



**MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, February 5, 2008
6:00 p.m.
Memorial Park Senior Center
1800 Byron Street

Members Present

Henry Stokes, Vice Chair
Maria Trunk
Jaime Barceleau
Rodolfo Troncoso
Bill Sparks
Amigo Diego
Matthew Carroll
Carl Pataky
Fred Shuford
Ralph T. Cloud
Gary Walford
David Turner
Francoise Feliberti
Robert Gonzales
Thomas D. Carter
Joel Barrios

Members Absent

Eileen Karlsruher
Olga Holguin
Hector Munoz

Staff Present

Nanette Smejkal, Director
Barry Russell, Assist. Director
Lucy Martinez, Recording
Secretary
Joe Rodriguez, Recreation
Services Manager

Late Arrivals/Early Departures: Bill Sparks arrived at 6:07 p.m., Joel Barrios arrived at 6:20 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Vice Chair, Henry Stokes at 6:00 p.m.
2. **New Park Board Member Welcomed:** Rodolfo Troncoso
3. **Motion to approve January 8, 2008 minutes with correction to Hector Munoz name made by Jaime Barceleau; seconded by Gary Walford; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
4. **Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements and Special Recognitions:** Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director announced that the City of El Paso received Tree City USA designation.
5. **Petitions and Communications from the Public:** Matthew Carroll, Park Board member would like for the board to consider prohibiting dogs from small neighborhood parks due to abuses by owners.
6. **Information and Discussion on the Needs Assessment/Community Meetings conducted in December of 2007:** PowerPoint was provided by Jim Rodgers, Texas Agrilife Extension Service.

7. **Information and Discussion on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Manual/Table of Contents by Nanette Smejkal, Park's Director:** Suggestions to include are the Open Meetings Act, User Fees made simple to read, information about District Representatives and Mayor and a copy of Parks overview.
8. **Information and Discussion on Parks and Recreation Department Overview:** PowerPoint was presented by Nanette Smejkal, Parks Director.
9. **Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**