

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 12:30 pm**

**IN PERSON: 1801 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW**

**VIA ZOOM:**

<https://cabq.zoom.us/j/83863495382>

Meeting ID: 838 6349 5382

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**At-Large-** Tony Johnson, Valerie Martinez; **District 1-** Vacant; **District 2-** Julie Radoslovich; **District 3-** Anna Nelson, Ph.D.; **District 4-** Vacant; **District 5-** Vacant; **District 6-** David Duhigg; **District 7-** Cynthia Serna; **District 8-** Vacant; **District 9-** Fredrica Bergquist

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

David Simon, Director; David Flores, Deputy Director; Dennis Vasquez, Deputy Director; Emily Moore, Communications and Marketing Coordinator

**SUBCOMMITTEES:** Board Development - Valerie (lead); Park Activation: Julie (lead), Valerie, Cynthia, Anna, Tony; Park Promotion: Valerie (lead), Julie, Cynthia

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order (5 min)
  - a. Welcome to any new board member(s) with brief introductions of existing board members
  - b. Introduction of Guests
2. Business Meeting (5 min)
  - a. Approval of today's agenda
  - b. Approval of April 2024 meeting minutes
3. Public Comment #1 (2 minutes per person)
3. Old Business (15 min)
  - a. The board has finalized a letter that will be sent to City Councilors and the mayor's office reminding them that current language in Ordinance 10-1-2-3, regarding MPRAB board appointments, provides the mayor's office with an option for appointing new board members even when there are fewer than two applicants for a particular district. We are aware of three applicants who have been waiting approximately 14 months, 7 months, and 4 months (respectively) because each is the singular applicant for the board in their particular district. The relevant passage from the ordinance reads as follows:

“When a vacancy occurs on the Board or no more than 30 days prior to the expiration of a member's term, the Mayor may notify the Councilor representing the District in which that member of the Board resides of the vacancy or term expiration. If that Councilor fails to nominate two members to the Board or to reappoint a member to the Board within 30 days of receiving such notification, the Mayor may appoint a member to the Board to represent that Councilor's District, subject to the advice and consent of the City Council.”
  - b. The board would like to schedule another field trip with PRD staff, this time focusing on 3-5 underutilized city parks, including Lavaland Park (see New Business, below).
4. New Business

- a. Board members have identified Lavaland Park as a focus for its first pilot project—to examine one underutilized park through a research and community engagement process that will include: field trip, data gathering, meeting with the relevant neighborhood association(s), door-to-door with residents who live near the park, and other activities. This is the first step in a larger board initiative to understand why certain parks are underutilized and how they might be activated for the benefit of residents who live nearby. Discussion.
  - b. Update on student interns who will be assisting the MPRAB board with its work, thanks to Anna.
  - c. Annual report to the mayor is due in June.
5. Reports (20 min)
    - Parks and Recreation Department, Directors (5 min)
    - Parks and Recreation Department, Staff (5 min)
    - Sub-Committee Reports, Committee Chair or designee (5 min each)
    - Board Members Roundtable (2 minutes each)
  6. Optional Public Comment #2 (for those attending to hear discussion of agenda items)
  7. Review Action Items
  8. Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 12:30 pm
  9. Adjourn

The Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was established to keep itself informed of city parks and recreation needs and to serve as a forum for public discussion. The MPRAB encourages the greatest use of parks and recreation programs including cooperation with other agencies and organizations which are involved in providing recreation services for the public good. The MPRAB recommends to the Mayor policies for overall development of the park system. The MPRAB represents the community at large and not any specific recreational organization.

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