



**MINUTES  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, April 1, 2008  
6:00 p.m.  
Memorial Park Senior Center  
1800 Byron Street

**Members Present**

Eileen Karlsruher, Chair  
Ralph Cloud  
Maria Trunk  
Fred Shuford  
Rodolfo Troncoso  
Bill Sparks  
Robert Gonzales  
Matthew Carroll  
Carl Pataky  
David Turner  
Olga Holguin  
Hector Munoz  
Joel Barrios  
Jaime Barceleau  
Diego Amigo

**Members Absent**

Henry Stokes  
Francoise Feliberti  
Tomas Daniel Carter  
Gary Walford

**Staff Present**

Nanette Smejkal, Director  
Barry Russell, Assistant Dir.  
Lucy Calderon, Recording Sec.  
Shamori Whitt, Research and  
Management Assistant  
Richard Garcia, Land Operations  
Manager

**Late Arrivals/Early Departures:** Diego Amigo arrived at 6:10 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Eileen Karlsruher, Chairperson at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Motion to approve minutes for March 4, 2008 made by Bill Sparks; seconded by Matthew Carroll; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements and Special Recognitions:**
  - a. Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director announced that April is Pool Safety Awareness Month.
  - b. Nanette Smejkal also announced that Barry Russell, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director will be leaving the Parks Department and has accepted a job in Spokane, Washington as Director of Parks and Recreation.
4. **Petitions and Communications from the Public:**
  - a. Matthew Carroll, Parks Advisory Board member invited the board to a clean up of Arroyo Park on Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon along with the students of El Paso High School.
  - b. Maria Trunk, Parks Advisory Board member announced that the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park is celebrating it's 10-Year Anniversary and UTEP Centennial Museum is presenting an exhibit

showcasing the progress at Rio Bosque with an opening reception Wednesday, April 23, 2008 from 5-7:30 p.m. The Advisory Board was provided with invitations.

5. **Discussion and Potential Action on Overview of Proposed Parkland Dedication Ordinance by John Neal:** A draft of Subdivision Regulations Parkland Dedication Chapter was presented to the board and is to be reviewed by the CPC (City Planning Commission). City Council will begin review on Tuesday, April 8 in workshop sessions. Items that the Park's Director would like changed before this Ordinance is accepted are: page 76, items 2, 4, and 6, page 77 item 11 and page 78 the top paragraph F. **Motion in agreement to the Proposed Parkland Dedication Ordinance outlining the Park's Department concerns made by Jaime Barceleau; seconded by Robert Gonzales; all in favor; Motion passed unanimously.**
6. **Information and Discussion on Status of FY08 Capital Improvement Projects by Richard Garcia, Land Operations Manager:** Power Point presentation and handouts were presented.
7. **Information and Discussion on recommendations for Creation for Open Space Advisory Committee or Subcommittee by Shamori Whitt, Research and Management Assistant:** Motion to have the Park Board form a Subcommittee comprised of 11 people, three volunteers from the Park's Advisory Board one being the Chairman in the Open Space Advisory Subcommittee and 5 people selected from the five planning areas and 3 people would be at large by David Turner; seconded by Jaime Barceleau; all in favor; Motion carried unanimously.  
Members volunteered to be in the Subcommittee include: Eileen Karlsruher, Maria Trunk and Carl Pataky.
8. **Discussion on Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Composition and Goals by Eileen Karlsruher, Chairperson:** Eileen Karlsruher, Chairperson elected Bill Sparks as the Chair of a subcommittee for a 6-8 week period that puts together recommendations of what to do with the Advisory Board in respect to what the Master Plan recommends for governance. **Volunteers include:** Bill Sparks, Chairman, Diego Amigo, Ralph Cloud, Eileen Karlsruher and Dave Turner.
9. **Motion to adjourn made by Jaime Barceleau; seconded by Joel Barrios; all in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**