

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 12:30 pm**

**IN PERSON: 1801 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW**

**VIA ZOOM:**

<https://cabq.zoom.us/j/83863495382>

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**Meeting ID: 838 6349 5382**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**At-Large-** Tony Johnson, Valerie Martinez; **District 1-** Vacant; **District 2-** Julie Radoslovich; **District 3-** Anna Nelson, Ph.D.; **District 4-** Vacant; **District 5-** Vacant; **District 6-** David Duhigg; **District 7-** Cynthia Serna; **District 8-** Vacant; **District 9-** Vacant

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

David Simon, Director; David Flores, Deputy Director; Dennis Vasquez, Deputy Director; Emily Moore, Communications and Marketing Coordinator

**SUBCOMMITTEES:** Board Development - Valerie (lead); Park Activation: Julie (lead), Valerie, Cynthia, Anna, Tony; Park Promotion: Valerie (lead), Julie, Cynthia

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order (5 min)
  - Introduction of Guests
2. Business Meeting (5 min)
  - Approval of today's agenda
  - Approval of March 2024 meeting minutes
3. Public Testimony (10 min)
  - Public Testimony
3. Old Business (15 min)
  - Update on legal review of Ordinance 10-1-2-3, specifically the following passage, to confirm that the Mayor MAY fill a vacant position on the board regardless of whether a Councilor nominates two members under the following conditions:

“When a vacancy occurs on the Board or no more than 30 days prior to the expiration of a member's term, the Mayor may notify the Councilor representing the District in which that member of the Board resides of the vacancy or term expiration. **If that Councilor fails to nominate two members to the Board or to reappoint a member to the Board within 30 days of receiving such notification, the Mayor may appoint a member to the Board to represent that Councilor's District, subject to the advice and consent of the City Council.**”

If our understanding of the passage is confirmed, the Mayor MAY appoint a person who has applied to serve on the MPRAB but lies in wait because two persons from a district have not submitted applications to their Councilor. We know of two persons who submitted applications many months ago, with no action on their application, presumably because they are the lone application for their district.

- [Tabled from last meeting] Action Item: Whether to send MPRAB recommendation (via formal letter) to city councilors and/or Mayor's office to begin the process of changing Ordinance 10-1-2-3 to the following in order to promote MPRAB board appointments.

(A) The Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall consist of 11 members all of whom shall reside in the City of Albuquerque. There shall be one member of the Board from each City Council District and two members who serve at-large. When a vacancy on the Board occurs, the Councilor representing the District in which the vacating member of the Board resides, shall nominate one person to the board who resides in his or her respective Council District and the Mayor may appoint this person. However, if an existing member is eligible for reappointment to the Board and the Councilor in whose District that member resides desires to reappoint the member, the Councilor shall so notify the Council and the member shall be reappointed subject to the advice and consent of the Council. If a member is not being reappointed, the Mayor shall deliver to the Council the Mayor's recommendation (yea or nay) from the name submitted within 30 days of delivery to the Mayor. If the Mayor fails to make a timely recommendation (yea or nay) from the name submitted, the Councilor may appoint the recommended person subject to the advice and consent of the Council. When a vacancy occurs on the Board, or no more than 30 days prior to the expiration of a member's term, the Mayor may notify the Councilor representing the District in which that member of the Board resides of the vacancy or term expiration. If that Councilor fails to nominate a person to the Board or to reappoint a member to the Board within 30 days of receiving such notification, the Mayor may appoint a member to the Board to represent that Councilor's District, subject to the advice and consent of the City Council. The Mayor shall appoint the two at-large members to the Board with the advice and consent of the Council. In making these appointments, consideration should be given to the City Parks and Recreation Department's relationship with the University of New Mexico, the Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Department and the Albuquerque Public Schools.

- Update on collaboration between Park Activation Subcommittee and PRD staff to share and discuss criteria for identifying one underutilized park for board attention per year. Other planned activities: field trip/visit, neighborhood door-to-door; present and listen at corresponding neighborhood association(s) meeting(s).

#### 4. New Business

#### 5. Reports (20 min)

- Parks and Recreation Department, Directors (5 min)
- Parks and Recreation Department, Staff (5 min)
- Sub-Committee Reports, Committee Chair or designee (5 min each)
- Board Members Roundtable (2 minutes each)

#### 6. Optional Public Comment period (for those attending to hear discussion of agenda items)

#### 7. Review Action Items, Next Meeting Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 12:30 pm, and Adjourn

The Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was established to keep itself informed of city parks and recreation needs and to serve as a forum for public discussion. The MPRAB encourages the greatest use of parks and recreation programs including cooperation with other agencies and organizations which are involved in providing recreation services for the public good. The MPRAB recommends to the Mayor policies for overall development of the park system. The MPRAB represents the community at large and not any specific recreational organization.

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