

**METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes of June 19, 2012**

**Location:** Parks and Recreation Department, Administration Office, 1801 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW

**Members Present:** William Kraemer, Chair; Jerry Worrall; Janet Harrington; Kelly Gossett; Carmen Garcia, Dan Wilkinson

**Members Excused/Absent:** Amy Lahti, Vice-Chair; Rebecca L. Tays

**City Staff Present:** Barbara Baca, Director, Parks and Recreation Department; Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager; Jane Trujillo, Board Secretary

**Visitors:** None

**Call to Order:** Mr. Kraemer called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM.

**Approval of Today's Agenda:** Mr. Kraemer requested a motion to approve the Agenda. Dan Wilkinson moved approval; Jan Harrington seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Kraemer requested a motion to approve the May 2012 Minutes. Dan Wilkinson moved approval; Jan Harrington seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Introduction of Visitors and Guests:** None

**Announcements:** Mr. Kraemer inquired about the New Mexico Games. Christina mentioned that they went well. Several Board Members were in attendance at the Opening Ceremonies. Mr. Kraemer stated that he attended a meeting concerning the Walmart on Coors and Montano. It was made clear that the determination by the Zoning Enforcement Office that this property met access requirements was in error. EPC must comply with the ordinance. Barbara mentioned that the issue of a five-year extension of the Site Development Plan for Walmart at Montano and Coors was discussed at last night's City Council meeting. The final request failed with a vote of 4-4. Councilor Garduno abstained from the vote.

**General Public Testimony:** None

**Reports:**

- Barbara Baca, Director for Parks and Recreation Department, mentioned that two projects which went before City Council last night were approved: The River Study and the 50-Mile Trail Loop. There was much debate as they are closely connected with ABQ The Plan and use operation budget. The Board discussed these projects. Barbara mentioned that this is our busy season and there are a lot of programs currently taking place. There are many youth camps to get kids outdoors. She mentioned a press conference that is scheduled at UNM Johnson Field on June 29<sup>th</sup> concerning a program called Healthy U at the U. She will forward the invite to Board Members so they can participate. She also informed them about a partnership with the National Park Service for a hiking program for youth and the opening of the Wells Park Spray Pad. Park Management is working hard to keep parks green. Board Members discussed trash issues in parks. Mr. Wilkinson inquired about the possible change in name of Wells Park to Johnny Tapia Park. Barbara mentioned that the gym at the park may be named

after Johnny Tapia. Board Members inquired about the little league issue at Redlands Park that is currently in the news. Barbara and Christina provided the Board with additional information on this subject.

- Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative - Bill Nordin mentioned construction projects currently taking place at the intersection of Alameda and Balloon Fiesta Drive and millings being installed at the landfill. A construction project has just begun north of the Museum. Bill provided a handout with information on events at the park. He reviewed the information with the Board. He will provide the Board with a website address where events are listed.
- Sub-Committee Reports – The Board discussed ways to market the various events by Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Kraemer suggested a sub-committee be established, but it was determined that the “Communication” sub-committee is already in place. Mr. Worrall mentioned Prescription Trails and informed the Board about an upcoming event “Silver Sneakers Fun Walk” that is taking place on June 23, 2012, at 9:00 AM at Phil Chacon Park. He will forward this information to them so they can participate. Kelly Gossett mentioned an upcoming meeting of the New Mexico Outdoor Coalition on July 18, 2012. He was unsure if it would be rescheduled due to the fact that Ken Salazar will be back in town during that same time period.
- Members Roundtable – Mr. Worrall, District 1, mentioned that a tour is being coordinated of the football stadium on the west side. They are working on how to live harmoniously together. Mr. Wilkinson said that YAFL is working with Parks and Recreation Department on use of the parks. Mr. Kraemer also mentioned a tree at Garfield Park with broken limbs. Barbara will notify Park Management about this matter.

**Unfinished Business:** We have vacancies in Districts 3, 5 and 6. Barbara mentioned that she has been in contact with City Councilors concerning the vacancies on the Board. Mr. Kraemer mentioned a bill by Councilor Benton to increase the Board to 13 members.

**New Business:** Board Members discussed the location of next months meeting. Mr. Wilkinson will check to see the availability at Manzano Mesa Multi-Generational Center. Board Members also discussed the possibility of another Retreat.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at TBD.

**Adjourn:** Mr. Kraemer adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM.