

METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of July 10, 2007

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

Members Present: Donald H. Couchman, Chair; Sandra P. Richardson, Vice Chair; Robert W. Day; Joe M. Montano; Orlando Sedillo; Carolyn Stewart; Robert W. Wood; Jerry Worrall

Members Absent: None

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

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

1. 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 June Minutes

Member Worrall moved approval, Member Wood seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of Today's Agenda

Vice Chair Richardson moved approval, Member Day seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements

Duwayne Ordonez with outdoor recreation requested ideas on fun things outdoor recreation can do in City Parks.

2. General Public Testimony

None

3. Reports

Jay Hart updated the board on items that included current park use, maintenance, vandalism, enforcement, and the new no smoking and helmet laws that effect parks.

Mike Molina apologized that the 30-60-90 Day Recreation Report was not provided, and advised he will send it via email. Mike advised members to call him if the restrooms at Los Altos are not open on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Bill Nordin briefed the board on the last BFPB meeting, discussed BFP handicapped parking, park use, and the landfill. Bill Nordin advised they are moving into a 90 day window where Balloon Fiesta has exclusive use of the park which is becoming more flexible.

Member Sedillo stated that a group (Orlie Sedillo, Attila Bality, Barbara Baca, and Claude Morelli) had a meeting to discuss what happens now after the legislation this last session on ditch and recreation trails. He reported that Member Richardson who had a scheduling conflict, did not attend, he will let her know the time of the next meeting. Attila Bality is putting together an outline to discuss at an additional meeting. Member Sedillo reported that National Park Services announced nine trail projects will be awarded a total of 1 million dollars for 2007 trails programs.

Jay Evans provided a handout regarding Prescription Trails and invites members to evaluate parks they would like to recommend or parks on list to be used in this project. A discussion was held regarding potential parks for Prescription Trails.

Christina Sandoval gave a power point presentation on current and recently constructed projects. Christina also provided a special presentation on Veterans Memorial that was recently completed in 8 phases and received national recognition. At Member Richardson's request, Christina will make copies of the Veteran Memorial presentation for MPRAB Members.

Members' Roundtable

Member Richardson announced that national night out will be held on August 7th.

Member Wood announced there will be a Tree Climbing Jamboree at Roosevelt Park on July 21st from 8am-3pm.

Member Worrall advised he was in a meeting today that discussed neighborhood patrol in Dist 1. Member Worrall requested starting this type of patrol in parks that would include signs and having volunteers patrol parks.

4. Unfinished Business

The board discussed the possibility of touring various Parks and Recreation Facilities and will focus on scheduling a Saturday morning in September.

5. New Business

The board discussed the MPRAB annual report that was sent via email. Chair Couchman signed the report with approval from the board to send to Mayor.

Next meeting August 14th, 2007, 4:00pm to 6:00 pm

Adjourn

Chair Couchman declared the meeting adjourned.