



## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

June 5, 2017

5:30 p.m. - Basement, Thorman Conference Room  
801 Texas Ave., City Bldg. 3, El Paso, Texas

### Minutes

#### Members Present: (7)

District 1 – Romaree Friedman Herbert  
District 2 – David J. Ochoa  
District 3 – Deanna A. De La Cruz  
District 4 – Roy Gilyard (Vice Chair)  
District 5 – Theresa Welch Fordham  
District 7 – Sylvia Carreon (Chair)  
District 8 – Simon Chandler

#### Members Absent: (1)

District 6 – Francoise A. Feliberti

#### Vacancies: (1)

Mayor – Vacant

#### City Staff Present

Paula Powell, Assistant Director  
Joel McKnight, Assistant Director  
Steve Lunsford, Land Management Superintendent  
Elsa Ramirez, Board Recording Secretary  
Mathew McElroy, Director, International Bridges  
Larry Nichols, Director of Planning & Inspections  
Tony De La Cruz, Chief Plans Examiner, Planning & Inspections  
Daniella Quesada, Architect, Planning & Inspections

#### City Attorney – Legal

Juan Gonzalez, Assistant City Attorney

#### Public Present

Raymond Ortiz Jr., brother of David Ortiz  
Rebecca Andrade, sister of David Ortiz  
Lily Limon, City Representative  
Commander Briones, Police Dept.  
Motor Sargent Cintron, Police Dept.  
Katherin Berg

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order  
Sylvia Carreon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: May 1, 2017  
Sylvia Carreon, Chair, asked the Board if they have reviewed the minutes and if the Board had any questions or comments. No questions or comments from Board.

*Motion by Theresa Welch Fordham to approve minutes as written, seconded by Roy Gilyard.  
Motion carried. (unanimous)*

3. Agenda Item #3. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)  
None

4. Agenda Item #4. **Discussion:** Presentation on TIRZ & PID Funding for Eastside Sports Complex – Mathew McElroy, Director, International Bridges

Mathew McElroy, Director of International Bridges, made a presentation to the Board on the TIRZ & PID Funding for the Eastside Sports Complex.

The Board had a discussion with Mathew McElroy on the TIRZ & PID Funding for the Eastside Sports Complex.

5. Agenda Item #5. **Discussion:** Landscape Ordinance Presentation – Larry Nichols, Director of Planning & Inspections Dept.

Larry Nichols, Director of Planning & Inspections Department, made a presentation to the Board on the Landscape Ordinance.

The Board had a discussion with Larry Nichols on the Landscape Ordinance.

6. Agenda Item #6. **Update and Discussion:** Facilities Maintenance Activities – Victor Rivera, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

Sylvia Carreon, Chair, announced that Mr. Victor Rivera, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, was unable to make the meeting and his report will be added to Future Agenda Items.

7. Agenda Item #7. **Discussion and Action:** Municipal code change 13.24.210 – Enforcement – Paula Powell, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director

Paula Powell, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, spoke to the Board on municipal code changes and demonstrated signs to be posted.

The Board had a discussion with Paula Powell in regards to this item. No action needed to be taken on this item.

8. Agenda Item #8. **Discussion and Action:** Update on joint use of EPISD facilities – Paula Powell, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director

Paula Powell, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, spoke to the Board on an agreement made with EPISD to use facilities.

The Board had a discussion with Paula Powell in regards to this agreement.

*Motion by Theresa Welch Fordham to approve the joint use of the EPISD facilities with the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department, seconded by David J. Ochoa. Motion carried. (unanimous)*

9. Agenda Item #9. **Discussion:** Eastside Sports Complex – access fees

Paula Powell, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, explained how the access fees are going to work to the Board.

The Board had a discussion with Paula Powell in regards to the access fees.

10. Agenda Item #10. **Discussion:** Overview on the budget

Joel McKnight, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, mentioned to the Board that there was nothing to update them on at this time.

