



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

December 12, 2011

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

MINUTES

Members Present: 6

David Turner, Frederick Caldwell, James Tolbert, Jennifer Barr-Ardovino, Theresa Welch Fordham, Melissa Ann Luna

Members Absent: 2

Janet Selzer, Ralph Cloud

Member Vacancies: 1

Staff Present: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Richard Garcia, Park Planning and Development, 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 5:36 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Introductions: New Board Members; Theresa Fordham (District 5) and Melissa Luna (District 6)
Chair David Turner introduced new Board members and each gave a brief biography.
3. Agenda Item #3. Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2011
Motion by Frederick Caldwell to approve minutes as written. Second by James Tolbert. Motion carried (unanimous).
4. Agenda Item #4. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)
None
5. Agenda Item #5. 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 City Hall will be closed December 26 – 29, 2011 for Christmas and New Years Holiday. Ms. Smejkal also praised Parks and Recreation staff and General Service for another successful Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade.
6. Agenda Item #6. Presentation: Quality of Life Bond Public Outreach
Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, presented the Quality of Life 2012 Bond Issue Public Outreach powerpoint. Community Comment Cards were distributed and members were encouraged to participate. (hand out)

Discussion followed identifying quality of life bond issues and funding.

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7. Agenda Item #7. Discussion and Information: Quality of Life 2000 Parks and Recreation Projects and Proposed Projects for Future Bond

Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director reviewed the information provided in the Board's packet. Discussion ensued on the Master Plan and related capital projects that the bond might fund.

** *Board Member James Tolbert left 6:30 p.m.*

8. Agenda Item #8. Discussion and Information: FY12 Parks Facility Capital Rehab Projects – General Services.

Stuart Ed, General Services Director, reported on some of the challenges in setting up the Holiday Lights in San Juancito Plaza (Occupy El Paso and the removal of wrought iron fencing).

Mr. Ed distributed the FY12 Facility Capital Rehab project list for Parks and Recreation facilities. (hand out) He assured the Board that projects will be completed.

9. Agenda Item #9. Subcommittees Reports:

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

Board Representative Jennifer Barr-Ardovino reported she did not attend the last City Plan Commission Subcommittee meeting but members may view updates on the City website. No date available for the next Comprehensive Plan Rewrite meeting.

10. Agenda Item #10. Discussion and Action: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)

Theresa Welch Fordham volunteered for the Tree Subcommittee and Melissa Ann Luna volunteered for the Grievance Subcommittee. Motion by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino to accept subcommittee assignments as volunteered. Second by Frederick Caldwell. Motion carried (unanimous).

11. Agenda Item #11. Discussion and Action: Hibachis in Parks

Chair Turner tabled the item for next month.

12. Agenda Item #12. Discussion and Action: Park Restroom Policy

Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the Restroom Policy and Guidelines, included in packet.

Chair Turner tabled the item for next month.

13. Agenda Item #13. Identify Items for Future Agendas

- Feedback on Quality of Life Bond Community Input
- Access to Sports Fields

13. Adjournment – 6:53 p.m.