



MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 5, 2008
6:00 p.m.
Memorial Park Senior Center
1800 Byron Street

Members Present

Henry Stokes, Chairman
David Turner, Vice Chair
Francoise Feliberti
Thomas Daniel Carter
Bill Sparks
Robert Gonzales
Carl Patakay
Fred Shuford
Jaime Barceleau
Olga Holguin
Rodolfo Troncoso
Ralph Cloud
Hector Munoz
Maria Trunk

Members Absent

Matthew Carroll
Joel Barrios
William Medrano
Brian Wickstrom

Staff Present

Nanette Smejkal, Director
Judy Weiss, Assistant Director
Joel McKnight, Assistant Director
Lucy Calderon, Recording Secretary

Late Arrivals/Early Departures: Carl Patakay arrived at 7:15 p.m., Thomas Daniel Carter left at 7:15 p.m., Jaime Barceleau left at 7:15 p.m., and Francoise Feliberti left at 7:33 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Henry Stokes, Chairman at 6:03 p.m.
2. **Motion to approve minutes for July 1, 2008 made by Jaime Barceleau; seconded by Olga Holguin; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Motion to move Item #5A-4 to the Forefront made by Dave Turner; seconded by Jaime Barceleau; all in favor; motion carried.**
4. **Discussion and Action: (Item A-4) Sports Grievance held July 24, 2008 for Jesus Ruvalcaba, Basketball Player for Conduct of Coaches/Players/Spectators involving a physical altercation. Motion to uphold recommendation rendered by Sports Grievance Subcommittee to nullify the 1-year suspension and give Mr. Ruvalcaba 1-year probation made by Jaime Barceleau; seconded by Robert Gonzales; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**
5. **Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements and Recognitions:**
 - a. Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director reported that the budget hearings went well with a lot of support. Contract personnel and water budget for field watering went up slightly. Final adoption hearing will be August 12, 2008 with final adoption on August 19, 2008.
 - b. Joe Rodriguez, Recreation Services Manager recognized Esther Bates, retiring after 30 years as a daycare worker at the Veteran Center site.

c. Ms. Smejkal announced the opening ceremony of Art Presentation at City Hall, 1st Floor from Seniors who learned their skills at the Eastside Senior Center. The exhibit will be displayed throughout the month of August. Invitations were handed out.

6. **Petitions and Communications from the Public: None Given**

7. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- a. 1. Joe Delgado, basketball player appealed a 1-year suspension for acts of misbehavior of a violent nature. The Sports Grievance Subcommittee recommended the suspension be overturned and giving Mr. Delgado a 6-months suspension with 1-year probation. **Motion made to accept the recommendation of the Sports Grievance Subcommittee made by Bill Sparks; seconded by Jaime Barceleau; all in favor; motion passed unanimously**
- a. 2. Coach Scott Heck suspended for 1-year for playing illegal players. Sport Grievance Subcommittee upheld the decision rendered by the Sports Staff. **Motion to uphold the recommendation made by the Sports Grievance Subcommittee made by Jaime Barceleau; seconded by Bill Spark; all in favor; motion passed unanimously**
- a. 3. Coach Claudia Garibay and Alejandra Carpio, Soccer Player. **Item Postponed**

b. **Discussion and Action on Governance Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations:** (a) First recommendation subcommittee size. After significant discussion this item was tabled. (b) Recommendation that a subcommittee can be appointed or volunteer. **Motion made to keep subcommittees volunteers by Olga Holguin; seconded by Jaime Barceleau; all in favor; motion passed with 11 ayes: Olga Holguin, Jaime Barceleau, Rodolfo Troncoso, Bill Sparks, Robert Gonzales, Ralph Cloud, Hector Munoz, David Turner, Fred Shuford, Francoise Feliberti, Maria Trunk 1 Nay: Thomas Carter** (c) No scope or changes to Park Naming Subcommittee or the Grievance Subcommittee (d) Ad Hoc Committee for goals and objectives will be sunset after recommendation changes for Chapter 2 in Administration of Park Board. **Motion to accept the recommendations made by the Governance Ad Hoc Subcommittee; seconded by Bill Sparks; all in favor; motion passed unanimously** (e) Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee is to transfer all responsibility on governance of the Master Plan to the full board and sunset the Master Plan Governance Committee. **Motion to accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee made by Jaime Barceleau; seconded by Maria Trunk; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.** (f) Open Space will be further reviewed. (g) Aquatic Subcommittee: **Motion to sunset the Aquatics Subcommittee made by Robert Gonzales; seconded by Jaime Barceleau; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

c. **Open Space Subcommittee:** Maria Trunk discussed the 1-year schedule on projects to include creating a trail (multi use) extending from Franklin Mountain State Park on last arroyo to Rio Grande, southern face of Franklin Mountain where the star is, area behind arroyo and Franklin Mountain State Park through a privately owned area that the City or State might be interested in acquiring, and opportunities for habitat/Bosque restoration along the Rio Grande in the Upper Valley.

6. **Discussion and Action:** Appeal for Coach Claudia and Alejandra Carpio, Soccer Player. Appellants were not present. **Motion was made to deny the appeal and uphold the 1-year suspension recommended by the Sports Grievance Subcommittee made by Bill Sparks; Jaime Barceleau seconds the motion; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

7. Thomas Carter announced gave his resignation from the Park's Advisory Board as of August 5, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.

8. **Presentation:** Power Point presentation updating the board on summer activities by Joe Rodriguez, Recreation and Services Manager, Paula Powell, Interim Sports Manager and Wright Stanton, Aquatics Manager.
9. **Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**