

METROPOLITIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of April 5, 2016

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

Members Present: John Myers, Chairman, Roxanne Turley, Vice-Chairman, Janet Harrington, Louis M. Romero, Ted O. Humphreys, David W. Turner

Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative for the MPRAB: Bill Nordin

Members Excused/Absent: Dan Wilkinson, Susan Michie

City Staff Present: Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director, Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager, Bobbie Jo Garcia, Executive Assistant, Parks and Recreation Department

Visitors: There were 22 visitors in support of renaming South Broadway Park and the Soccer Field at Ventana Ranch Community Park

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

Approval of Today's Agenda: Mr. Myers asked to approve the Agenda with the correction to have the introduction of guest and visitors moved to the top of the agenda. Mrs. Harrington asked that the two action items listed be corrected to introduction items and should be listed as action items for the next meeting. Mr. Myers stated that the Board will take testimony at this meeting and will take action on those items at the next meeting. 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 February, 2016. No objections were made. Mrs. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements: None

General Public Testimony: None

Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Christina provided the request forms for renaming then South Broadway Park and the Soccer Field at Ventana Ranch. Christina will send out notification to all who signed in as to the outcome of the decision from the next meeting, she will work with the original requestors as to the signage installation and any event surrounding installation that may be requested.

- Renaming South Broadway Park

There were over 20 members of the community in attendance to speak on the renaming of South Broadway Park to William Castillo Park. Those that were here in support of renaming were either family members or friends of William Castillo and/or

members of the community. All who spoke were in support of the request to rename the South Broadway Park. Christina Sandoval confirmed that all were in agreement to rename the South Broadway Park to William "Willie" Castillo Park. Action will be taken at the next meeting.

There was a request to rename the Soccer Field at Ventana Ranch Community Park to Patrick Grange Park. Councilor Dan Lewis's office is aware of this request and Liz Hamm a representative from Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham's office is aware and in support of renaming the soccer field. Mr. Ted O. Humphreys asked if there has been any input from the Ventana Ranch Neighborhood Association and that it would be helpful to have written approval from the Neighborhood Association. Rachel Miller, Policy Analyst for Councilor Dan Lewis, District 5 agreed that it would be helpful to have written input from the Neighborhood Association in support of renaming the Soccer Field at Ventanna Ranch and stated that she would reach out and request written notice and send to Christina Sandoval and Ted O. Humphreys before the next meeting.

- Introduction and welcoming of a new Board Member

Mr. Myers introduced David W. Turner as the new Board Member representing District 8. Mr. Turner stated he is glad to be on the board and looks forward to helping in any way he can.

Reports:

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

The Department is in the process of budget approval. \$31million is requested for PRD, this is an 8% increase over last year. The bulk of the increase is due mostly to water billing for Golf Management and Park Management. Operational funding for Esperanza Bike Shop is also included in the budget. City Council will meet on April 21st to review the budget requests.

Park Security Pilot Program is currently up and running. We are looking to expand the program with two more officers for a total of four officers to patrol and monitor parks.

Aquatics Division has major repairs going on at West Mesa Aquatics Center. The water lines are being replaced, pressure testing went well. April 18, 2016 is the estimated completion date. It could be up to \$50k to do the repairs needed. The pool should be open in May if all goes well. Los Altos pool renovations are moving forward. The building needs to be replaced but the pool itself is in good shape.

Recreation just completed the resurfacing of the indoor track at the Convention Center. There is a track meet this weekend and records for time are already being broken by some of the participants.

Recreation softball season has begun and going well. The tennis program is still looking to fill two positions.

Golf Management will be running the Ladera Golf Course. Golfing is still up and running. City Council approved and recommended the Golf Concessionaires for Ladera Golf Course for a five year term on the concession agreement. It could be as late as June before we can sell liquor.

Park Management has a new Superintendent; Mark Chavez has accepted the position. The watering program will begin in April.

Open Space has completed Phase II of the Bosque Trail; it was completed in March, 2016. Phase III should begin in September, 2016.

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

EPC heard a case last month regarding a zoning change on the property next to BFP. PRD and Cultural Services objected to that request as they feel it could have a negative impact at Balloon Fiesta. Any discussion is welcome and Christina can be contacted.

The corporate representative for Albuquerque from Whole Foods contacted Christina in regards to a corporate giving program. They are looking to partner with PRD to potentially do a small building program. They will be meeting this week to discuss the partnership opportunities.

There was some good press on Open Space and the “Pick up your waste” event held last weekend on the east mountain trails. Over 40lbs of dog waste was collected.

We have finished negotiations on trails for the contract regarding an evaluation of the 145 miles of trails, our bridges and creating a signage program for trails. So we are moving forward on that and will keep the Board updated on this.

Councilor Lewis is moving forward in purchasing land near Cibola Loop and is doing site planning for a Multi-Use Center, a library and pool.

North Domingo Baca is in the final stages on development and the project is moving forward with the last two building to be put in place are proposed to be a library and a swimming pool. However there is a library approximately 1.5 miles away so there will be a public meeting sometime in May. We will be proposing to remove the library from the master plan, which will give more flexibility with the pool and accommodating additional parking needs. Once we get that issue of how we are going to move forward, we will put out a contract for a designer for the pool.

PRD has received public complaints on restricting Model Airplane/Drone flying at Arroyo del Oso. We are looking at appropriate locations to fly these types of aircrafts. We are in negotiations to allow them to fly at North Domingo Baca. We expanded use at BFP and are looking at making improvements at Maloof Airfield.

2 playgrounds have been completed. The playground at Vista del Norte opened Friday and the playground at Korean War Veterans Park adjacent to the Loma Linda Community Center and was built primarily for children with Autism. We should be having an opening event for that in the next couple of weeks.

PRD will be bidding three projects in the next couple of months, Parque de Suenos, Santa Barbara and Highland Park. Parque de Suenos will be the first all-inclusive park similar to Park Above in Rio Rancho. There is State funding to completely redo Santa Barbara Park. Highland Park is on the historic registry.

- Bill Nordin reporting for the Balloon Fiesta Commission:

Would like to report on the success of the new building out at BFP which is Sid Cutter Pilots Pavilion, it is a very pretty building and is being rented out for lots of events.

At the last meeting we revisited the proposal for fees for BFP. Every two years we look at fees and do a comparison to other builds and the entire park.

Duke City Fair has been moved off of City property and will be hosted in Bernalillo at Santa Ana Casino. The Concert event is still on for August.

The Amendment for the Balloon Fiesta Commission has been tabled until May 2nd. This is the third time it has been tabled.

- Unfinished Business - There are currently vacancies in Districts 1, 7 and 8.
- Old/New Business – Appointment of Balloon Fiesta Commission MPRAB Representative. The Board would like Bill Nordin to continue as the representative until the Ordinance is passed. Bill will serve until a new person is named and appointed.

There was an article in the paper about needing more volunteers for the Bosque. Christina will work on having someone from Open Space at provide more information at the next meeting.

- Sub-Committee Reports – NA.
- Members' Roundtable – Report on P&R issues in their area (limit 2 minutes)

There was an article regarding City parks in Albuquerque the Magazine. It looked very thorough and informative.

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