



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

April 19, 2010

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

MINUTES

Members Present: 7

David Turner, James Tolbert, Janet Selzer, Richard Falvo, Ralph Cloud, Brian Wickstrom, Luis Ruiz

Members Absent: 0

Member Vacancies: 2

Staff Present: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Joel McKnight, Assistant Director, Judy Weiss, Assistant Director, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order
David Turner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: January 25, 2010
Richard Falvo recommended the following **correction**:

Page 2, Agenda Item #6. "James Tolbert made involves Mr. **Stoke's** family."

Motion by Richard Falvo to approve the January 25, 2010 minutes as corrected. Second by James Tolbert. 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 Staff Announcements and Recognitions
Parks and Recreation Director Nanette Smejkal highlighted the calendar and newsletter included in the agenda packet. She informed the Board that this year's Arbor Day Celebration will be held at Travis White Park, 1700 Wedgewood Drive, Friday, April 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
5. Agenda Item #5. Discussion and Information: Withdrawal by Applicant of Request to Name the Mirror Room at San Juan Senior Center in Honor of Mrs. Mariana Rios.

Nanette Smejkal, Director, reported that Mr. Sergio De La Rosa (applicant) had withdrawn the request to name the Mirror Room at San Juan Senior Center in honor of Mrs. Rios. Mr. De La Rosa plans on pursuing another recognition proposal in the future.

6. Agenda Item #6. Discussion and Information: Recommendation by the San Juan Neighborhood Association to Place a Plaque on the Exterior Wall of San Juan Senior Center for Recognition of Significant Volunteers with Mrs. Marina Rios being the First Name on the Plaque.

Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Judy Weiss gave the Board an update on meetings and discussions with San Juan Senior Center participates regarding the recognition plaque. The Neighborhood Association will work with staff to place an exterior plaque recognizing significant volunteers in the community.

Agenda Items 8 and 9, moved forward.

7. Agenda Item #8. Discussion and Action: Purpose Statement for the Tree Subcommittee.

James Tolbert, recommended revising the purpose statement to read: *“To formulate recommendations for **increasing and** sustaining the urban forest and to serve as the Tree Board for purposes of Tree City, USA status.”*

Motion by James Tolbert to add verbiage *“**increasing and**”* to the Purpose Statement for the Tree Subcommittee. Second by Richard Falvo. Motion carried (unanimous).

Luis Ruiz arrived at 5:41 p.m.

8. Agenda Item #9. Discussion and Information: Parkland Dedication Funds

Nanette Smejkal, Director, distributed a Parkland Dedication Funds report. Ms. Smejkal reviewed projects and designated budgets. Discussion ensued on various projects and park inventory. (handout)

9. Agenda Item #7. Discussion and Information: Master Plan Progress Report

Nanette Smejkal, Director, presented the Board with a PowerPoint presentation created by Mr. Jim Carrillo of Halff Associates, Inc., entitled “El Paso Parks 2006-2009 Progress Report.” The progress report focused on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Open Space Master Plan. Discussion ensued on the study’s goals, park systems, park operating budgets, land acquisition, and trail locations.

10. Agenda Item #10. Discussion and Action: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)

Chair David Turner requested volunteers for the Naming Committee; Janet Selzer and Ralph Cloud volunteered.

Brian Wickstrom made a motion to appoint Janet Selzer and Ralph Cloud to the Naming Committee. Second by Luis Ruiz. Motion carried (unanimous).

11. Agenda Item #11. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas
None

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