

METROPOLITIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of September 6, 2016

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

Members Present: John Myers, Chairman, Roxanne Turley, Vice Chairman, Janet Harrington, Susan Michie-Maitlen, Dan Wilkinson, Ted O. Humphreys, David W. Turner, John Whitson

Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative for the MPRAB: Bill Nordin

Members Excused/Absent: Louis M. Romero

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

Visitors: Paula Maes, NMBA, Christopher Baker, APS – Sandia High School Head Coach

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 August, 2016. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements: Renaming of the South Broadway Park was on the news and in the newspapers and was a very nice article.

General Public Testimony: Visitors Paula Maes and Christopher Baker wish to have Sandia Pool renamed to Betsy Patterson Pool. They testified to the outstanding character of, Betsy Patterson, a 20 year swimming coach in our community and reported the approval by the APS School Board to Name the Sandia Swimming pool, Betsy Patterson Pool. This approval will be forwarded to Council if the MPRAB gives its approval.

Reports:

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

Aquatics – Pool extension days went well with Rio Grande, Eisenhower & West Mesa outdoor pools bringing in over 3K swimmers @ each site. Wilson Pool brought in 1+K swimmers.

Outdoor pools are being winterized; this should be complete by mid-October. An Aquatics/Recreation supervisor has been hired to manage both the seasonal pool and the year round tennis programs at Sierra Vista to provide full time leadership; this position should be starting next month.

Golf is hiring a consultant to answer questions about the future of municipal golf. Los Altos Golfing contract expires on Dec. 31, 2017; golf has started a draft request f/proposals f/competitive bidding f/Los Altos Golf Course Operations.

Golf Advisory Board is looking for members to represent Arroyo Del Oso and Ladera Men's & Youth Golfers.

Recreation – Balloon Fiesta Park gets turned over to AIBF today. Closed signs are up for The Golf and Event Centers and SCPP. The landscaping project @ SCPP will be complete this week. Board members join open discussion about SCPP hardscape and landscape.

Rec Division has started preliminary work for the NM Senior Olympics that are coming to Albuquerque. In 2017 & 2018 (July 19th-21st of 2017) followed by National Senior Olympics in 2019; proposal for venues are being discussed. Division is working with Senior Affairs and NM Senior Olympics on a proposal for venues for approx. 27 different sports; expecting to host 3-5 days in 2017. COA would like NMSO to be a regional event f/NM, TX, AZ, CO.

Tennis hired, Nick Romero, for the Tennis Asst. Program coordinator @ Jerry Cline; he started his position today.

Open Space – Bosque phase 3 trails construction from Campbell Rd. North to Montano; starting at the end of September 2016, waiting for migratory birds nesting season to end.

Park Management – Weather has park maintenance workers still cutting weeds and grass.

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

The Comp plan moved out of EPC.

The BFP tribute policy is being developed.

Open discussion about Trail extension to 98th. St. with AMAFCA

The 2017 GO Bond program will be presented to the Executive Committee. Don't know how the mandated 2% to Open Space will affect the program.

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

Balloon Fiesta Park will be closed to city events.

Bill Nordin is, “tentatively on board until next year”.

- **Unfinished Business** - There are currently vacancies in Districts 2 and 7.
- **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 @ 1:20.