

METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of February 6, 2018

Location: Parks and Recreation Department, 1801 4th Street NW

Members Present: John Myers, Chairman;
Haley Kadish; Dan Wilkinson; Ted O. Humphreys; Lou Romero; Roxanne Turley

Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative for the MPRAB:

Members Excused/Absent: John Whitson; David W. Turner

City Staff Present: Brandon Gibson, Acting Associate Director; Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager; Malia Sanchez, Golf Revenue Coordinator; David Flores, Sr. Landscape Architect; Jesse Scott, Project Coordinator; Jason Coffey, Sr. Planner; Dustin Kiska, Assistant Project Coordinator; Susannah Abbey, Sr. Project Coordinator

Visitors: Mark Chavez, Park Management Superintendent; Greg Miller

Call to Order: Mr. Myers called the meeting to order at 12:31pm

Approval of Today's Agenda: Mr. Myers asked to approve the Agenda. Lou Romero made a motion to have the February agenda approved, Haley Kadish seconded. The board unanimously approved the motion to approve the February agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Myers inquired if there were any objections to the Minutes as written for December, 2017. Lou Romero made a motion to have the August minutes approved, Haley Kadish seconded. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements: None

General Public Testimony: None

Reports:

- Mark Chavez and Greg Miller, provided information as follows:

Presented a slideshow report on the City of Albuquerque Park Maintenance Masterplan, handout attached.

- Brandon Gibson, Acting Associate Director, provided information as follows:

Mr. David Simon has been appointed by Mayor Keller to serve as the next Director of the City of Albuquerque's Parks & Recreation Department. We are anticipating Mr. Simon to start serving as our new Director on March 5, 2018. Top level positions will be filled after his arrival.

Garry Wolfe has been asked and accepted the position of Acting Division Manager of Recreation.

Open space will be using Rectrac for online payments and reservations.

- Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager, provided information as follows:

Phillip Clelland has been appointed to marketing PIO manager for Parks and Recreation. Phillip will be asked to give a presentation to the board in the near future months.

The new regional baseball complex opened in December, it is a beautiful facility. SNG runs and maintains this facility.

The Alameda drain project is scheduled to start soon, we will keep you abreast of the project.

We are in the process of renegotiating all little league agreement which all expire this year.

We are currently testing out changing wooden bridges on trails to a concrete pour which will hopefully resolve issues with uneven surface and maintenance issues with the wooden planks.

This Saturday we will be holding a brainstorm workshop with the Barelas neighborhood on how to redesign the park for maximum use of the park space. The meeting will be held at the Barelas Senior Center from 9:30 am – noon.

- Bill Nordin, Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative, no report given: Not present.
- **Unfinished Business –**
Helen Maestas has been recently appointed to Deputy Director of Constituent Services for Boards and Commissions. Hopefully when she is settled in we will be able to fill the 3 vacancies currently open for the board. Roxanne did go through and is an official member.
- **Old/New Business –**
Bill opened discussion regarding renaming the I-40 trail as previously discussed last meeting as an appropriate stretch to honor Bill Kramer. Dan made a motion to rename the area in discussion. Lou seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Larry Light and his wife brought the request to name the pickleball courts at Vilella Park after Ken Vandermay. John asked the board to vote on the request, all voted in favor of this request.

- **Sub-Committee Reports –** None
- **Members' Roundtable –**

Dan opened a discussion regarding his wish to ban alcohol in all parks. Alcohol is allowed only in certain parks, might need to look more into the ordinance and discuss further.

John opened a discussion regarding porta-potties in parks and the need to have an area for them during various park uses. Christina advised this is something they look at now when designing parks depending on the parks intended use.

- **Adjourn:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The board unanimously approved the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:49pm