



## BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

September 8, 2014

5:30 p.m. Basement Conference Room  
801 Texas Ave., City Bldg. 3, El Paso Texas

### MINUTES

Members Present: 5

District 4 – Roy Gilyard  
District 5 – Theresa Welch Fordham  
District 6 – Francoise A. Feliberti  
District 7 – Sylvia Carreon  
District 8 – Ana P. Roush

City Staff Present

*Parks and Recreation*

Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director  
Paula Powell, Interim Parks and Recreation Assistant Director  
Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

Public Attendance: 0

Members Absent: 3

District 1 – David Turner  
District 2 – Adam Gurrola  
District 3 – Deanna A. De La Cruz

Vacancies: 1

Mayor – Vacant

*General Services*

Victor Rivera, Facilities Manager  
Superintendent

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order  
Theresa Welch Fordham, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: August 11, 2014  
Motion by Sylvia Carreon to approve minutes as written. Second by Ana Roush. Motion carried (unanimous).
3. Agenda Item #3. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)  
None
4. Agenda Item #4. Distribution: Parks and Recreation Calendar and Newsletter  
Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director, highlighted the events for September:
  - Park Dedication with Advisory Board Representation – Sylvia Carreon attended the Sports field dedication at Shawver Park
  - Dog Day Swimming event at Nations Tobin Pool – 400 in attendance daily (Sat. & Sun.)
5. Agenda Item #5. Update and Discussion: General Services Park Maintenance Activities – Victor Rivera, Facilities Manager Superintendent  
Victor Rivera, Facilities Manager Superintendent, reported on the following items:
  - Grandview Shelter – painted

- Veterans 90% complete – replace plumbing & repaired cool deck
- Basketball courts – Pueblo Viejo on Roseway complete
- Cielo Vista – conducting flood tests on basketball courts

6. Agenda Item #6

Subcommittee:

a. Grievance Subcommittee

1. Discussion and Action: Appeal of Suspension: Shaheen Obeid Valenzuela for 3 games for Violation of the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department’s Behavior Management Policy.

Sylvia Carreon, acting Grievance Subcommittee Chair, reported to the Board that after discussion, review of policies and hearing all testimonies, it was the recommendation of the subcommittee to uphold the suspension of Shaheen Obeid Valenzuela.

Motion by Roy Gilyard to accept the Grievance Subcommittee’s recommendation to uphold the 3 game Suspension for Violation of the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department’s Behavior Management Policy. Second by Ana Roush. Motion carried (unanimous).

7. Agenda Item #7. Presentation and Discussion: Parks and Recreation Splash Pads/Parks – Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director.

Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the Board with a PowerPoint on Blackie Cheshier Splash Pad and a handout outlining a staff driven preliminary master plan (see handout).

During presentation, Mr. Novak explained the concept and operation of the splash pads. Stating that the nationwide trend includes interactive water playgrounds and there is no standing water.

Discussion ensued on the possibilities of misters for shaded areas, admission - pay for play, regulations - no food or pets, and damage to the facility during sandstorms.

8. Agenda Item #8. Reports on Recent Activity

- a. Recent City Council Agenda Items List
- b. Upcoming Committee Meetings List
- c. Land Acquisition List
- d. Parks and Recreation Construction Projects Lists

Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the reports on recent activity referenced above are included in the packet and are also public record on the city’s website.

Mr. Novak gave an update on the Eastside Sports Complex with a potential completion date of two years. Currently, developer is in negotiations.

9. Agenda Item #9. Discussion and Action: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)  
No action taken.

10. Agenda Item #10. Identify Items for Future Agendas

- General Service Budget – Maintenance of Athletic Fields

11. Adjournment - 6:25 p.m.