol Golf Course. Renovations at Ladera have been completed on the back 9. It was reopened on October 1, 2014. Existing staff in the Open Space Division has been reduced by 20% due to upcoming retirements. We are working on rebuilding staff. The environmental consultant, SWCA, made a presentation of their findings on the study of the Bosque at the recent Open Space Advisory Board Meeting. The findings will be available for public comment soon. Planning and Design has completed two major projects: Academy Hills Park was renovated and a ribbon cutting was held on September 27, 2014; and, Vista del Norte Park Phase I was recently completed with the installation of playing fields, grass, a few trees and gates. A ribbon cutting was held on October 1, 2014. Youth sports will not be scheduled on these playing fields until next summer. This will allow the new sod to take root. Garry provided information on the Bike Valet at Balloon Fiesta Park.
- Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager, provided information on repairs that are being made at city pools. Valley Pool will be closed for ten days. The Bikeway and Trails Facility Plan will be heard at EPC this Thursday. She is working on an Inclusive Program Policy for the city in an effort to make things more accessible to people. She is hoping to get this policy implemented by next summer. She will provide the Board with more information as soon as possible. This policy will allow the city to be more welcoming to all people and will provide consistency throughout the city. She provided information on the Maize Maze which will be open through October. Bernalillo County approved a resolution to create a County Youth Sports Commission. Cristin Chavez-Smith will represent the Parks and Recreation Department on this Commission. They will be looking at concussion training and background checks. Open Space Division received three YCC grants. One for the Shooting Range, one for the Bosque and one for the Foothills. This is a good opportunity to get youth involved in projects. She mentioned that Recreation Division hired a consultant, Karen Baker, to look at volunteerism. Planning and Design is working on water saving measures. She provided additional information on this matter and mentioned that if the Board is interested in a presentation, to let her know. The 2015 GO Bond is going to EPC on November 13, 2014. She provided a handout and reviewed it with Board Members. Garry Wolfe provided additional information on park acreage, personnel and vehicles and equipment. He encouraged Board Members to express their concerns at the EPC meeting and to City Council. Christina asked Board Members to contact her if they have specific questions. EPC will meet on November 13, 2014, 8:30 AM.

- Bill Nordin, BFP Commission Representative for MPRAB, spoke about the last two Balloon Fiesta Commission Meetings. At the August meeting they heard a presentation on signage and branding at Balloon Fiesta Park. A group was hired by Parks and Recreation to review signage at the park. He also mentioned three reports of vendors not being paid by people using the facility. He provided additional information on this matter. For the September meeting, he mentioned that AIBF has control of the Balloon Park from September 1 through October, for the Balloon Fiesta event. There are lots of events booked for next year. He discussed incidents where tents are being lifted by the wind and it is causing damage. Dan Wilkinson mentioned that he has seen this in other parks. He inquired about the maximum depth that these types of structures can be staked. Christina informed him that there is an ordinance that does not allow the erection of these types of structures in parks.
- Sub-Committee reports – Dan Wilkinson mentioned that he would like concussion training and background checks added to the agenda for next months as an item for discussion. He would like to discuss writing a letter to the City Council recommending that they support concussion training and background checks for all youth sport coaches. Jan Harrington mentioned that she would like sub-committees to be more active. Board Members requested that the most current listing of sub-committees be provided to them. Christina discussed the possibility of having a Retreat in January so that sub-committees could be revamped at that time.
- Members' Roundtable – N/A
- Unfinished Business – There are currently vacancies in Districts 1, 2 and 8.
- New Business – N/A

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at 12:30 PM

**Adjourn:** Mr. Wilkinson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jan Harrington made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Myers. Mr. Wilkinson adjourned the meeting at 1:42 PM.