

METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of August 12, 2008

Location: Parks and Recreation Admin Building A, 1801 Fourth Street NW

Members Present: Sandra P. Richardson, Chair; Donald H. Couchman, Vice Chair; Robert W. Day; Becky Lee; Joe M. Montano; Carolyn Stewart

Members Absent/Excused: Orlando Sedillo, Jerry Worrall

City Staff Present: Jay Hart, PRD-Director; Jay Evans, PRD-Deputy Director; Rhonda Methvin, DMD; Malia Tafoya–Board Secretary

Visitors: Darlene Couchman, Arts Board; Bill Nordin, BFPB Representative; Cliff Richardson, Cherry Hills;

Call to Order: Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Approval of Today's Agenda: Vice Chair Couchman moved approval, Member Montano seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of July Minutes: Vice Chair Couchman moved approval, Member Montano seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests

Announcements: None

General Public Testimony: None

Reports: Jay Hart discussed and distributed handouts including a printout with highlights of his report, PRD Department and Division brochures currently in design stages, a draft of a proposed revised bike ordinance, a draft of a proposed water conservation ordinance, an article on park fitness equipment for seniors, and the 2008 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Schedule.

Jay Evans reported on various issues he is currently working on including but not limited to criminal damage that has been taking place at various Skate Park locations.

Bill Nordin reported on past and upcoming events at Balloon Fiesta Park.

Chair Richardson requested the attached MPRAB Report of Ditches with Trails (DWT) Presentation to Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) be recorded as part of these MPRAB Minutes.

Jay Evans advised that prescription trails is now in phase III which involves working on sponsorships for the cost of printing the prescription trails brochures.

Rhonda Methvin with CIP passed around a sample of artificial turf that is currently being installed on some of the Little League fields. Rhonda also reported on and distributed a handout regarding Median/Streetscape and Little League/Tennis projects that are currently in design and development.

Christina Sandoval was not present, but did provide handouts including responses to MPRAB questions from July 2008 meeting and a printout with information regarding the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center.

Members' Roundtable:

Member Lee – Discussed projects the tennis community is currently working on.

Darlene Couchman – Discussed public arts in the parks and the possibility of having a speaker come to a meeting to give a report on this subject.

Member Stewart - With the help of the Park Management staff, the volunteers of the Los Duranes Neighborhood Association was able to make significant progress in cleaning the Los Duranes Park. Member Stewart reported that the neighborhood is changing for the better and police are now showing presence.

Member Day – A Town Hall meeting will be held for District 7 tomorrow.

Chair Richardson - This year, instead of the Fiesta-in-the-Park celebration for National Night Out, the CHCA Board voted to return, after 6 years of the large in-the-park format, to the original street-by-street format.

Unfinished Business: Dist 3, 5, and 9 are in need of potential board members.

New Business: none discussed

Next meeting September 9th, 2008, 4:00pm to 6:00 pm

Adjourn: Member Stewart moved to adjourn, Member Day seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.