

## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

August 11, 2021  
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

### Minutes

Members Present: (6)

Mayor – Deborah Zuloaga  
District 2- Anna Alemán  
District 3- Michael Adjemian (Chair)  
District 4 – Julia Smith  
District 6 – Fernando Delgado  
District 7 – Sylvia Carreon (Vice-Chair)

City Staff Present

Ben Fyffe, Managing Director  
Jose I. Rodriguez, Assistant Director  
Rocio Rivas, Board Secretary  
Hawk Scott, Recreation Programs Manager  
Karla Chavez, Programs Manager

Public Present

Priscilla Contreras, D7

Members Absent: (3)

District 1- Martin Morgades  
District 5- Vacant  
District 8 – Robert (Bob) Bigney

City Attorney – Legal

Karla Munoz, Assistant City Attorney

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Michael Adjemian, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**2. Roll Call done by Board Chair**

**3. Approval of Minutes: June, 9, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

Michael Adjemian, Chair, asked the Board to review Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes and approve.

*Motion by Sylvia Carreon to accept June 9, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes as written, seconded by Deborah Zuloaga, motion passes unanimously.*

**4. Approval of Minutes: July 14, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

Board determined that there is no action needed for this item. The Advisory Board did not have a formal meeting due to lack of quorum.

**5. Call to the Public (for items not on agenda):**

No members of the public present

**6. Update and Discussion: On Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects-Karla Chavez, Project Manager**

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Ben Fyffe, Managing Director, addressed the Board to announce that Karla Chavez, Project Manager will routinely be updating the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on projects that are in progress.

Karla Chavez, Project Manager, addressed the Board to discuss updates on Capital Improvement Projects and presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation for projects in Districts 1-8.

Board members asked questions throughout the presentation and were answered by Karla Chavez, Project Manager and Ben Fyffe, Managing Director.

7. **Discussion and Action:** On Adoption of staff recommendation to suspend Cristopher Lopez for five (5) years for violation of the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department's Behavior Management Policy.-Grievance Subcommittee Chair

Board Members did not vote on this item, a determination was made to void this item number 7.

8. **Discussion and Action:** On Action of the Grievance Subcommittee recommendation to suspend Cristopher Lopez for three (3) years for violation of the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department's Behavior Management Policy.-Grievance Subcommittee Chair

Ben Fyffe, Managing Director, addressed the Board to discuss the details in regards to the Grievance Subcommittee and introduced Sylvia Carreon, Chair of the Grievance Subcommittee.

Sylvia Carreon, Grievance Subcommittee Member (chair), addressed the Board to give a summary in regards to what was discussed and recommended by the Grievance Subcommittee.

*Point of Order: Ben Fyffe, Managing Director, addressed the Board to point out that there is an error on Agenda Item number 8, the recommendation for suspension is for two (2) years not the three (3) years that was posted.*

*Motion by Deborah Zuloaga to approve the recommendation of a two (2) year suspension for Cristopher Lopez as recommended by the Grievance Subcommittee, seconded by Anna Aleman. Motion passes unanimously.*

*Point of Order: Karla Munoz, Assistant Attorney, addressed the Board to state that since the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board decided to vote on item number 8 and not item number 7, there is no action needed for item number 7 and can be voided.*

9. **Discussion and Action:** On Recommendation to name the Sylvia A. Carreon Community Center Gymnasium at 709 Lomita Drive, El Paso, Texas 79907 to David Ransom Gymnasium.

Ben Fyffe, Managing Director, addressed the Board to discuss details in regards to the Park Naming Subcommittee. Mr. Fyffe also presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Sylvia Carreon, Applicant, addressed the Board to discuss details of the Park Naming application that was submitted by her and read a letter of recommendation.

Julia Smith, Park Naming Subcommittee (vice-chair), addressed the Board to discuss that the Park Naming Subcommittee voted in favor of the recommendation to name the Sylvia A. Carreon Community Center Gymnasium to David Ransom Gymnasium.

*Motion by Anna Aleman to approve the recommendation to name the Sylvia A. Carreon Community Center Gymnasium to David Ransom Gymnasium. Seconded by Julia Smith. Motion passes unanimously.*

**10. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas**

Michael Adjemian, Chair, addressed the Board to request Recycle Bins in the Cielo Vista area.

Ben Fyffe, Managing Director, addressed the Board to state that a discussion item in regards to a pilot program will be placed on the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

**11. Adjournment:** at 6:14 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Rocio Rivas, Board Recording Secretary