

METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of June 7, 2016

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

Members Present: John Myers, Chairman, Janet Harrington, Susan Michie-Maitlen, Louis M. Romero, Ted O. Humphreys, David W. Turner, Dan Wilkinson,

Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative for the MPRAB: Bill Nordin

Members Excused/Absent: Roxanne Turley, Vice Chairman

City Staff Present: Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager, Jourdan Reese, Aquatics Sr. Office Assistant - sitting in for Bobbie Jo Garcia, Executive Assistant

Visitors: N/A

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

Approval of Today's Agenda: Mr. Myers asked to approve the Agenda. No objections were made. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Myers inquired if there were any objections to the Minutes as written for May, 2016. 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:

Open Space hosted "National Trails Day" on June 4, 2016 at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area. There were over 100 volunteers; the group was out cleaning trails, picking up trash and debris.

Open Space is continuing work on the Bosque Trail improvements. The Phase III project will take place on the Bosque trail from Campbell Rd. to Montañó. The walking tours are scheduled for June 11, 18, and 25, 2016. The improvements to the trail will allow for better access to the Bosque and the river.

Aquatics are running the annual Ditch campaign to help promote ditch safety. Free entrance passes will be given out to young people under the age of 17. There are approximately 60,000 passes that will be handed out.

Recreation is hosting a pilot program day camp called Camp Gallagher; kids are able to attend a day camp in Jemez Springs near Fenton Lake. The first camp will be held June 6-10 and the second, August 1-5.

Recreation will be providing tennis lessons at Jerry Cline, Sierra Vista and at Arroyo del Oso Park.

Balloon Fiesta Park has been busy with events and rentals for graduations, weddings and other events. New Mexico Games is going to set up archery on Saturdays.

Park Management is currently working on getting ahead of the weed season, so you will see lots of crews out fertilizing the parks in order to avoid have to go out and spray herbicides.

Ladera Golf Course is now licensed and approved to sell liquor. The new concessionaires have been running for a month and all is going well.

The general fund will be subsidizing \$600,000+ in funds for Los Altos in regards to water issues due to the well being broken at Los Altos. The City Administration and the Water Authority is currently working on resolving the issues.

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

Strategic Planning and Design is working on landscaping at Sid Cutter Pilots Pavilion. This will take place before this year's Balloon Fiesta. This will add a nice outdoor area for events and rentals.

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

The new subdivision that was suggested to go up near Balloon Fiesta Park has been dropped. The developer is no longer going to create a subdivision. The request to have the land rezoned was withdrawn.

The facilities are being well used, there were questions regarding maintenance and as to landscaping added around Sid Cutter.

The next big event is the 4th of July celebration. Cultural Services is also hosting great concert events at the Museum.

- **Unfinished Business** - There are currently vacancies in Districts 2 and 7.
- **Old/New Business** – N/A
- **Sub-Committee Reports** – N/A
- **Members' Roundtable** – Report on P&R issues in their area (limit 2 minutes)
N/A

Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The board unanimously approved the motion.