

METROPOLITIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of May 2, 2017

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

Members Present: John Myers, Chairman, Roxanne Turley, Vice Chairman, Louis M. Romero, Haley Kadish, John Whitson, Susan Michie-Maitlen, Janet Harrington, David W. Turner

Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative for the MPRAB: Bill Nordin

Members Excused/Absent: Ted O. Humphreys, Dan Wilkinson

City Staff Present: Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager, Bobbie Jo Garcia, Executive Assistant

Visitors: None

Call to Order: Mr. Myers called the meeting to order.

Approval of Today's Agenda: Mr. Myers asked to approve the Agenda. A motion was made to have the May agenda approved. The board unanimously approved the motion to approve the March agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Myers inquired if there were any objections to the Minutes as written for March, 2017. A motion was made to have the March minutes approved. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements: None

General Public Testimony: None

Reports:

- Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, provided information on various Divisions in the Department:

The City Council's Committee of the Whole met last week for markup and questing regarding the City's budget. They will meet on May 15th, 2017 to approve the proposed budget. There were 2 items that have changed no new CIP funds and no additional staffing.

Park Management is out doing cleanup efforts after the 2017 Easter weekend. The crews are out mowing and preparing for the summer season.

Open Space has hired a new Volunteer Coordinator; Dionne Epps has been hired to fill that position. Summer youth hiring is ongoing for the Bosque Summer Youth Program. We are still in the process of hiring a new Superintendent.

Golf Management's golf consultant is working with the Admin Office on finalizing the golf study and report. This could call for possible golf course closures. Ladera and Arroyo del Oso are both regulation size golf courses.

Golf Management has completed the top dressing on all 4 City golf courses and is preparing for the summer season. They are also currently working on the design for the well at Los Altos golf course.

Recreation Services has been working on completing renovation of the horseshoe pits at Los Altos Park and all went well. The Manzano Mesa Pickle Ball Courts are 95% done and should be done next week.

The State High School Tennis Tournament will be held this week Wednesday through Saturday.

The Duke City Fair will be held at Balloon Fiesta Park on June 9th through June 18th, 2017.

Recreation is working on an agreement with Verizon Wireless; this agreement will include cell phone hotspots at Balloon Fiesta Park. This should help to increase revenue and provide better service.

Aquatics swim lesson registrations were held last weekend. Over \$100K was received in registration fees.

Los Altos pool renovations is ongoing, we are 66% complete on design for Los Altos.

West Mesa Pool to open May 8, 2017. The outdoor seasonal pools are schedule to open Saturday, May 28, 2017.

Aquatic has 95% of their summer hires completed. Lifeguard training is a year round effort.

The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the Grand Opening of the Daniel Webster Children's Park Phase I on May 9, 2017 at 10:30 am.

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

The PRD Dedication and Grand Opening dates are May 8, 2017 for Reopening for Westgate Little League, May 9, 2017 for Daniel Webster Children's Park, May 20, 2017, for Alamosa Skate Park and May 23, 2017, for the Bosque Bridge.

Highland Park was completed and the Pickle Ball Courts were also completed.

The Budget is tight so there will be no additional staffing.

Candelaria Farms and all other Open Space farms were put through the bid process, the bid process has closed and all farms will be managed.

John Meyers to verify with Councilor Benton that the proposed 2% Gas Tax funds can be used for trail projects.

IDO will be at EPC for the hearing. Parks and Recreation will retain a seat on DRB.

- Bill Nordin, Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative, provided information as follows:

The AIBF has purchased land near the BFP to help with parking issues during the Balloon Fiesta. The parking lot would service the Balloon Fiesta staff.

There is currently no lighting detection system at BFP, researching the cost and feasibility.

The Duke City Fair has complied with all requirements. The Freedom 4th event is the next big event at BFP.

- **Unfinished Business** – None
- **Old/New Business** – None
- **Sub-Committee Reports** – None
- **Members' Roundtable** – The Board Retreat will be held in June. Board members were asked to email any suggestions or items for the Board Retreat.
- **Adjourn:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The board unanimously approved the motion.