



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

September 09, 2019
5:30 p.m. - Basement, Thorman Conference Room
801 Texas Ave., City Bldg. 3, El Paso, Texas

Minutes

Members Present: (5)

District 1 – Romaree Friedman Herbert
District 2- Anna Alemán
District 3- Edward Frausto (Vice Chair)
District 4 – Julia Smith (Chair)
District 5- Christa J Madero

Members Absent: (4)

Mayor – Adrienne Moody
District 6 – Sandra Olivar
District 7 – Sylvia Carreon
District 8 – VACANT

City Staff Present

Joe Rodriguez, Assistant Director
Rocio Rivas, Board Recording Secretary
Emigdio Gonzalez, Park Area Supervisor
Hawk Scott, Recreation Program Mgr
Vicente DeSantiago, Equipment Operator
Karla Chavez, Park Project Review Coordinator
Gloria Venzor, Project Manager

City Attorney – Legal

Leslie Jean-Pierre, Assistant City Attorney

Public Present

Carlos Molina
Fernando Rosale
Marisol Ramirez

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order
Julia Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: August 12, 2019
Julia Smith, Chair, asked the Board to review minutes and approve.

Motion by Julia Smith to accept minutes as written, minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected, seconded by Romaree Friedman Herbert. Motion carried (unanimous).

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

Carlos Molina, Public Comment, addressed the board about concerns he has with the Westside Natatorium location, board members asked questions and were answered.

4. Agenda Item #4. **Discussion and Presentation:** Park Maintenance Turf Renovation Program- Emigdio Gonzalez and Hawk Scott.

Emigdio Gonzalez, Park Area Supervisor, provided a detailed powerpoint presentation, presented examples and information about the Turf renovation process at various parks throughout the city.

5. Agenda Item # 5. **Discussion and Presentation:** Introduction of New Therapeutic Coordinator and Inclusion Plan Presentation- Joe Rodriguez with Adam Tirres.

Joe Rodriguez, Assistant Director, addressed the board to introduce a New Therapeutic Coordinator for The Parks and Recreation Department.

Adam Tirres, Therapeutic Coordinator, addressed the board to introduce himself and gave a detailed presentation over the current ADA program and inclusion goals for the future. A discussion ensued where questions were asked and answered.

6. Agenda Item #6 **Discussion and Presentation:** Recreation Center Update-Gloria Venzor

Gloria Venzor, Project Manager, addressed the board with a detailed presentation detailing the current park projects and their current construction progress for completion.

7. Agenda Item #7. **Subcommittees: Discussion and Action:**

a. **Discussion and Action:** Subcommittee Assignments

Julia Smith, Chair, addressed the board, Tree Subcommittee, and Park Naming Subcommittee have a vacancy. Board members agreed to postpone the discussion until all members are present.

Julia Smith, Chair, move to lay the motion on the table for the Tree and Park Subcommittee vacancies until October 14, 2019. Motion carried. (unanimous).

b. **Discussion and Action:** Pending Subcommittee Recommendations (as needed)

No action needed on either of these items.

8. Agenda Item #8. **Reports on Recent Activity**

- a. Recent City Council Agenda Items List
Nothing new to discuss at this time.
- b. Upcoming Committee Meetings List Open Space Advisory Board
Nothing to discuss on this item.
- c. Land Acquisition List – Nothing to discuss on this item.
- d. Parks and Recreation Construction Projects List-Nothing to discuss on this item

9. Agenda Item #9. **Update:** Director’s Comments – Joe Rodriguez, Assistant Director, addressed the board on behalf of Tracy Novak. Joe Rodriguez reports: Winter Fest planning has begun and gave details on the event location and date.

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

Nothing to discuss this item at this time.

Motion by Julia Smith, Chair to adjourn. Approved (unanimous)

11. Adjournment – 6:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Rocio Rivas, Board Recording Secretary