



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

August 17, 2009

5:30 p.m.

2 Civic Center Plaza, 5th Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: 12

Henry Stokes, Chair, David Turner, Vice Chair, William Medrano, Matthew Carroll, Fred Shuford, Ralph Cloud, Michael Armstead, Jeannine Kennedy, Richard Falvo, Carl Pataky, James Tolbert, Rodolfo Troncoso

Members Absent: 3

Ruben Robles, Brian Wickstrom, Francoise Feliberti

Member Vacancies: 4

Staff Present:

Nanette Smejkal, Director, Joel McKnight, Assistant Director, Judy Weiss, Assistant Director, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Oscar Mestas, Tree Board Chair, John M. White, Tree Board Member

Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order

Henry Stokes, Chair, called meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: July 20, 2009

Motion by David Turner to approve the July 20, 2009 minutes as written. Second by Rodolfo Troncoso. Motion carried (unanimous).

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

Nanette Smejkal, Director of Parks and Recreation, reviewed highlights of August 2009 Parks and Recreation newsletter. She also announced the Grand Opening Celebration of the Westside Sports Complex, Tuesday, September 8, 2009, ceremonies to commence at 6:00 p.m.

The website will be updated to include new hours of operation, changes in fees and policies which will go into effect with the new fiscal year on September 1, 2009.

Agenda Item #4. Petitions and Communications from the Public

William Medrano, on behalf of Castner Heights complimented the Parks and Recreation Department for the beautiful Northeast Park "Todd Ware Park" for the National Night Out.

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Matthew Carroll asked staff to consider additional barriers at the Westside Community Park to prevent motorized vehicles in the open space.

Agenda Item #5. Discussion and Information: Outdoor Park Restrooms

Assistant Director Joel McKnight gave the Board a brief synopsis of Council's direction for providing outdoor park restroom facilities. Staff will deploy portable toilets at parks 12 acres and larger. Handicap units will be available and most units scheduled for 5-day per week cleaning.

Agenda Item #6. Discussion and Information: Tree Board "Subcommittee"

Nanette Smejkal informed the Board of Council's decision to sunset the Tree Board, but offer the duties of the Tree Board as a standing subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Oscar Mestas, Tree Board Chair, informed PRAB members of the Tree Board's duties. A criterion for Tree City USA designation is those municipalities are required to have a tree board.

Chair Henry Stokes asked Mr. Mestas to determine which members were interested in being on the subcommittee. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will review interested candidates and consider appointments at the next board meeting.

Agenda Item #7. Discussion and Action: Advisory Board Meeting Duration & Cutoff Time

Chair Henry Stokes recommended the Board establish a time frame for conducting the meeting. Discussion ensued on time management, commitment by members and current by-laws.

Motion made by James Tolbert recommending the board not establish a time limit. Second by Carl Pataky. Motion carried (7 Ayes, 4 Nays, 1 Abstain).

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant