



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

July 20, 2009

5:30 p.m.

2 Civic Center Plaza, 10th Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: 11

Henry Stokes, Chair, David Turner, Vice Chair, Ruben Robles, William Medrano, Matthew Carroll, Fred Shuford, Ralph Cloud, Michael Armstead, Brian Wickstrom, Jeannine Kennedy, Richard Falvo

Members Absent: 5

Trinidad Munoz, Carl Pataky, James Tolbert, Rodolfo Troncoso, Francoise Feliberti

Member Vacancies: 3

Staff Present:

Nanette Smejkal, Director, Joel McKnight, Assistant Director, Judy Weiss, Assistant Director, Paula Powell, Sports Manager, Enrique Valadez, Recreation Services Superintendent, David Lopez, Recreation Coordinator, Lucy Calderon, Senior Secretary

Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order

David Turner, Vice Chair, called meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2009

Motion by William Medrano to approve the June 2, 2009 minutes as written. Second by Matthew Carroll. Motion carried (unanimous).

(Chair, Henry Stokes arrived at 5:44 p.m. and proceeded to conduct meeting)

Agenda Item #3. Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements and Recognitions

Nanette Smejkal, Director of Parks and Recreation, reviewed highlights of July 2009 Parks and Recreation newsletter and thanked board members who attended the Grand Opening of the new Westside Skate Park.

Agenda Item #4. Petitions and Communications from the Public

Bill Sparks reported that El Paso Del Norte Lions Parade held 4th of July had over 1,000 people. The parade ended at Eastwood Park with inadequate support from the City of El Paso. Mr. Sparks asked the Board to again review the draft Public Restroom policy and ask City Council to adopt a restroom policy. Mr. Sparks asserted that the City should provide additional restrooms, trash bins and cleaning services to support the parade's impact on the park.

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Agenda Item #5. Subcommittees

- a. Discussion and Action: Naming Subcommittee: That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board forward a recommendation to City Council to approve naming the new linear park (Sunridge #15) as Frank “Francis” T. Hourigan Park.

Michael Armstead reported the nomination met all the criteria and the committee supported the recommendation that the new linear park be named the Frank “Francis” T. Hourigan Park.

Applicant representative: Mr. Mario Durand, Senior Vice President of Saratoga Homes, gave a brief presentation with pictures of the site (Handout).

Motion made by Michael Armstead to send to City Council for their approval. Second by Henry Stokes. Motion carried (unanimous).

- b. Discussion and Action: Grievance Committee
Appeal for suspension of Jody Hardy for the remainder of Session 2 and 3 Softball Program.

Reports and comments heard from Paula Powell, Sports Manager, Jody Hardy, Softball Player and Ruben Romero, Coach for Los Compas Team. Motion made by William Medrano recommending to adjust suspension by Grievance Committee and immediately make Jody Hardy eligible for upcoming game. Second by Jeannine Kennedy. Motion carried (8-eyes, 1-nay and 2-abstentions).

- c. Discussion and Action: Grievance Committee
Award a two-game suspension (already served) to softball player Brian Orris.

No appeal for the two-game suspension (already served) of softball player Brian Orris. Motion to approve decision rendered by Grievance Committee made by Ruben Robles. Second by Matthew Carroll. Motion carried (unanimous).

- d. Discussion and Action: Appointments to Subcommittees. Not needed.

Agenda Item #6. Presentation and Information: Senior Centers

Power Point presentation was given by Enrique Valadez, Recreation Services Superintendent and David Lopez, Recreation Coordinator. Discussion ensued regarding future Senior Programs such as internet services and education, health programs, wellness and fitness for different stages and using Wii programs.

Agenda Item #7. Discussion and Information: FY10 Budget Overview

Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director reviewed the City Manager’s Proposed FY10 Budget for Parks and Recreation Department that was reviewed by City Council on July 20, 2009.

Agenda Item #8. Discussion and Action: Advisory Board Meeting Day and Time

Motion to continue having the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m., 10th floor Conference Room by Matthew Carroll. Second by Brian Wickstrom. Motion carried (unanimous).

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Henry Stokes would like an agenda item for August 2009 agenda to include considering time limits for Board meetings.

Agenda Item #9. Discussion and Information: Implementation Process for Board Member Reduction. Ms. Smejkal reviewed Ordinance No. 01724 adopted by City Council on June 9, 2009 amending Title 2 Administration and personnel, Chapter 2.20 (Board of Parks and Recreation) in its entirety. The ordinance presents how the reduction is to be accomplished. Existing board members were advised to contact their district representative to indicate if they were interested in being appointed in October, provided that they have not met the two term limitation.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lucy Calderon, Senior Secretary