



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

January 25, 2010

5:30 p.m., 6th Floor Conference Room
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX

MINUTES

Members Present: 5

David Turner, James Tolbert, Osvaldo Velez, Richard Falvo, Ralph Cloud

Members Absent: 2

Brian Wickstrom, Luis Ruiz

Member Vacancies: 2

Staff Present: Joel McKnight, Assistant Director, Paul Powell, Sports Manager, Elizabeth Cordero, Recreation Leader, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order

David Turner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: December 21, 2009

Motion by James Tolbert to approve the December 21, 2009 minutes as written. Second by Ralph Cloud. Motion carried (unanimous).

Agenda Item #3. Call to the Public

None.

Agenda Item #4. Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements and Recognitions

Assistant Director Joel McKnight highlighted the calendar and newsletter included in the agenda packet. He informed the Board that a meeting was conducted on January 12, 2010 at San Juan Center regarding naming recommendations for a room at the facility. Park naming issue will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Agenda Item #5. Presentation and Discussion: Proposed 2011 Quality of Life Bond Process

Debbie Hamlyn, Deputy City Manager, explained to the Board the strategic planning and assessment process of bond issues. The Bond Issue for 2011 will focus on input from the public at scheduled meetings. A list of the scheduled meetings will be distributed and she encouraged Board members to participate in the process. The Mayor will appoint a 15 member public advocacy committee charged with taking this out to the public. Ms. Hamlyn told the Board she will return in February, or a future meeting, with a status report and marketing video.

Mr. Ralph Cloud stated that the public restroom solution is working well. Discussion ensued regarding criteria and operating guidelines of the restroom policy adopted by City Council.

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Oswaldo Velez requested information on the status of ISD, Guillen Middle School track.

Agenda Item #6. Discussion and Action: Proposed Recognition of Henry Stokes, Past Chair and Member of Board of Parks and Recreation.

Sports Manager Paula Powell proposed naming the Little Bowl in recognition of Mr. Henry Stokes. James Tolbert made a motion to accept staff recommendation in naming the Little Bowl in recognition of Mr. Henry Stokes and for the first football tournament an appropriate ceremony be conducted that involves Mr. Stoke's family. Second by Richard Falvo. Motion carried (unanimous).

Agenda Item #7. Discussion and Action: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)
None. No action needed.

Agenda Item #8. Presentation and Discussion: Subcommittee Reports
a. Tree Subcommittee

James Tolbert reported that the subcommittee met on January 13 and stated that Arbor Day will be on April 30, 2010 at Travis White Park. Joel McKnight, Assistant Director, explained the change in Arbor Day celebration date.

Discussion was held on the i-Tree Eco Study coordinated by Oscar Mestas.

Agenda Item #9. Discussion: Items for Future Agendas
Joel McKnight, reiterated that the naming recommendation discussed at the San Juan Center on January 12, 2010 will be on next month's agenda.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.