



MINUTES

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 2, 2006
6:00 p.m.
Memorial Park Senior Center
1800 Byron Street

Members Present

Eileen Karlsruher, Chairman
Mitch Doblado
Matthew Carroll
Yolanda Cordova
Jose L. Gutierrez
Cherilyn Dorsey
Olga Holguin
Alice Davis
Henry Stokes
Alma Wilson
Daniel Delahaye
Robert Gonzales
Mary Lyerly
Kelly Duke

Members Absent

Gail Caldwell
Walt Phillips
Carl Pataky

Staff Present

Dr. Norman C. Merrifield
Barry Russell
Lucy Martinez
Richard Garcia
Joe Rodriguez
Wayne Thornton
Paula Powell
Pete Dunavant

Others Present:

Josette Flores, Assist.
City Attorney
Jim Carrillo, VP Halff Assoc.
Veronica Harris, P+3

Late Arrivals/Early Departures: Cherilyn Dorsey arrived at 6:15 p.m. and departed at 7:55 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Chairman, Eileen Karlsruher at 6:05 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Minutes for April 4, 2006: Henry Stokes made a motion to approve the Minutes for April 4, 2006, Jose L. Gutierrez seconds the motion; 12 ayes and one abstention by Daniel Delahaye; motion carries. Correction noted: Alice Davis name was omitted as attending the April 4, 2006 meeting.**
3. **Chairman, Eileen Karlsruher requests the following items moved:** Item 6-a and 6-c be moved up, item 6-b has been deleted until next month, after the minutes and item #10 be moved to where Item 6 is currently. **Robert Gonzales motions to move the items; Jose Gutierrez seconds the motion; all in favor; motion approved unanimously.**
4. **Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements:**
 - a) Recognition of outstanding work to Sylvia Carroll. Ms. Carroll was recognized for outstanding volunteerism at the Arroyo Park for ten (10) years.
 - b) Recognition of outstanding work to Alex Gutierrez; **Item Postponed.**
 - c) Gus and Goldie Honorees: Seven kids were recognized for their exceptional volunteerism and involvement in the Gus and Goldie program. Their coaches recommended these kids who received tickets from the Sun Bowls Association, Prices Creameries provided milk and ice cream gratuitously and Southwestern Bell gave each child their own special phone.
5. **Information and Discussion on Board's Policy on Bypassing the Park Naming Resolution:** Josette Flores, Assistant City Attorney stated that the Board was not without authority to bypass the Park

Naming Resolution because of the wording of the Resolution. The wording of the Resolution does not appear to be mandatory. It does not look to be a direct contravention of stepping stone kind of policy.

6. **Discussion and Action on Approval of License Agreement with Chico's Tacos for Property at Washington Park** by Assistant City Attorney, Josette Flores. Ms. Flores stated that Chico's Tacos has had a lease with the City for four parcels of land. Two of these parcels are Park parcels. Chico's Tacos is requesting there be a vacation of the alleyways but will continue to lease and use these park parcels. It is within the parameters of what a park can be used for to have public use of this area adjacent to the Chico's Tacos area. The Park's recommendation is that this agreement be entered into continue of that use for a 5 year agreement. Arrangement must be in place so the responsibilities and obligations are understood between the parties. **Motion to approve the License Agreement with Chico's Tacos for Property at Washington Park made by Kelly Duke; seconded by Henry Stokes; all in favor; 12 ayes and one abstinence by Olga Holguin; motion carried.**
7. **Discussion and Action for Policy for Park License Agreements:** Assistant City Attorney, Josette Flores stated that Parks is currently devising a policy for a License Agreement. The Board was given a draft of the Agreement for information and input. No action to be taken at this time. **Henry Stokes motions to postpone this item; Matthew Carroll seconds the motion; all in favor; motion approved unanimously.**
8. **Discussion and Action on AAU Grade Exemption Rule:** In behalf of Basketball coaches, **Mike Viramontes** stated that they would like to see the rule changed by the City. The first factor would be the grade, and then age of the child. Only applying to boys. **Paula Powell, Sports Operations Supervisor for the Park's Department,** stated that all the kid's age groups are listed under player eligibility and she is not against Grade Exemption but stipulations must be put in place due to the fact that people try to cheat putting kids of an older age with the younger age group. **Robert Gonzales makes a motion to move this item to the Sports Grievance Subcommittee; Kelly Duke seconds the motion; all in favor; motion approved unanimously.**
9. **Discussion and Action on Park Naming Policy and Program:** Dr. Merrifield stated that the Park Naming Subcommittee met before the Park's Advisory Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. (May 2, 2006) naming the new Chairman, Henry Stokes and discussed the proposed MOU Agreement. The Park Naming Subcommittee voted to move the issue of the naming program to the next Board meeting to June 2006. The Board will be receiving the latest MOU Agreement which include three documents 1) agreement between the City and the Park Foundation 2) Park Naming Policy with suggested revisions and 3) pricing recommendations. **Motion to move this item to the Park Naming Subcommittee made by Daniel Delahaye; seconded by Kelly Duke; all in favor; motion approved unanimously.**
10. **Motion to move the Status Report of QOL Projects next item, made by Matthew Carroll; seconded by Cheryl Dorsey; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**
11. **Information and Discussion on Status Report of QOL Projects being managed by P+3:** Veronica Harris, Project Manager of P+3 stated that there is no news on Fort Bliss project and highlights include Parks Package 6, with 22 projects, has received final design and will go out to bid. Package 4, design contract approved March 22 with bid opening May 24th and construction to start in July 2006. This project to be completed by December 2006. Grandview is in substantial completion as of May 1st, 2006.
12. **Information and Discussion on Master Plan Update:** Mr. Jim Carrillo discussed and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the "Plan for Today" and "Plan Towards A Bright Future" for Parks and Recreation Department.
13. **Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**