



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

August 10, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Members Present: (7)

Mayor – Romaree Friedman Herbert
District 3- Michael Adjemian
District 4 – Julia Smith (Chair)
District 5- Paul Garcia
District 6 – Sandra Olivar
District 7 – Sylvia Carreon
District 8 – Robert (Bob) Bigney

Members Absent: (2)

District 1- Martin Morgades
District 2- Anna Alemán

City Staff Present

Ben Fyffe, Director
Joe Rodriguez, Assistant Director
Diana Cepeda, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
Emigdio Gonzalez, Park Operations Super. SAM
Joel McKnight, Deputy Director SAM

City Attorney – Legal

Russell Abeln, Assistant City Attorney

Public Present

Marcella Castillo
Dora Oaxacha
Rep Henry Rivera, District 7
Contreras, Priscilla, District 7

1. Agenda Item **Meeting Called to Order**

Julia Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Agenda Item **Approval of Minutes:** March 09, 2020

Julia Smith, Chair, asked the Board to review minutes and approve.

Motion by Julia Smith to accept minutes as written, seconded by Sandra Olivar carried (unanimous).

3. Agenda Item **Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda):**

No members of the public were present to discuss items not on the agenda.

4. Agenda Item **Discussion and Action:** On the selection of the Vice Chair.

Julia Smith (Chair), addressed the board in regards to the selection of Vice Chair.

Motion by Paul Garcia to move Sandra Olivar to Vice Chair of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion Seconded by Romaree Friedman Herbert, motion carried. (unanimous)

5. Agenda Item Introduction: New Parks and Recreation Advisor Board Members-D3Michael Adjemian and D5Paul Garcia

The board members welcomed the new members to the board.

6. Agenda Item Update: Director’s update on Park and Recreation Department COVID-19 response.

Ben Fyffe, Director addressed the board and presented a detailed presentation.

Board members asked questions and were answered.

7. Agenda Item Update and Discussion: Park Maintenance Activities

Eg Gonzalez, Park Operations Superintendent, Streets and Maintenance Department, addressed the board and presented a detailed presentation.

Board members asked questions and were answered.

8. Agenda Item #8. Discussion and Action following recommendations made by the Subcommittees :

- a. Discussion and Action: Park Naming Subcommittee recommendation to rename Lomaland Community Center, located at 709 Lomita Drive, El Paso, TX 79907, to Sylvia A. Carreon Community Center.

Sandra Olivar, Chair of Park Naming Subcommittee, addressed the board for discussion and action for recommendation to rename Lomaland Community Center.

Dora Oaxacha, addressed the board in favor of the recommendation to rename Community Center.

Rep Henry Rivera, addressed the board in favor of the recommendation to rename Community Center.

Motion by Paul Garcia, for recommendation for the renaming of Lomaland Community Center to Sylvia A. Carreon Community Center, seconded by Sandra Olivar. Motion carried with majority (Paul Garcia, Romaree F. Herbert, Sandra Olivar, Julia Smith, Bob Bigney), and one opposed (Michael Adjemian).

b. Discussion and Action: On vacancy on the Park Naming Subcommittee

Julia Smith, Chair, addressed the board with details of current vacancy for Park Naming Subcommittee.

Motion by Julia Smith to place move Michael Adjemian for a position in Park Naming Subcommittee to a vacant position. Seconded by Romaree Friedman Herbert, motion carried. (unanimous)

9. Agenda Item # 9 **Discussion on Recreation Activity** : Parks and Recreation Construction Projects List

Nothing to discuss on these items, will address additional information at next Board meeting.

10. Agenda Item #10. **Discussion:** Identify Items for Future Agendas

Nothing to discuss for future Agendas other than additional details for upcoming Project list.

Motion by Julia Smith to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sylvia Carreon. Approved (unanimous)

11. Adjournment – 6:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Rocio Rivas, Board Recording Secretary