

METROPOLITIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of February 3, 2015

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

Members Present: John Myers, Vice-Chair; Lou Romero; Janet Harrington

Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative for the MPRAB: Bill Nordin

Members Excused/Absent: Dan Wilkinson, Chair; Roxanne Turley; Ted Humphreys, Susan Michie-Maitlen; Carmen Garcia

City Staff Present: Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department; Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager; Jane Trujillo, Board Secretary

Visitors: Mary Lou Kraemer

Call to Order: Mr. Myers called the meeting to order at 12:36 PM

Approval of Today's Agenda: Mr. Myers inquired if there were objections to the Agenda as written; the Board had no objections.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Myers mentioned that since the Board did not have a quorum, the approval of the December 2014 minutes would occur at the March 2015 meeting.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Mary Lou Kraemer indicated that she would be applying for the District 2 position with the Board.

Announcements: N/A

General Public Testimony: N/A

Reports:

- Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, provided information on what is occurring within the Parks and Recreation Department. He provided information on the annual budget process for FY16. Budget information has been submitted to the Finance Department. He provided information on positions that they are hoping to create. He provided information on the GO Bond Funding Cycle for 2015. Meetings are scheduled for next week. Aquatics Division is completing a lighting project at Sandia Pool and will soon begin a lighting project at West Mesa Aquatics Center. Big project currently in progress include the Sid Cutter Pilots Pavilion at Balloon Fiesta Park. This is a Manuel Lujan type building that we are hoping to use for the same types of events. The hope is to have this completed by August 2015. Open Space Division will begin work on the Mayor's Bosque project, improving trails, parking and signage in the area of Central to I-25. Education walks have been held the past two Saturday's in the hope of minimizing controversy. Recreation Division is close to

purchasing league scheduling software with the assistance of three other City Departments. Golf Management and Park Management Divisions are in their slow season.

- Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager, mentioned that CIP is going before City Council at a Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 5:00 PM. Planning Department is also working on a Unified Development Ordinance which will consolidate the Comprehensive Plan, Sector Plans and Zoning Code. That process begins this week. Christina provided detail on how this may affect the Parks and Recreation Department. She provided information on the Volunteer Coordinator Position with Park Management Division. She spoke with Joran Viers, City Forester, concerning the Board's interest in the tree canopy. She inquired if the Board is interested in having Joran attend the March meeting to make a presentation. Christina distributed notes from the recent Retreat. She indicated that two sub-committees had been established. The first will help the department to do their job and the second is the Goals Vision, which will determine needs to work on and how to get there.
- Bill Nordin, BFP Commission Representative for MPRAB, was not in attendance at this meeting.
- Sub-Committee reports – N/A
- Members' Roundtable – N/A
- Unfinished Business – There are currently vacancies in Districts 1, 2 and 8. Mr. Myers mentioned water bill inserts and suggested that information on Boards might be included.
- New Business – N/A

Adjourn: Mr. Myers adjourned the meeting at 1:14 PM.