



# MINUTES

## PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 2007  
6:00 p.m.  
Memorial Park Senior Center  
1800 Byron Street

### Members Present

Eileen Karlsruher, Chairman  
Mitch Doblado  
Carl Pataky  
Henry Stokes  
Matthew Carroll  
Hector Munoz  
Robert Gonzales  
Joel Barrios  
Daniel Delahaye  
Jennifer Matthews  
Alice Davis  
Alma Wilson  
David Turner  
Olga Holguin  
Jaime Barceleau  
Mary Lyerly  
Gail Caldwell

### Members Absent

Thomas Carter

### Staff Present

Dr. Norman C. Merrifield  
Barry Russell, Assist. Dir.  
Lucy Martinez  
Paula Powell  
Joe Rodriguez  
Richard Garcia

### Others Present:

Veronica Harris, P+3

**Late Arrivals/Early Departures:** Joel Barrios arrived at 6:09 p.m., Daniel Delahaye arrived at 6:20 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Chairperson, Eileen Karlsruher at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Motion to approve November 14, 2006 Matthew Carroll; seconded by Henry Stokes; all in favor; motion carried.**
3. **Election of Parks Advisory Board Officers: Eileen Karlsruher was voted Chairperson for the second term and Henry Stokes was voted Vice Chair.**
4. **Motion made by Henry Stokes to move the Addition to the Agenda and Item #7 up to the forefront; Jaime Barceleau seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.**
5. **Addition to the Agenda Recognition to Male and Female Athletes of the Year 2006:**  
As per Paula Powell, Sports Coordinator for Parks Department stated that this award is given out to the male and female athletes that participate in TAAF (Texas Amateur Athletic Federation) throughout the region which is all of West Texas not just El Paso, Texas.
  - a) Male Athlete of 2006 Grant Wilkinson, a swimmer holding the current world record in the 50 meter breast stroke and holds a second gold medal in the games of Texas.
  - b) Female Athlete of 2006 Lizette Heredia plays basketball for the Westside Wilds. She's won the MVP Award at TAAF representing El Paso.

6. **Recognition of Ginger Elliot, Sports Department for Outstanding Performance:** Paula Powell, Sports Coordinator presented Ms. Elliot with a plaque for outstanding work including developing a website for softball teams to register their rosters and continues to improve sports programming. She runs the softball division and has placed El Paso on the map.
7. **Petitions and Communications from the Public:**

Ysidro Barreras, Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association had issues items requested for the Park's Advisory board dated December 22, 2006.

  - a) Hawkins Pool at 1500 Hawkins needs sidewalk installed next to swimming pool rock wall on Parkland Street. **Assistant Director, Barry Russell responded that at this time the department does not have discretionary capital funds to move this project forward. Staff has contacted Street Department to verify if this might be their responsibility.**
  - b) Tennis courts chain link fence located at Cielo Vista Park located at the corner of Cosmos and Wade is too high from the floor and tennis balls escape through the opening. **As per Mr. Russell, facility staff has placed this work on a work order and will address the problem as soon as they can. The fence is old and needs complete replacement; however, funding is not currently available.**
8. **Information and Discussion:** Status Report of QOL Projects being managed by Veronica Harris, Project Manager at P+3. Ms. Harris stated that Council approved contract for Pavo Real on December 19, 2006, Westside Sports Complex has received a notice to proceed on December 12, 2006 with the contractor ready to start and package 6B got issued a notice to proceed on December 11, 2006 and the contractor already working on the project. On December 19, 2006 Council approved to remove the Fort Bliss Soccer Complex from the Perspectiva P+3 projects because Perspectiva's contract ends May 7, 2007. Fort Bliss project is moving very slow and is still in review therefore; the City will take over that project.
9. **Information Only:** Service recognition to ANDA El Paso, Nancy Peters, Coordinator for "Make A Difference Day" held at Chihuahuita Community Center. Ms. Peters stated that ANDA stands for Area Network for Disabilities and Aging and every year for the past 5 years ANDA adopts different community projects during make a difference day, fourth Saturday in October. Because Chihuahuita neighborhood had been devastated by Storm 2006, with the help of ANDA holding a carnival and the community itself the Center now has a freezer, the whole center was tiled, and money was donated for a computer for the children's room, sewing machine, book shelves, and books. Joe Rodriguez, Recreation Services Manager presented Ms. Peters with a plaque for her outstanding work at the Chihuahuita Community Center. Also recognized was the new President Mary Yanez, Elizabeth Silvera, Vice President, Laura Ponce, Treasurer, Eina Holder the Carnival Coordinator, Miriam Maldonado working with the Senior Programs. Not present but also recognized was Veronica Meyers, Recreation Sports Coordinator for the Parks Department.
10. Eileen Karlsruher, Chairperson reminds the members in the Sports Grievance Subcommittee of the next meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Also, she informs the Advisory Board that a spring park tour is being organized so all the members will become familiar with all Park facilities. **Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**