



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

September 20, 2010

5:30 p.m., 10th Floor Conference Room
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX

MINUTES

Members Present: 5

David Turner, James Tolbert, Janet Selzer, Ralph Cloud, Jennifer Barr-Ardovino

Members Absent: 2

Brian Wickstrom, Carlos Bombach

Member Vacancies: 2

Staff Present: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Judy Weiss, Assistant Director, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Jose Veliz, The Crush Team, Mario Veliz, The Crush Team, Ms. Edubijes Diaz, mother of Andres Gomez

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order

David Turner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: August 16, 2010

James Tolbert recommended the following clarification: Item 10. “*James Tolbert reiterated the to the **original** Tree and Plant List.*”

Motion by James Tolbert to approve the minutes with the correction. Second by Ralph Cloud. Motion carried (unanimous).

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

None

4. Agenda Item #4. Parks and Recreation Calendar and Newsletter

Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, highlighted the calendar and newsletter included in the agenda packet. She informed the Board that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Pat O’Rourke Recreation Center will be Monday, November 1, 2010, 5:30 p.m., invitations will be distributed.

5. Agenda Item #5. Discussion and Action: Selection of Vice Chair

Jennifer Barr-Ardovino nominated James Tolbert for Vice Chair. Second by Janet Selzer. Motion carried (unanimous)

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6. Agenda Item #6. Subcommittees: Grievance Subcommittee recommendations.

Ralph Cloud gave a brief summary of the incidents presented to the Grievance Subcommittee. Jose Veliz and Mario Veliz addressed the Board and answered questions. Discussion ensued on rules and regulations and officiating.

- a. Discussion and Action: Suspension of Eloy Salgado, Stros Team, Adult Softball for one (1) year.

Motion by James Tolbert to uphold the subcommittee's recommendation - suspension of Eloy Salgado. Second by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino. Motion carried (unanimous).

- b. Discussion and Action: Suspension of Victor Salgado, Stros Team, Adult Softball for one (1) year.

Motion by James Tolbert to uphold the subcommittee's recommendation - suspension of Victor Salgado. Second by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino. Motion carried (unanimous).

- c. Discussion and Action: Suspension of Jose Veliz, The Crush Team, Adult Softball for one (1) year.

Motion by James Tolbert to reduce the suspension of Jose Veliz as time served (to September 20, 2010). Second by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino. Motion carried (unanimous).

- a. Discussion and Action: Suspension of Andres Gomez, All Stars Team, Midnight Basketball, for one (1) year.

Ms. Edubijes Diaz, mother of Andres Gomez, spoke on her son's behalf and relayed the incident. She requested the Board uphold the subcommittee's recommendation to rescind the suspension.

Motion by James Tolbert to uphold the subcommittee's recommendation to rescind the suspension of Andres Gomez as time served (to September 20, 2010). Second by Janet Selzer. Motion carried (unanimous).

7. Agenda Item #7. Discussion and Information: Update on FY11 Budget and Department Reorganization

Nanette Smejkal, Director of Parks and Recreation, reviewed a copy of the final adopted budget, in agenda packet. She gave the Board a summary of the reorganization of the Parks Department; park maintenance is now overseen by the General Services Department. Discussion ensued on park maintenance level of services.

8. Agenda Item #8. Discussion and Action: Park Classifications and Level of Amenity and Service Standards

Nanette Smejkal, Director of Parks and Recreation, reviewed the Parks and Recreation Administrative Guidelines for Park Amenities, included in agenda packet. She reviewed park classifications and amenities. Discussion ensued on park reinvestments, subdivision development and design standards.

9. Agenda Item #9. Discussion and Action: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)

No action taken.

10. Agenda Item #10. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas
 - Park Design
 - Sports Officiating

11. Agenda Item #11. Adjournment – 7:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant