

METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of March 10, 2009

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

Members Present: Donald H. Couchman, Chair; Sandra P. Richardson Vice Chair; William Baldwin; Joe M. Montano; Carolyn Stewart; Jerry Worrall

Members Absent/Excused: Robert W. Day; Becky Lee; Orlando Sedillo

City Staff Present: Jay Lee Evans, PRD-Acting Director; Mike Molina, Recreation Division Manager; Christina Sandoval, DMD Park Design and Construction; Malia Tafoya–Board Secretary; Rebecca Wardlaw, City Legal

Visitors: Laura Gottlieb; Charm Linbald, NMHCTOD; Cliff Richardson, PIC for MRCOG

Call to Order: Chair Couchman called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Approval of Today’s Agenda: Vice Chair Richardson moved approval, Member Stewart seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of February Minutes: Vice Chair Richardson moved approval, Member Worrall seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

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

Announcements: None

General Public Testimony: None

Reports:

- PRD Acting Director – Jay Lee Evans –PRD Park Management Division

- PRD Recreation Division Manager – Mike Molina distributed and reviewed a current 30-60-90 day report which had upcoming events listed all PRD divisions, highlights include Tennis, State Championships, NM games, the kick off of Summer Softball, and opening of outdoor pools. Mr. Molina also distributed a handout regarding the People to People that will be held on March 24 at the Albuquerque Balloon Museum.

- BFPB Representative for MPRAB – Bill Nordin reported on the Infinity coming up in April and upcoming events in May. He also advised that AMFCA drain is proceeding and the goal is to be finished before the wet seasons, they are working on connecting the bike trail at BF to the rest of the City bike trails.

- Prescription Recreation Liaison – Dr. Ross and Dr. L. Gottlieb meet with the Mayor regarding exercise station regarding trails at Parks. They have been

able to get some grants to help with the cost for production of brochures. Charm Lindblad distributed the following handouts; a flyer that is being distributed to the general public with facts about the Prescription Trails program, brochures used in an effort to obtain sponsorships for Prescription Trails, and prescriptions that have been created to be used by Dr's and Vet's for the prescription trails program. A discussion was held regarding the maintenance of parks. Mike Molina encouraged everyone to call 311 in order to advise of all park issues. Vice Chair Richardson advised all to make City Council aware of the money that is needed to properly maintain the parks. Dr. Gottlieb requested to be notified of when budget meeting are held in order for her to invite medical professional to attend the meeting.

- DMD Report – Christina Sandoval gave a power point presentation on recently constructed and recently renovated parks. Christina also discussed new EVOS playgrounds that have been implemented in some park renovation projects.

Sub-committee reports

- Amenities
- Ditches with Trails
- Prescription Trails

Members' Roundtable

- Bill Nordin – Pass
- Jay Evans – Pass
- Member Worrall discussed how they are moving along with the Sunkal Landscaping project.
- Member Stewart – Advised they are continuing to update to edible landscaping.
- Member Lee – Distributed four handouts – 2009 USTA Northern NM Tennis Association's Survival Guide, 2009 Northern NM Adult Tennis Tournaments Schedule, 2009 so you want to play national junior tournaments, and the 2009 New Mexico Junior Tennis Tournament Schedule.
- Member Baldwin - The Albuquerque Roadrunners club begins its annual Women In Training program at 7 AM Saturday, April 25 at Mariposa Basin Park on the west side. Cost is \$60 for the 10 week session.
- Christina Sandoval – Advised Columbus Park looks good.
- Vice Chair Richardson – Discussed how proud she was of the Los Altos Facility. Los Altos Golf Course staff, food and service were outstanding.
- Member Stewart – Advised they are getting a walk-way around the park and will be starting on a landscaping project this upcoming week.

Unfinished Business:

Potential Board Members – The need to have someone to replace Member Montano was discussed. There has been a communication problem with City

Council staff regarding Dist. 3. A resume has been submitted to administration for a possible Member for Dist 5.

New Business: Chair Couchman advised how the members used to be designated by district, but now all are listed at large. Member Worrall moved to discuss this issue. Following the discussion Member Worrall made a motion to ask City Council to revise this to reflect the board to have one member from each District. The motion was passed with the following vote: In Favor: Chair Couchman; Member Stewart; Member Worrall, Member Baldwin
Opposed: Vice Chair Richardson

Jay Evans advised that the Prairie Dog contract for FY09 has not been activated. Mr. Evans has been advised it is currently too cold to flush and that as soon as the Prairie Dogs go top side they will begin trapping.

Next meeting April 14th, 2009, 4:00pm to 6:00 pm

Adjourn: Chair Couchman adjourned the meeting at 6 pm.