

METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of January 8, 2008

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

Members Present: Donald H. Couchman, Chair; Sandra P. Richardson, Vice Chair; Joe M. Montano; Orlando Sedillo; Carolyn Stewart

Members Absent: Robert W. Day

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

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

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

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

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

Approval of September Minutes: Chair Couchman made a request that under item five “then” changed to “when”, and “Don Couchman” added as the person making the request in the following line. Chair Couchman stated the minutes are approved by general consent with these changes.

Announcements:

Chair Couchman – Bob Day is excused, as he is out of town. Jerry Worral has tendered his resignation leaving the board with six active members.

General Public Testimony: None

Reports:

Jay Evans discussed ongoing requests for lights in newly developed parks and reported that PRD is gathering historical documents from MPRAB body and cross referencing ordinance with City Legal advisement on their direction on naming and renaming parks.

The 30-60-90 Day Recreation Report was not provided.

Bill Nordin discussed several items including the methane gas landfill, electricity roll-out for motor homes to stay at the park, problems with construction projects that were completed by DMD, the need to have a traffic light moved for safety, and the possibility of renaming the BF policy board to an authority board.

Jay Hart distributed handouts to include a printout of highlights of the Director's report, PRD proposed aquatic organization chart, PRD FY09 priority objectives, and a Park Management water expense report for FY04 - FY07. Jay Hart updated the board on current priorities, events, and projects for PRD. Jay Hart advised that PRD has taken the position to protect Prospector's Ridge Park, which will not allow the park to be destroyed and relocated. Vice Chair Richardson made a motion to "make a resolution to support the PRD Director's position to protect the Prospectors Ridge Park major asset", Member Sedillo seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

CIP Plans and Status report was not provided.

Members Handbook - The board discussed creating a handbook to provide for new MPRAB Member's. Following this discussion the board agreed to have an index added in the MPRAB file of handouts listed by category allowing new members to read on any chosen subject.

Ditches with Trails and Prescription Trails – MPRAB sub-committee members advised they have not been kept informed by those who have presented. Following a discussion regarding ditches with trails the board agreed to have the Sub-committee meet with Jay Hart and come back to the board with a recommendation.

Members' Roundtable:

Vice Chair Richardson reported that a meeting was regarding the Multigenerational Community Center. Vice Chair Richardson stated she is waiting on material from Colleen Frenz in order to send a letter of approval as requested by PAC. Chair Couchman suggested Vice Chair Richardson send Colleen Frenz an email as a reminder.

Unfinished Business: Unfinished business was deferred to the next meeting.

New Business:

Member Richardson moved approval of the Resolution regarding MPRAB meeting time and place, Member Montano seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Election of MPRAB officers for 2008 - Member Sedillo nominated Sandra Richardson as Chair. Chair Couchman stated with no other nominations for Chair, Sandra Richardson is now the new Chair. Chair Richardson stated "I am deferring this meeting to our outgoing Chair to finish up this meeting". Sandra Richardson nominated Don Couchman as Vice Chair, with no other nominations Don Couchman is the Vice Chair.

Next meeting February 12th, 2008, 4:00pm to 6:00 pm

Adjourn: Chair Couchman adjourned the meeting.