



**MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

6:00 p.m.

Memorial Park Senior Center

1800 Byron Street

Members Present

Henry Stokes, Acting Chair
Ralph Cloud
Maria Trunk
Rodolfo Troncoso
Bill Sparks
Robert Gonzales
Matthew Carroll
Carl Pataky
David Turner
Olga Holguin
Francoise Feliberti
Thomas Daniel Carter
Fred Shuford

Members Absent

Hector Munoz
Joel Barrios
Jaime Barceleau
Diego Amigo

Staff Present

Nanette Smejkal, Director
Lucy Calderon, Recording Secretary
Paula Powell, Sports Manager (Interim)
Wright Stanton, Aquatics Manager
Joe Rodriguez, Recreation Services Mgr.
Ginger Elliott, Softball Coordinator
Jennifer Harper, Youth Football Coordinator
Rafael Gardon, Community Ctr. Supervisor
Luis Maldonado, Recreation Leader
Raul Martinez, Recreation Program Supervisor
Hiram Samaniego, Community Center Supervisor

Late Arrivals/Early Departures: Carl Pataky arrived at 6:45 p.m., Thomas Daniel Carter left at 8:05 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Henry Stokes, Acting Chairman at 6:05 p.m.
2. **Motion to approve minutes for May 6, 2008 made by David Turner; seconded by Matthew Carroll; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements and Special Recognitions:** None Given
4. **Petitions and Communications from the Public:**
Matthew Carroll, Park Board member requested an update on the last meeting held for Open Space meeting from Maria Trunk, Park Board member and member of the Open Space Committee. Ms. Trunk reported the meetings are held on Mondays, every two weeks with the next one to be held June 16, 2008 at 12 noon, Parks and Recreation Department, 2 Civic Center Plaza , 6th Floor.
5. Henry Stokes requested Item #6 and Item #7 be reversed: **Motion to reverse made by Thomas Carter; seconded by Francoise Feliberti; all in favor; motion carried.**
6. **Information and Discussion:** Sports participant Identification Cards by Wright Stanton, Aquatics Manager, Joe Rodriguez, Recreation Services Manager, and Paula Powell, Sport Manager (Interim). Power Point presentation was given.

7. **Discussion and Action:** Basketball Teams Ballerz and EP Fire Teenage Basketball Team appealing decision rendered by Sports Grievance Subcommittee. Discussion was heard from Emir Ortiz, coach for EP Fire Teenage Basketball Team, Myke Fakir, coach for the Sun City Ballerz Team, Krystopher Fakir, player for Sun City Ballerz, Ron Stuart, All State Insurance Sponsor and Robert Ortega, Director for Youth Sports Organization of El Paso Fire. Paula Powell, Sport Manager (Interim) and Luis Maldonado, Recreation Leader for Parks Department gave their statements of events that occurred. **Motion made by Matthew Carroll to uphold the decision made by the Sports Grievance Committee; there was no second to the motion; motion failed. Motion made by Thomas Carter that the decision be modified to retain the suspension to the players of community service and the coaches be allowed to continue coaching; seconded by Bill Sparks; all in favor; motion failed, 4-ayes, 7-nays and 1-abstention. Ayes: Carl Pataky, Fred Shuford, Bill Sparks, Thomas Carter Nays: Maria Trunk, Rodolfo Troncoso, Olga Holguin, Robert Gonzales, Matthew Carroll, Ralph Cloud, David Turner Abstention: Francoise Feliberti Motion made by Maria Trunk to uphold decision rendered by the Sports Grievance Committee; seconded by; Matthew Carroll; all in favor. Motion carried with 10-ayes, 2- nays and 0-abstentions. Ayes: Rodolfo Troncoso, Olga Holguin, Robert Gonzales, Matthew Carroll, Maria Trunk, Ralph Cloud, David Turner, Francoise Feliberti, Fred Shuford, Carl Pataky Nays: Thomas Carter, Bill Sparks Abstentions: 0**
8. **Discussion and Action on Sports Grievance held May 20, 2008:** Item Tabled until July 2008 meeting
9. **Information and Discussion on Utilization of School Ball Fields by Paula Powell, Sports Manager, (Interim):** Power Point presentation given.
10. **Information and Discussion on Sports Section Overview by Paul Powell, Sports Manager, (Interim):** Power Point presentation given by multiple staff from the Sports Division.
11. **Information and Discussion on Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Reference Manual Distribution:** Item Tabled until July 2008 meeting.
12. **Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**