

METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of September 9, 2008

Location: Parks and Recreation Admin Building A, 1801 Fourth Street NW

Members Present: Sandra P. Richardson, Chair; Donald H. Couchman, Vice Chair; Robert W. Day; Becky Lee; Carolyn Stewart; Jerry Worrall

Members Absent/Excused: Joe M. Montano; Orlando Sedillo

City Staff Present: Jay Hart, PRD-Director; Jay Evans, PRD-Deputy Director; Colleen Frenz, DMD; Christina Sandoval, DMD; Malia Tafoya–Board Secretary

Balloon Fiesta Park Board Liaison Absent/Excused: Bill Nordin

Visitors: Darlene Couchman, Arts Board; Cliff Richardson, Cherry Hills

Call to Order: Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

Approval of Today's Agenda: Vice Chair Couchman moved approval, Member Worrall seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of August Minutes: Member Day moved approval, Member Stewart seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Visitors and guests listed above.

Announcements: Jay Evans advised to the following upcoming events and meetings. The Long Drive Championships will be held on Sept. 20th & 21st at Balloon Fiesta. The first annual Couples Golf Tournament will be held on Oct. 25th. A meeting will be held on Sept. 10th at 5:00 pm regarding Bicycle Safety land use zoning laws at City Hall on the 9th floor. The first annual Urban Farm and Harvest festival will be held on Sept. 27th at the Open Space Visitors Center.

General Public Testimony: None

Reports:

Colleen Frenz and Christina Sandoval gave a Power Point Presentation on North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center and reviewed a slide show of what the facility will look like once it has been completed. Chair Richardson requested the pictures which Colleen advised she will include as part of the Pac Packet.

Jay Evans discussed and distributed handouts on the behalf of Jay Hart including a printout with highlights of PRD Director's Report, a handout regarding the 1st Annual Urban Farm and Harvest Festival, and a prairie dog capture and release chart regarding relocation of prairie dogs from various park locations.

Chair Richardson stated per Bill Nordin there have been no changes to report except regular activities at the Balloon Fiesta Park, things have slowed down as preparations for the Balloon Fiesta ramp up. Balloon Fiesta Park Board meeting is cancelled for tonight.

Members' Roundtable:

Vice Chair Couchman – A landscape design meeting for the remaining Montgomery medians will be held in the next 2-3 weeks. The contracts have been bid for the Layton medians but the paperwork has not been signed.

Member Worrall – The dedication of Sundoro South Park will be held soon, Member Worrall will send an invitation. Later this month Councilor Sanchez will introduce the resolution to rename a park after Officer Shawn McWethy.

Member Lee – Discussed short tennis courts with foam balls called quick start.

Member Stewart – Thanks to Jay for the park clean up which was a huge success, the community is now full speed ahead with the Adopt a Park.

Member Day – Currently building rocking chairs with his grandson.

Chair Richardson – Cherry Hills Civic Association is seeking to beautify the zero-scape in front of the Cherry Hills Library by obtaining a grant and working with Park Management to re-landscape without creating more maintenance.

Jay Hart held an extensive discussion regarding the issue of digital signs for the Q-bike program.

Vice Chair Couchman moved to suspend the rules for 15 mins., Member Worrall seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Unfinished Business: Dist. 3 and 5 are in need of potential board members, Dist. 9 may be filled.

New Business: none discussed

Next meeting October 14th, 2008, 4:00pm to 6:00 pm

Adjourn: Member Worrall moved to adjourn, Vice Chair Couchman seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.