

METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of July 7, 2020

Location: Zoom

Members Present: Chris Crum, Vice Chair; Teri Neville, Jim Souter, Tony Johnson, Ted O'Humphrys, Josue Rodriguez,

Balloon Fiesta Commission Representative for the MPRAB: Bill Nordin

Members Excused/Absent: Paul W Beck, Liz Cole, Cynthia Serna

City Staff Present: David Simon, Director, Mark Chavez, Associate Director, Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager;

Visitors:

- Peter Rice, Downtown News
- Vanessa Baca, Office of Neighborhood Coordination

1. Call to Order:

- Chris Crum called the meeting to order at 12:36pm.

2. Business Meeting:

- **Approval of Today's Agenda**
The board unanimously approved the motion to approve the July 2020 Agenda.
- **Approval of the June 2020 Minutes**
The board unanimously approved the minutes with the following correction add "the board supported installing a plaque in honor of Mr. Barsis and Mr. Mickelson at Four Hills Park."
- **Introduction of Visitors and Guests:** Each person present introduced themselves.
- **Announcements:** None

3. General Testimony: N/A

4. New Business

- Vanessa Baca gave a presentation on the Office of Neighborhood Coordination's e-newsletter. The Marketing committee will forward stories to her about the department for inclusion in the publication.

- Request to rename parks named after historical figures. The board discussed amending the current process to rename parks to reach a larger audience for parks named after historical figures i.e. Don Juan de Onate, Kit Carson, Alvarado, Coronado and Columbus. Requests will be taken using the existing form, staff will provide options for a survey format, a public meeting format will be devised and a MPRAB email will be set up.
- The Administrative Instruction prohibiting weapons in City Parks was reviewed. The exception is Shooting Range Park.

5. Reports

- Parks and Recreation Department Report, David Simon, Director; Mark Chavez, Associate Director, Christina Sandoval, CIP Program Manager
 - Due to Covid 19 PRD staff has continued to be stretched thin with new responsibilities and staff shortages. PRD is prioritizing maintenance and has increased sanitation and trash pick-up.
 - The 2021 Budget is still in the approval process.
 - The 2021 GO Bond process has started
 - Two parks were opened, Juan Tabo Hills and Women's Memorial
 - Swimming pools are open for lap swimming only.
- BFP Commission Representative for MPRAB – Bill Nordin
 - No report.
- Sub-Committee Reports – Committee Chairmen or their designees • Members' Roundtable – Report on P&R issues in their area (limit 2 min)
 - Nature Play Committee met with Open Space Division to choose sites using criteria such as vehicular access, parking, equity, potable water, etc. and will develop a matrix for evaluation
 - River Access Committee has reached out to many disability access experts.

6. Unfinished Business

- Vacant Board Member position for District 1 and at large.

7. Adjourn Meeting

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The board unanimously approved the motion at 2:21.