



MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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

Members Present

Eileen Karlsruher, Chairperson
Henry Stokes, Vice Chair
Joel Barrios
Thomas Carter
Maria Trunk
Robert Gonzales
Matthew Carroll
David Turner
Fred Shuford
Olga Holguin
Amigo Diego
Ralph T. Cloud
Gary Walford
Francois Feliberti

Members Absent

Hector Munoz
Jennifer Matthews
Jaime Barceau
Carl Pataky
Alice Davis

Staff Present

Barry Russell, Interim Dir.
Lucy Martinez, Rec. Sec.
Joe Rodriguez, Rec. Serv. Mgr
Paula Powell, Sports Mgr.
Ginger Elliott, Program
Supervisor

Late Arrivals/Early Departures: Henry Stokes arrived at 6:03 p.m.; Robert Gonzales arrived at 6:05 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Chairperson, Eileen Karlsruher at 6:04 p.m.
2. **Motion to approve October 2, 2007 minutes made by Gary Walford; seconded by David Turner; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
3. **Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements and Special Recognitions:**
 - a) Maria Trunk, Diego Amigo, Francoise Feliberti and Ralph Cloud welcomed as new members
 - b) Rafael Gardon recognized for 20 years of service
 - c) New Assistant Director of Recreation, Nanette Smejkal introduced to board
 - d) Barry Russell discussed ceremony for Arbor Day 2008
 - e) Barry Russell discussed Upcoming Workshop by Parks Foundation to discuss development of strategic plan date to be determined
 - f) Barry Russell shows the board two awards given to Park Department from the American Institute of Architects and the American Planning Institute.
 - g) Barry Russell stated that Parks has been awarded a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant/Recreation Trails for \$80,000 to develop a 1400 foot trail system on the Westside.
5. **Petitions and Communications from the Public:** None Given
6. **Motion to move item 6 to the forefront made by Gary Walford; seconded by Francoise Feliberti; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**

7. **Discussion and Action on Decisions Rendered by Sports Grievance Committee for Grievance held October 9, 2007 by Henry Stokes: Motion to approve decision rendered by Sports Grievance made by Matthew Carroll; seconded by David Turner; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**

8. **Discussion and Action:** Appeal on Decision Rendered by Sports Grievance Committee by Daniel Armendariz: **Motion made by Olga Holguin to uphold the 1-year suspension made by Sports Grievance Subcommittee: Chairperson, Eileen Karlsruher requested a poll.**

8-Ayes:

Thomas Carter
Olga Holguin
Fred Shuford
Gary Walford
Ralph Cloud
Mathew Carroll,
David Turner
Eileen Karlsruher

4-Nays:

Francoise Feliberti
Joel Barrios
Maria Trunk
Robert Gonzales

2-Abstentions:

Henry Stokes
Diego Amigo

Motion carried 8-4.

9. **Discussion and Information on Designation of City of El Paso as a Playful City USA:** Barry Russell stated that El Paso has become one of 31 communities to become a Playful City USA. This would entitle the Parks Department to \$25,000 grants to sponsor programs.

10. **Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**