



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

November 15, 2010

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

MINUTES

Members Present: 4

David Turner, James Tolbert, Jennifer Barr-Ardovino, Brian Wickstrom

Members Absent: 3

Carlos Bombach, Janet Selzer, Ralph Cloud

Member Vacancies: 2

Staff Present: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Paula Powell, Sports Manager, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Fred Lopez, City Planning and Economic Development, Stuart Ed, General Services Director, Joel McKnight, Deputy General Services Director

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order

David Turner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: September 20, 2010

Motion by James Tolbert to approve the minutes as written. Second by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino. 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 ribbon cutting ceremony for the Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center on November 1, 2010 was a success. Board members were asked to mark their calendars for December 4th, groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Westside Community Dog Park, and December 11th for the 75th Tree Lighting and Celebration of Lights Parade.

5. Agenda Item #5. Discussion and Action: Designate a Member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to serve on the City Plan Commission Subcommittee for the City's Comprehensive Plan Rewrite.

Fred Lopez, Planning and Economic Development, gave the Board a brief summary of the City Plan Commission Subcommittee for the City's Comprehensive Plan Rewrite Plan Commission.

Discussion ensued on CPC subcommittee membership, goals and meeting schedule.

James Tolbert nominated Jennifer Barr-Ardovino to serve on the City Plan Commission Subcommittee for the City's Comprehensive Plan Rewrite. Second by Brian Wickstrom. Motion carried (unanimous)

6. Agenda Item #6. Subcommittees: Grievance Subcommittee recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on the following appeals:

Brian Wickstrom gave a brief summary of the incidents presented to the Grievance Subcommittee.

- a. Suspension of Joseph Galarza, Gunnamo Team, Youth Indoor Soccer, for one (1) year.

Motion by James Tolbert to uphold the subcommittee's recommendation - suspension of Joseph Galarza for one (1) year. Second by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino. Motion carried (unanimous).

- b. Suspension of Naomi Morales, Gunnamo Team, Youth Indoor Soccer, for one (1) year.

Motion by James Tolbert to reduce the suspension of Naomi Morales to 90 days as recommended by the Grievance Subcommittee. Second by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino. Motion carried (unanimous).

- c. Suspension of Carmen Gomez, Heat 96 Team, Youth Indoor Soccer, for one (1) year.

Motion by James Tolbert to reduce the suspension of Carmen Gomez to 90 days as recommended by the Grievance Subcommittee. Second by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino. Motion carried (unanimous).

7. Agenda Item #7. Discussion and Presentation: Sports League Officiating

Paula Powell, Sports Manager, presented a PowerPoint on Sports League Officiating. Discussion ensued on policies and procedures of the Parks and Recreation Sport Leagues.

8. Agenda Item #8. Discussion and Information: Park Design

Nanette Smekjal, Parks and Recreation Director, briefed the Board on land acquisition, park development and City guidelines.

Jennifer Barr-Ardovino distributed a synopsis of recommendations made by employees of Desert Elements. (Attachment) Discussion ensued on the recommendations and encouragement of good park design.

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

No action taken.

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

- Standing Item - City Plan Commission Subcommittee for the City's Comprehensive Plan Rewrite
- Rio Bosque
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board attendance and membership

11. Agenda Item #11. Adjournment – 7:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant