



MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 11, 2007
6:00 p.m.
Memorial Park Senior Center
1800 Byron Street

Members Present

Eileen Karlsruher, Chairperson
Henry Stokes, Vice Chair
Daniel Delahaye
Joel Barrios
Alma Wilson
Robert Gonzales
Matthew Carroll
Jennifer Matthews
Fred Shuford
Olga Holguin
Mary Lyerly
Thomas Carter
Jaime Barceleau
Gary Walford
Mitch Doblado

Members Absent

Alice Davis
Hector Munoz
Carl Pataky
David Turner

Staff Present

Barry Russell, Interim Dir.
Lucy Martinez, Rec. Sec.
Joe Rodriguez, Rec. Serv. Mgr
Paula Powell, Sports Mgr.
Doug Barnes, Sports Dir.
Enrique Valadez, Dist. Mgr.
Brenda Romero, Rec. & Sports
Coordinator

Late Arrivals/Early Departures: Robert Gonzales and Gary Walford arrived at 6:15 p.m.; Joel Barrios left at 7:40 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Chairperson, Eileen Karlsruher at 6:06p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in Memory of 9/11 Victims**
3. **Motion to approve August 7, 2007 minutes made by Jaime Barceleau; seconded by Joel Barrios; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
4. **Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements and Special Recognitions:**
 - a) New Park Board Member Gary Walford arrived at 6:15 p.m. welcomed by the board
 - b) Paula Powell, Regional Director for Texas Amateur Athletic Federation for Region 17 in El Paso, Texas recognized Wright Stanton IV, as an inspirational coach and also winning a Gold Metal at the National swimming competition.
 - c) Joe Rodriguez, Parks Recreation Service Manager honored Paul Perez, Western Refinery for all their support with Club Rec Kids and support to the San Juan Senior Center.
 - d) Joe Rodriguez stated that the newly reconstructed San Juan Senior Center will have its Grand Opening October 3rd, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Invitations will be mailed.
 - e) Mr. Rodriguez invited the Park Board to the next Healthy Hearts with Parks at Veterans Park, Saturday, September 15, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.
 - f) Mr. Rodriguez stated that Saturday, September 8, 2007 a Graffiti Art Contest under the Spaghetti Bowl with four young artists. The event was very successful.

- g) Barry Russell Interim Director stated that the next Arbor Day Celebration will be held at Franklin Park, Northeast, October 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Invitations will be sent out.
- h) Mr. Russell stated that City Council will hear a Resolution, Tuesday, September 18, 2007 asking Council to support the Official State Arbor Day 2008.

5. **Petitions and Communications form the Public:**

Matthew Carroll, Park Board member questioned the rescheduling of Park Board meetings.

- 6. **Discussion and Action on Sports Grievance Procedures:** Motion to approve the updated Sports Grievance procedures with corrections added made by Matthew Carroll; seconded by Henry Stokes; all in favor; motion past unanimously.
- 7. **Discussion and Action on Sports Grievance Subcommittee meeting held August 14, 2007 by Alma Wilson, Chairperson:** Motion to accept decisions rendered by the Sports Grievance Subcommittee made by Henry Stokes; seconded by Daniel Delahaye; all in favor; motion past unanimously.
- 8. **Motion to move items 10 and 11 to the forefront made by Robert Gonzales, seconded by Henry Stokes; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
- 9. **Discussion and Action on Appeal for Decision Rendered by Sports Grievance Subcommittee by Adrian Contreras:** Motion to place Mr. Contreras on 6-month probation with 80-hours of Community Service to be served at the Softball Director's discretion made by Henry Stokes; seconded by Mitch Doblado; all in favor; motion carried.
- 10. **Discussion and Action on Appeal for Decision Rendered by Sports Grievance Subcommittee BY Craig Thomas:** Motion to postpone decision until October 2007 Park Board meeting made by Henry Stokes; seconded by Alma Wilson; all in favor; motion carried.
- 11. **Information on the Aquatics Advisory Council meeting held August 27, 2007 by Robert Gonzales, Chairman:** Mr. Gonzales reported that 2007 Swim Meet at Tigua Pool went without incidents. City Manager and Parks are looking into taking over the Tigua Complex. Next meeting will be held October 15, 2007.
- 12. **Discussion and Action on 4-Year Terms for Parks Advisory Board members by Henry Stokes:** Mitch Doblado makes a motion that the Master Plan Governance Committee schedule a meeting and recommend to Mayor and Council the terms of the Park Board be in unison with the terms of the Representatives and Mayor; seconded by Henry Stokes; all in favor; motion carried.
- 13. **Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.**