

**METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes of July 08, 2008**

**Location:** Parks and Recreation Admin Building A, 1801 Fourth Street NW

**Members Present:** Sandra P. Richardson, Chair; Donald H. Couchman, Vice Chair; Becky Lee; Joe M. Montano; Jerry Worrall

**Members Absent:** Robert W. Day; Orlando Sedillo

**Member Excused:** Carolyn Stewart

**City Staff Present:** Jay Hart, PRD-Director; Jay Evans, PRD-Deputy Director; Christina Sandoval, DMD; Malia Tafoya–Board Secretary; Jeanne Tunell, DMD

**Visitors:** Darlene Couchman, Arts Board; Bill Nordin, BFPB Representative; Cliff Richardson, Cherry Hills; Dave Simon, State Parks Director

**Call to Order:** Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

**Approval of Today's Agenda:** Vice Chair Couchman moved approval, Member Worrall seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Approval of May Minutes:** Member Worrall moved approval, Vice Chair Couchman seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Introduction of Visitors and Guests:** Introductions with background discussions of Member Becky Lee, the new Golf Superintendent Leonard Berg, and new Aquatics Division Manager Tomas Leclerc.

**Announcements:** Chair Richardson's kudos to Director Hart and the PRD for the outstanding job for Freedom Fourth at Balloon Fiesta Park was echoed by other members.

**General Public Testimony:** None

**Reports:** Jay Hart discussed and distributed a printout with highlights of upcoming events for PRD. Mr. Hart also invited everyone to attend the Mayor's Charity Ball; anyone interested can contact Mr. Hart to purchase tickets.

Jay Evans reported on various issues he is currently working on including but not limited to damage control at Bataan Park, a habitual coyote near Embudo Canyon, and the possibility of solar lights at parks.

The State Park Director, Dave Simon commended the City for bringing back the Great Race Down the Rio Grande. Mr. Simon also discussed in length the Ditches with Trails effort to make the Bosque Trails on ditches that are MRGCD into formalized recreational use trails.

Bill Nordin advised the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event went well with BF Park opening back up on July 9<sup>th</sup>, the fastest BF has been able to open following this event. Mr. Nordin also advised the Neighborhood Association has expressed concern in regards to how many concerts and firework events should be allowed to take place at BF.

At 6:00 Vice Chair Couchman moved to suspend the rules and extend the meeting for 15 min, Member Lee seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Christina Sandoval provided a power point presentation on current park renovations, upcoming parks, and recently finished park projects. The Board expressed Neighborhood Associations desire to have a proactive involvement in the process for park designs. At Chair Richardson's repeated request, Ms. Sandoval made a note and again agreed to provide email/attachment info to the chair on NM Veterans' Memorial Park update and other materials, including the current concept design for NDBP's Skate Park.

At 6:15 Vice Chair Couchman moved to suspend the rules and extend the meeting for 15 min, Member Lee seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Chair Richardson made a request for the design schedule and priorities for the Multi Generational Center at North Domingo Baca.

**Members' Roundtable:** passed

**Unfinished Business:** none discussed

**New Business:** none discussed

**Next meeting August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 4:00pm to 6:00 pm**

**Adjourn:** Vice Chair Couchman moved to adjourn, Member Montano seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.