

METROPOLITIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of January 3, 2017

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

Members Present: John Myers, Chairman, Janet Harrington, Dan Wilkinson, David W. Turner, Louis M. Romero, John Whitson, Haley Kadish (via phone conf.)

Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative for the MPRAB: Bill Nordin-Absent.

Members Excused/Absent: Ted O. Humphreys, Susan Michie-Maitlen, Roxanne Turley, Vice Chairman

City Staff Present: Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager

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 January agenda amended to reflect new business regarding a letter from the MPRAB to Environmental Planning Commission. The board unanimously approved the motion to amend the January agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Myers inquired if there were any objections to the Minutes as written for October, 2016. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements: Janet Harrington introduced a letter to the Environmental Planning Commission regarding the removal of the Parks and Recreation Department from the DRB. The board reviewed the letter and unanimously approved the letter be submitted as written.

General Public Testimony: None

Reports:

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

Recreation Services indoor track season is upon us. PRD employees are currently working on setting up the track in the Convention Center. The 1st meet to be held is the MLK Invitational which will kick off on 1/14/2017 and the Cherry and Silver track meet to be held on 1/21/2017.

Recreation Services is currently working on energy efficient lighting to be placed at Bullhead Softball Field #1.

The Aquatics Division has 5 indoor pools open during the winter months. We are currently working on Los Altos renovations.

Golf is currently in its off season, but is working on winterizing their equipment.

Matt Schmader has retired from the Open Space Division as of 1/31/2016. PRD will be looking to fill that position but in the meantime, Brandon Gibson the Aquatics Division Manager has agreed to help manage the Open Space Division until the position is filled.

PRD is getting ready to submit budget request to Finance and Administration. City Council will be working with the Mayor's Office in approving the budget.

PRD has not received any information on the broken well at Los Altos Golf Course. We need to find the funding in order to fix or replace the well.

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

Budget review for the next Fiscal Year is being done. What happens in the State Legislature session will determine what happens with the City's budget.

There are two retirements Matt Schmader and Carol Dumont. Christina will be helping to cover Carol's responsibilities until the position is filled.

The agreement to use Candelaria Farms is being reviewed. Changes to how the farm is being used, is being reviewed by the Department. PRD is making sure all requirements are being met and all guidelines are being followed for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Ski and snowboarding trips will be going on now in January 2017.

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

Not in Attendance.

- **Unfinished Business** - There are currently vacancies in Districts 2 and 7. The family who is requesting to rename Sandia Pool has raised the money to have the signs made. APS and the community are in support of the name change. A motion to rename Sandia Pool to Betsy Patterson Pool was unanimously approved by the board. The request to rename the North Diversion Channel should be removed from the agenda. The Atrisco Siphon Bridge will go in front of the Development Review Board on Wednesday, 1/4/2017.
- **Old/New Business** – N/A
- **Sub-Committee Reports** – N/A
- **Members' Roundtable** – None
- **Adjourn:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The board unanimously approved the motion.