

**METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes of October 09, 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; Orlando Sedillo; Carolyn Stewart; Jerry Worrall

**Members Absent:** Joe M. Montano; Robert W. Wood

**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

**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 Today's Agenda**

Member Sedillo moved approval, Member Day seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

**Approval of September Minutes**

Chair Couchman stated the Minutes are approved by general consent.

**Announcements**

Jay Hart handed out an Open Space Newsletter.

Chair Couchman advised that Bill Nordin will not be present due to prior engagement, but had nothing to report. The board discussed the parking and traffic issues at BF. Jay Hart responded that the AIBF is an organization that leases the facility from the City and runs the event. The City has no input and is not responsible for how the event is run.

Chair Couchman brought up the possibility of meeting in Nov. at the Open Space Visitor Center. Member Richardson made a motion to ask Director Hart to find out if Nov. or Dec. is open at the Visitor Center. Jay Evans verified that the Visitor Center is available for both Nov. and Dec. Member Day moved the next meeting of this board be conducted at the Open Space Visitor Center on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, Vice Chair Richardson seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Jay Hart announced he is encouraging the Recreation Division to have an employee appreciation banquet and he will make sure the Board gets an invitation.

## **2. General Public Testimony**

Cliff Richardson held a discussion on how much it costs to make Parks, and how quick they are ruined. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of looking at ways to save money on how the parks are getting ruined. Jay Hart recommended that Jay Evans give a report at the next meeting on the Departments efforts in keeping the Parks clean and trash removed.

## **3. Reports**

Jay Hart updated and discussed items to include but not limited to Golf Course Green Fees, Balloon Fiesta, Mariposa Basin Park Restrooms, Helmet Law enforcement, and homeless issues at parks. Member Richardson moved the board take a position at City Council in support of Golf Course Green fee increases, Member Stewart seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Jay Evans reported that over 2000 Prairie Dogs have been lovingly relocated. Mr. Evans also reported on film friendliness and flexibility for Parks and Recreation, Helmet Law enforcement, and homelessness.

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

There were no Sub-committee reports as no meetings have been held.

## **Members' Roundtable**

Time did not allow for Members' Roundtable.

## **4. Unfinished Business**

Jay Hart is currently working on searching for MPRAB members.

## **5. New Business**

Possibility of an eastside tour of various P&R Facilities was not discussed due cold weather and the time of year.

Member Sedillo distributed a resolution for Elmer Arthur Scholer that was prepared by a group of people from NMRPA. Member Sedillo made a motion that this board support this resolution and try to see if with the direction from staff can come back with a recommendation on what facility could be named after Swede Scholer. Following a discussion with the Board, Member Sedillo withdrew the motion.

**Next meeting October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:00pm to 6:00 pm**

**Adjourn** - Chair Couchman adjourned the meeting at 6:12.