# METROPOLITIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD Minutes of July 12, 2011

Location: Parks and Recreation Administration Building, 1801 4th Street NW

Members Present: Gerald C. Worrall, Chair; William Kraemer; Kelly W. Gossett; Rebecca L. Tays; Dan

Wilkinson; Janet Harrington

Members Absent: Margaret Coombs; Carmen Garcia; Amy M. Elrod-Lahti

**City Staff Present:** Barbara Baca, Director, Parks and Recreation Department; Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department; Judith Wong, Senior Project Coordinator; Jane Trujillo, Board Secretary

Visitors: Bill Nordin, BFP Commission

**Call to Order:** Gerald Worrall called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Mr. Worrall spoke about Richard Rivas, Vice Chair for the Board, who recently passed away. He mentioned the Recycle a Bicycle Program that Mr. Rivas started. He would repair used bicycles and distribute them to children who could not afford to purchase one. Barbara mentioned that we are attempting to continue this program as part of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program in the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Worrall thought it would be a good idea to include a memorial for Mr. Rivas at the Esperanza Library where he ran the program.

**Approval of Today's Agenda:** Gerald Worrall requested a motion to approve the Agenda. Dan Wilkinson moved approval; Bill Kraemer seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Approval of April 2011 Minutes:** Gerald Worrall requested a motion to approve the April 2011 Minutes. Janet Harrington moved approval; Bill Kraemer seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Visitors and guests listed above.

**Announcements:** Mr. Worrall inquired about a television story being advertised on channel 7 to air on Thursday concerning the pools. Barbara was unaware of the story, but did mention that our pools had to be closed yesterday evening and this morning to be super chlorinated as a preventative measure. It was later determined that pool story being aired is on the Bernalillo County pools.

Mr. Worrall mentioned that he had seen a story on the news concerning the Ventana Ranch lights. Barbara stated that the lights are going before the EPC on Thursday for a zone and site plan change. Parks and Recreation will be removing the 60' lights at the park and replacing them with 30' lights. The 60' lights will be stored and used at another site in the future.

### **General Public Testimony:**

None

#### Action Items:

• Mr. Worrall opened for discussion on Prospector's Ridge Park. Judith Wong, Senior Project Coordinator, briefly discussed how Prospector's Ridge Park has been called Georgia O'Keefe Park and the neighborhood associations inquires about the confusion on the name of the park. The park is located next to Georgia O'Keefe School. She conducted research and has determined that documentation contains both names for this one park. The park was named Prospector's Ridge after the neighborhood. Barbara asked the Board for their endorsement of the correct name of the park, "Prospector's Ridge", which was never officially changed.

Dan Wilkinson motioned that the Board reclarify that the name of the park is "Prospector's Ridge". Rebecca Tays seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

### Reports:

Parks and Recreation Department Director, Barbara Baca distributed legislation enacting each City Council district will have representation on the Board. This legislation sponsored by Councilor Jones will go before the City Council in August. Board Members discussed the legislation and contacting Councilor Jones to determine the intent. Rebecca Tays will be attending a meeting with Councilor Jones tomorrow so she will discuss this matter with her. Mr. Wilkinson recommended requesting a change on line 25 to read "make a timely recommendation".

Dan Wilkinson motioned to give Mr. Worrall and Rebecca Tays authority to find out the intent of the bill. Kelly Gossett seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Barbara distributed budget and Performance Measure information and reviewed it with the Board. She explained to them that 14 positions had been deleted, all from the Park Management Division. Barbara's message to the Board is for them to remind the Administration and the City Council that the park system continues to grow, but the department can not be cut further. Board Members discussed various issues concerning the budget and how the divisions within the Parks and Recreation Department are affected.

- Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative Bill Nordin mentioned that the Balloon Fiesta Commission did not have a meeting in June. He discussed issues from the May meeting including discussion about the installation of a north/south road near Balloon Fiesta Park and the Strategic Plan for the Balloon Fiesta Park. They are conducting "Charettes" to discuss the design. He mentioned various events that were held at the park including Healthy U with 700 kids participating; the Wine Festival over Memorial Day; and the 4th of July event. The old Garduno's Restaurant is available for rental. Mr. Worrall mentioned that he had seen the Jaycee Dugard story over the weekend and that one of her desires was to ride in a balloon. He suggested that they may want to invite her to the Balloon Fiesta this year. Mr. Nordin said he would pass this information on to the Commission.
- Parks and Recreation Department CIP Program Manager, Christina Sandoval provided the Board with an update on the Jumper Policy. She said in the past, jumpers were not allowed in parks; however, this policy was ignored. It was determined that the policy needed to be changed so an updated policy was established allowing jumpers in 20 parks throughout the city. Weekend monitors have been hired to assist with enforcement of the policy and other tasks such as picking up trash. APD is also involved in enforcement and can issue citations when procedures are not followed. Initial feedback is good.

They are considering expanding the number of parks next year. Overall she feels the program is successful. The Board requested a copy of the new policy which is attached to these minutes. Christina distributed the minutes from the Board Retreat which was held in January and contains the sub-committees that were established at that time. She reviewed each sub-committee with the Board and provided updates.

Unfinished Business: Mr. Worrall mentioned vacancies in District 3 and 6.

#### **New Business:**

- Mr. Worrall mentioned City Pool Operations and thought we should consider a change in the schedule to allow more sessions at West Mesa Aquatic Center. Barbara mentioned that the two sessions seem to be working at the pool. She feels that we may have trouble with patrons if we try to shorten the two-hour sessions. In order to add another session, we would need additional operating money. The department went to two sessions in an effort to reduce overcrowding at our most popular pool. Mr. Worrall stated he feels the Aquatics staff does a great job.
- Mr. Worrall mentioned that a source informed him that we do not need the renovations that are being done at Ladera Golf Course. That it would be sufficient just to change sprinkler heads. Barbara advised to the contrary. She stated that we have a team of experts working on this matter. There are many problems at Ladera, including soil problems, etc. They discussed the possibility of changing Ladera to a target golf facility. This has been looked at I the past and the golf community and Golf Management Division decided not to go this route.
- Mr. Worrall mentioned fireworks legislation that is being discussed by two Senators. The Open Space Bosque closure was discussed. Barbara mentioned that a press conference was held yesterday changing the closure from full closure to a partial closure. The levee roads can be used, but no one is allowed in the Bosque. Mr. Worrall inquired if there is anything from a Parks standpoint that we would like to see in the legislation. Who should have the authorization to ban fireworks? Barbara requested that the Senators provide the legislation for Board review.
- Kelly Gossett briefly discussed the renovation of Ed Leslie Park.
- Christina Sandoval mentioned that the parking lease with CNM near El Oso Grande Park is being
  negotiated. She is doing this in anticipation of the meeting with Councilor Jones next week at the park.
- Board Members discussed the status of the sports stadium that is being built by APS on the west side
  of town.

The next Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2011, will be held at the Shooting Range, 16001 Shooting Range Access Road.

Adjourn: Mr. Worrall adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM.

# CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

June 2, 2011



## ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 8-23

SUBJECT: Jumper Use Policy

This policy constitutes the written permission of the Mayor as required by Ordinance

10-1-1-3. Offenders may be cited under 1-1-99 the general policy provision within the Ordinances, allowing for a fine up to \$500 and/or imprisonment up to 90 days. Other citations may be cited under criminal trespass on City property 12-2-3 and 12-2-4.

Jumpers will be permissible under the following conditions. The user must receive a jumper use permit from the Parks and Recreation Department. A fun jump Authorization Charge will be assessed at a cost of \$35. To obtain a permit the vendor of the jumper must carry liability insurance, have a current business license and agree to the following conditions. Jumpers will only be allowed in the parks listed below. Each of the parks will have an area identified for the use of jumpers, the jumpers may only be placed in that area. An approved permit must be obtained 48 hours prior to the event or by Wednesday at noon for weekend events.

PO Box 1293

Two sessions a day will be available at each authorized park. Session 1 will be from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. Session 2 will be from 3pm to 7 pm.

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Parks and Recreation will hire a monitor to visit problem sites where jumpers are not permitted, as well as scheduled sites to ensure jumpers are located in designated areas. The monitor will ask violators to leave or move, if they are not cooperative, APD will be called and the event organizer and vendor may be cited as indicated above.

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The Parks and Recreation Department will provide a training session for jumper companies on the policies for setting up jumpers in City Parks. Companies that participate will receive a certification and will be an approved company on the City web site.

Signs will be posted identifying jumper areas and in parks where jumpers are not allowed signs stating no jumpers allowed will be posted.

## Jumpers will only be allowed in the following parks:

- 1. Arroyo del Oso Park
- 2. Balloon Fiesta Park
- 3. El Oso Grande Park
- 4. Kirtland Park
- 5. Korean War Veterans Park
- 6. Los Altos Park

- 7. Manzano Mesa Park
- 8. Mariposa Basin Park
- 9. Martineztown-Santa Barbara Park
- 10. Montgomery Park
- 11. North Domingo Baca Pak
- 12. Pat Hurley Upper Park
- 13. Phil Chacon Park
- 14. Redlands Park
- 15. Santa Fe Village Park
- 16. Tingley Park
- 17. Tower Pond Park
- 18. U.S.S. Bullhead Memorial Park
- 19. Ventana Ranch Community Park
- 20. Westgate Community Park

This Administrative Instruction shall remain in effect until amended.

Robert J. Perry

Chief Administrative Officer

Date: