

METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of February 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; Jerry Worrall; Carolyn Stewart

Members Absent: Joe M. Montano; Orlando Sedillo

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

Visitors: Darlene Couchman, Arts Board; Dianne Jones, Rio Rancho; Bill Nordin, BFPB representative; Cliff Richardson, Cherry Hills

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

Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Visitors and guests listed above. Nick Kuhn-PRD, City Forester.

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

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

Announcements: Jay Hart and Malia Tafoya provided a handout regarding and invited members and visitors to join the PRD team in the 16th Annual Heart & Stroke Fun Walk.

General Public Testimony: None

Reports: Bill Nordin provided an update on items the BFP Policy Board is working including the ongoing work on the Landfill, traffic light, and BF park use.

Jay Hart discussed and distributed handouts to include a printout of highlights of the Director's report, People to People Forum, Schedule of USA Rugby that will be held at BF Park, and the Water Conservation Landscaping and Water Waste Ordinance. Jay Hart updated the board on current issues, priorities and events for PRD.

Jay Evans reported that flushing for prairie dogs will begin in March.

Chair Richardson reviewed a letter directed to Senator Dede Feldman supporting Ditches with Trails that she prepared following a meeting with Jay Hart.

Jay Evans advised that a grant was issued to pursue the idea of developing a number of parks to be used as Prescription Trails.

Member Worrall discussed his reasons for coming back to the MPRAB.

Vice Chair Couchman advised of the possibility of Academy Hills Park being a part of the Prescription Trails.

Bill Nordin discussed 2010 Soccer Regional coming to N.M., they have requested to use BF for soccer practice.

Chair Richardson distributed a handout of a letter she sent as asked by district four. The letter was sent to Representative Larranaga regarding support of the proposed design and construction phase of North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center.

Rhonda Methvin with CIP reported on and distributed a handout regarding Little League/Tennis and Median/Streetscape projects that are currently in design and development. Rhonda also discussed art projects that are currently in progress.

Rhonda Methvin advised that Theresa Baca is out sick and would like to reschedule Transportation/Trails for the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Chair Richardson held a discussion regarding the issue of searching for MPRAB members.

New Business:

Chair Richardson stated she would like to keep the sub-committees as they have been running.

Next meeting March 11th, 2008, 4:00pm to 6:00 pm

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