



## BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

February 21, 2011

5:30 p.m., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX

### MINUTES

Members Present: 6

David Turner, James Tolbert, Jennifer Barr-Ardovino, Carlos Bombach, Ralph Cloud, Frederick Caldwell

Members Absent: 2

Brian Wickstrom, Janet Selzer

Member Vacancies: 1

Staff Present: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Richard Garcia, Planning/Development Manager, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order  
David Turner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:54 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: December 20, 2010  
Motion by James Tolbert to approve the minutes as written. Second by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino. Motion carried (unanimous).
3. Agenda Item #3. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)  
None
4. Agenda Item #4. Parks and Recreation Calendar and Newsletter  
Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, highlighted the calendar and newsletter included in the agenda packet. She reported that the groundbreakings for Paseo del Sol and Pueblo Viejo were a success and encouraged Board members to attend future ceremonies.
5. Agenda Item #5. Subcommittee Reports:
  - a. City Plan Commission Subcommittee for Comprehensive Plan Rewrite – Update  
Jennifer Barr-Ardovino encouraged Board members to visit the Subcommittee’s website, <http://www.planelpaso.org> and to participate in the “Work In Progress Presentation,” 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Library, February 22, 2011.
6. Agenda Item #6. Presentation and Discussion: Update on Parks and Recreation Capital Improvements Projects

Richard Garcia, Planning/Development Park Manager, presented a PowerPoint on parkland dedication park projects, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) park projects, Neighborhood Improvement Projects (NIP) park projects, and playground projects.

*Frederick Caldwell arrived 6:10 p.m.*

Discussion ensued on the impact of soccer tournaments, smart growth, budgets, and future funding as related to park improvements. Richard Garcia briefed Board members on future parks and amenities. James Tolbert requested a presentation on park development that would feature maps indicating locations within subdivisions.

Chair Turner welcomed newly appointed Board Member Frederick Caldwell (District 4) to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

7. Agenda Item #7. Discussion and Action: Determination of Designated Meeting Day for Monthly Board Meeting

Motion by Ralph Cloud to change the designated meeting day from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. Second by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino. Motion carried (unanimous).

Next meeting Monday, March 14, 2011.

8. Agenda Item #8. Discussion and Action: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)

Frederick Caldwell expressed interest in the Park Naming Subcommittee. Motion by James Tolbert to nominate Frederick Caldwell to the Park Naming Subcommittee. Second by Carlos Bombach. Motion carried (unanimous).

9. Agenda Item #9. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas

- Presentation on Future Parks
- El Paso Parks and Recreation Foundation Presentation
- Budget Highlights FY12

10. Adjournment – 6:58 p.m.