



**MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, March 4, 2008
6:00 p.m.
Memorial Park Senior Center
1800 Byron Street

Members Present

Eileen Karlsruher, Chair
Henry Stokes, Vice Chair
Maria Trunk
Fred Shuford
Rodolfo Troncoso
Bill Sparks
Robert Gonzales
Matthew Carroll
Carl Pataky
Gary Walford
David Turner
Francoise Feliberti

Members Absent

Joel Barrios
Olga Holguin
Jaime Barceleau
Hector Munoz
Amigo Diego
Ralph Cloud
Tomas Daniel Carter

Staff Present

Nanette Smejkal, Director
Lucy Calderon, Recording Sec.
Wright Stanton, Aquatics Mgr.
Shamori Whitt, Research and
Management Assistant

Late Arrivals/Early Departures: Francoise Feliberti arrived at 6:05 p.m., Matthew Carroll left at 6:47 p.m., and Gary Walford left at 7:30 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Eileen Karlsruher, Chairperson at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Motion to approve minutes for February 5, 2008 made by Gary Walford; seconded by Henry Stokes; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
3. **Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements and Special Recognitions:** Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director announced that Ginger Elliott with the Sports Department recently received two Awards; Outstanding Woman's Program and Outstanding Mixed Program, USSSA State Sports Association.
4. **Petitions and Communications from the Public:** None Given
5. **Information and Discussion:** Aquatics Update by Wright Stanton, Aquatics Director. Pamphlets made for the public with new rules and regulations were distributed and discussed along with all changes implemented in the Aquatics Section since June 2007.
6. **Information and Discussion:** El Paso Parks and Recreation Foundation Update by Eileen Karlsruher, Treasurer and Advisory Board Chairperson. Eileen stated that a strategic planning meeting was held Saturday, February 16, 2008 with Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director. Focal projects were discussed and goals were set.

7. **Discussion and Information:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Structure and Goals by Eileen Karlsruher, Chairperson. Eileen requested the board go over the Chapter on Governance in the Master Plan and make suggestions for changes to the Park's Advisory Board composition, terms and duties for April, 2008 meeting.
8. **Discussion and Information:** Open Space Plan Overview by Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director. Handout on Green Infrastructure Plan and an implementation plan was given to review. In January 2008 the Parks and Recreation Department was assigned responsibility for this plan by City Manager. Shamori Whitt, Research and Management Assistant, was introduced as the coordinator for Open Space Plan implementation
9. **Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.**