



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

August 8, 2011

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

MINUTES

Members Present: 5

David Turner, Frederick Caldwell, James Tolbert, Janet Selzer, Ralph Cloud

Members Absent: 2

Carlos Bombach, Jennifer Barr-Ardovino

Member Vacancies: 2

Staff Present: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Ed Hersh, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Stuart Ed, General Services Director, Joel McKnight, General Services Deputy Director, Wayne Thornton, Public Relations Coordinator, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

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: July 11, 2011
Motion by James Tolbert to approve minutes as written. Second by Frederick Caldwell. Motion carried (unanimous).
3. Agenda Item #3. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)
None
4. Agenda Item #4. Introduction: Ed Hersh, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director
Parks and Recreation Director Nanette Smejkal introduced Mr. Ed Hersh as the new Assistant Director, replacing Judy Weiss. Mr. Ed Hersh gave a brief overview of his experience to the Board.
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 July was a successful and fun-filled National Parks & Recreation month. She encouraged members to review the numerous events on the Parks and Recreation Department website.
6. Agenda Item #6. Subcommittees:
 - a. Park Naming Subcommittee
 1. Discussion and Action: Naming of Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center Gymnasium at 901 N. Virginia as Willie Cager Gymnasium

Wayne Thornton, Public Relations Coordinator, gave a powerpoint presentation on Willie Cager and the proposed gym site for the dedication.

Applicant representative Joseph Nevarez III spoke on behalf of the Willie Cager Gymnasium Committee endorsing the proposed naming of the gymnasium at the Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center. He distributed a letter of recommendation from UTEP Head Coach Tim Floyd. (handout)

Park Naming Subcommittee Chair James Tolbert reported that the subcommittee, after reviewing the application, unanimously voted to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that the gymnasium be named Willie Cager Gymnasium.

Motion by James Tolbert to adopt the recommendation and forward to City Council to approve naming the gymnasium at the Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center located at 901 N. Virginia to Willie Cager Gymnasium. Second by Frederick Caldwell. Motion carried (unanimous).

b. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Representative Meeting Report - City Plan Commission Subcommittee for Comprehensive Plan Rewrite

Board Representative Jennifer Barr-Ardovino was absent, agenda item tabled for next Board Meeting.

7. Agenda Item #7. Discussion and Action: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)
None.

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

- General Services Report: FY12 land management budget, introduction Steve Lunsford, Park Superintendent
- Introduction Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator and Project Highlights
- Park Restrooms

9. Adjournment – 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant