

METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of August 21, 2012

Location: Manzano Mesa Multi-Generational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE

Members Present: William Kraemer, Chair; Janet Harrington; Carmen Garcia, Dan Wilkinson; Rebecca L. Tays; Jerry Worrall; Kelly Gossett

Members Excused/Absent: Amy Lahti

City Staff Present: Barbara Baca, Director, Parks and Recreation Department; Jane Trujillo, Board Secretary

Visitors: None

Call to Order: Mr. Kraemer called the meeting to order at 11:14 AM.

Approval of Today's Agenda: Mr. Kraemer requested a motion to approve the Agenda. Jan Harrington moved approval; Carmen Garcia seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Kraemer requested a motion to approve the July 2012 Minutes. Kelly Gossett moved approval; Jan Harrington seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests: None

Announcements: None

General Public Testimony: None

Action Items:

- Request for Change of Meeting Time – Board Member's discussed the request to change the meeting time to be 12:30 – 2:30 PM. Mr. Kraemer requested a motion to approve the change in meeting time to the 4th Tuesday of each month at 12:30 – 2:30 PM. Rebecca Tays moved approval; Kelly Gossett seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Reports:

- Barbara Baca, Director for Parks and Recreation Department, mentioned that she and staff are working on 2013 GO Bond Programs. They will be doing a presentation to the CAO on Thursday. She explained the process. Last cycle there was \$164M allocated. They year we are allocated \$110M, which is quite a reduction. Parks and Recreation's portion of the \$110M was \$15.8M, but this has been reduced to \$11M. This is down from last cycle's amount of \$24M. Once this is approved, we will send an email to Board Members. Barbara provided a breakdown of the \$11M for Board Members. She will provide more information at the September Meeting. Barbara distributed some information for Board Members to see concerning the 2013 NMRPA Conference which will be held at the Embassy Suites, February 26-March 1, 2013. This is the first time Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque have

partnered to conduct the conference. It is a great opportunity to come together for networking and educational opportunities.

- Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative - Bill Nordin provided clarification on the issues you have been reading about in the newspaper with vendors for the upcoming Balloon Fiesta. One of the concerns that the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta (AIBF) had with vendors was that there were 33 health violations last year. Management of vendors is lacking in some respects. This led to the AIBF hiring Ovations, the same company that oversees vendors at Isotopes Park, to oversee the vendors for the Balloon Fiesta Park. He provided information on what is taking place at the park in preparation for the Balloon Fiesta, including volunteer work and construction projects. He discussed the new lease between the City and AIBF. It is still in negotiation but may be voted on next month. Barbara added that there was much hard work by the Executive Board and the Mayor that went into the new lease and it will benefit the park. It still requires City Council approval, but it is a good deal for the City. Bill mentioned that the Balloon Fiesta Park Master Plan will be discussed at the next AIBF meeting. Cross Country track meets will be held at the park in November and December. Some events recently cancelled at the park include the Girl Scout Campout and the Lone Ranger filming.
- Sub-Committee Reports – Mr. Worrall discussed Prescription Trails with Board Members.
- Members Roundtable – Dan Wilkinson mentioned an incident at Jeanne Bellamah Park where a woman just let her dog out to poop and did not pick it up. There are kids playing in the park and he feels this is disrespectful as the kids are playing in this park. Rebecca Tays mentioned dogs off leash at El Oso Grande Park. She also mentioned a sign that was installed at the park indicating that it is no longer a jumper site. Barbara explained that we are working to determine the best locations for jumper sites that will not interfere with other activities. Carmen Garcia mentioned an incident on the Hahn Arroyo Trail with dogs off leash. Mr. Worrall inquired about pack it out. Barbara said she would speak to our Marketing Manager concerning the issues discussed which include dogs off leash, jumper facilities, prescription trails and pack it out program.

Unfinished Business: We have vacancies in Districts 3, 5 and 6.

New Business: N/A.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2012, 2012, at Parks and Recreation Administration, 1801 4th Street NW

Adjourn: Mr. Worrall adjourned the meeting at 12:23 AM, on behalf of Mr. Kraemer as he had to leave for an appointment.