



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

November 14, 2011

5:30 p.m., 6th Floor OMB Conference Room
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX

MINUTES

Members Present: 5

David Turner, Frederick Caldwell, James Tolbert, Janet Selzer, Ralph Cloud

Members Absent: 1

Jennifer Barr-Ardovino

Member Vacancies: 3

Staff Present: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Ed Hersh, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, Wayne Thornton, Public Relations Coordinator, Stuart Ed, General Services Director, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order
David Turner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2.
Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2011
Motion by James Tolbert to approve minutes as written. Second by Janet Selzer. Motion carried (unanimous).

Approval of Minutes: September 19, 2011
Motion by James Tolbert to approve minutes as written. Second by Frederick Caldwell. 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 reported that the Henry Stokes Little Bowl (youth football championship) will be Saturday, November 19, 2011, at Austin High School and the Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade will be December 3, 2011.
5. Agenda Item #5. Presentation and Action: Excellence in Park Design – FY11Parks
Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, presented three candidate projects for the Excellence in Park Design.

Motion by James Tolbert to not recommend an award for Excellence in Park Design this year due to none of the projects demonstrating exceptional merit. Second by Frederick Caldwell. Motion carried (unanimous).

6. Agenda Item #6. Information and Discussion: Park District, Future Bond, Sports Fields & Interlocal Agreements.

Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director reported that Proposition No. 7 on the ballot for a Regional Park District did not pass. Staff are currently soliciting community input on potential projects for the proposed Quality of Life Bond Issue targeted for November 2012. Staff is in the process of researching and reviewing school district interlocal agreements as pertaining to sport field availability.

7. Agenda Item #7. Information and Discussion: Web Access for Listing Concerns and Volunteering, Juvenile Community Service, Synthetic Turf (General Services)

Stuart Ed, General Services Director, briefed the Board on the Trash Flash Mob effort, and is initiating a link on the City's website to solicit volunteer help with trash pickup. (handout) Mr. Ed reported on synthetic turf, natural turf and park maintenance. Discussion followed on designated "game only" fields, the pilot program of overseeding, and fencing of game only fields. Mr. Ed Hersh, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, updated the Board on the installation of fencing.

8. Agenda Item #8. Subcommittees Reports

a. Park Naming Subcommittee

1. Discussion and Action: Renaming of Southside Park at 520 B Southside Road as SPC Adrian Garcia Park

Wayne Thornton, Public Relations Coordinator, gave a powerpoint presentation on the new park on Southside Road and a brief biography of SPC Adrian Garcia. Applicant Council Representative Holguin expanded on the background of SPC Adrian Garcia, a double amputee from the war in Iraq.

Motion by James Tolbert, Naming Subcommittee Chair, to forward a recommendation to City Council to approve naming the park at 520 B Southside Road as SPC Adrian Garcia Park. Second by Frederick Caldwell. Motion carried (unanimous).

2. Discussion and Action: Renaming of Loretto-Lincoln Park at 4500 E. Yandell as Liz Morayma Gonzalez Park

Wayne Thornton, Public Relations Coordinator, gave a powerpoint presentation on the park location and amenities and gave a brief report on Liz Morayma Gonzalez, who stopped to render aid at a vehicle accident on I-10 when she was struck and killed by another vehicle.

Applicant Erika Gonzalez of the Peace, Love and Liz Committee, stated that her sister loved helping others and frequently took walks in the park adjacent to her home.

Motion by James Tolbert, Naming Subcommittee Chair, to forward a recommendation to City Council to approve renaming Loretto-Lincoln Park at 4500 E. Yandell as Liz Morayma Gonzalez Park. Second by Frederick Caldwell. Motion carried (unanimous).

b. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Representative Meeting Report - City Plan Commission Subcommittee for Comprehensive Plan Rewrite (Jennifer Barr-Ardovino)

Board Representative Jennifer Barr-Ardovino was absent, agenda item tabled for next meeting.

- c. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Representative Meeting Report – Special Joint Meeting Board of Parks and Recreation and Tree Subcommittee, September 19, 2011 (David Turner)

David Turner, Chair, reviewed the outcomes of the recommendations that were forward to City Council.

9. Agenda Item #9. Discussion and Action: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)
None.
10. Agenda Item #10. Discussion and Action: Rules regarding use of Hibachis in Parks
Motion by James Tolbert to table this item for next meeting. Second by Janet Selzer. Motion carried (unanimous).
11. Agenda Item #11. Discussion and Information: Park Restroom Policy
Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the Restroom Policy and Guidelines, included in packet, and based on August 4, 2009 City Council direction. Discussion followed on the criteria for portable restrooms.
Ralph Cloud recommended continuing discussion at next month's meeting.
12. Agenda Item #12. Identify Items for Future Agendas
- Hibachis in Parks
 - Park Restroom Policy
 - Quality of Life Bond Community Input
 - Quality of Life 2000 Projects
13. Adjournment – 6:57 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant