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**BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL PARKS
MEETING MINUTES
10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
May 19, 2010
3:00 P.M.**

The Blue Ribbon Committee met on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at City Hall in the 10th floor conference room.

Agenda

1. Call to order.

Chairman Bombach called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. The following committee members were present:

Representative Beto O'Rourke, Commissioner Ana Perez, Armando Jimarez, Sam Thompson, Charlie Wakeem, Dave Turner, Richard Castro, Pat Rainer, Bill Rivera.

2. Discussion and Action on approval of the minutes for the Blue Ribbon Committee meeting of May 5, 2010.

Motion made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Jimarez, and unanimously carried to APPROVE the minutes as presented.

3. Discussion and action on response to questions listed on Representative O'Rourke's memorandum on establishing recommendation for forming a regional park system between the City of El Paso and El Paso County and the possibility of including other local government entities.

Discussion occurred on funding and budget requirements. Committee requested OMB provide five budget scenarios for the park authority and a recommended tax rate to support each scenario.

- City Parks and Recreation Department Existing
- County Parks and Recreation - Ascarate and Sportspark - Existing
- City and County as above Combined
- City Parks and Recreation Department Plus Ascarate and Sportspark - but budgeted as would be needed to operate the existing city and two county parks at city standard (not just the existing status quo budget)
- Separate Park Authority with all operating funds for all of the assets of the existing Parks and Rec Dept Plus Ascarate and Sportpark - including all items currently treated as indirects included in the operating budget

No action taken.

4. Discussion and action on final recommendations and report to City Council.

Committee is requesting 30 more days to work on recommendation and presentation. Representative O'Rourke advised he saw no problem with extending the time.

No action taken.

5. Adjournment.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to ADJOURN THE MEETING at 4:30 pm.

Approved as to form: _____
Secretary Date