11. Agenda Item #11. **Discussion and Action:** Board meeting in July 2017 – Reschedule

Theresa Welch Fordham, Board member, mentioned to the Board that at a previous Board meeting Francoise Feliberti asked to bring this item on agenda for June to possibly considered not having a meeting in July. Since Mr. Jerry Pippins resigned as a Board member, they would like to change the Board meetings back to the second Monday of each month.

*Motion by Theresa Welch Fordham to resume the Board Meetings on the second Monday of each month starting in July, 2017, seconded by Deanna De La Cruz. Motion carried. (unanimous)*

12. **Subcommittees:**

a. **Discussion and Action:** Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)

Sylvia Carreon, Chair, announced to the Board that there were two Park Naming Applications which the Subcommittee was assigned to consider and provide their recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that were just approved by the Park Naming Subcommittee for the Board's consideration and approval.

Joel McKnight, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, made a presentation to the Board on the basic elements of the application to rename Murchison Park to Murchison Rogers Park for the Board's consideration and approval.

Katherin Berg with the El Paso Community Foundation expressed her recommendation to rename Murchison Park to Murchison Rogers Park to the Board.

*Motion by Roy Gilyard to rename Murchison Park to Murchison Rogers Park as recommended by the Park Naming Subcommittee, seconded by Theresa Welch Fordham. Motion carried. (unanimous)*

Joel McKnight, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, made a presentation to the Board on the basic elements of the application to rename Carolina Park to Officer David Ortiz Park for the Board's consideration and approval.

Raymond Ortiz Jr. and Rebecca Andrade, brother and sister of Officer David Ortiz, expressed their recommendation to rename Carolina Park to Officer David Ortiz Park to the Board.

Lily Limon, City Representative, expressed her recommendation to rename Carolina Park to Officer David Ortiz Park to the Board.

Commander Briones of the Police Department expressed his recommendation to rename Carolina Park to Officer David Ortiz Park to the Board.

Motor Sergeant Cintron of the Police Department expressed his recommendation to rename Carolina Park to Officer David Ortiz Park to the Board.

*Motion by Theresa Welch Fordham to rename Carolina Park to Officer David Ortiz Park as recommended by the Park Naming Subcommittee, seconded by Deanna De La Cruz. Motion carried. (unanimous)*

Sylvia Carreon, Chair, mentioned that a new Board member had joined the Board and introduced Romaree Friedman Herbert.

Ms. Carreon, Chair, mentioned to the newest Board member that there were three subcommittees which are the Park Naming, Tree, and Grievance Subcommittees which she is assigned to all three subcommittees. Ms. Herbert was asked if she would be interested in joining one, then Ms. Carreon would remove herself from that subcommittee. Romaree Friedman Herbert, new Board member, expressed interest in joining the Park Naming Subcommittee. Since Ms. Herbert expressed her interest in the Park Naming Subcommittee, David J. Ochoa will be moved up to a regular subcommittee member and Romaree Friedman Herbert will now become the alternate for that subcommittee.

*Roy Gilyard, Vice Chair, left at 7:10 p.m.*

- b. **Update and Discussion:** Tree Subcommittee Meeting of May 22, 2017 – Theresa Welch Fordham

Theresa Welch Fordham, Board member, provided the Board with an update from the last Tree Subcommittee Meeting.

13. Agenda Item #13. **Reports on Recent Activity**

- a. Recent City Council Agenda Items List  
No questions from Board members on this item.
- b. Upcoming Committee Meetings List  
No questions from Board members on this item.
- c. Land Acquisition List  
None

- d. Parks and Recreation Construction Projects List  
No questions from Board members on this item.

Joel McKnight, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, made an announcement to the Board that the City of El Paso has been selected to host the 2019 Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) Conference.

14. Agenda Item #11. **Discussion:** Identify Items for Future Agendas

- 1) Scattered flat fields
- 2) Review budget
- 3) Report from Victor Rivera, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

15. Adjournment – 7:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Elsa Ramirez, Board Recording Secretary