



## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

January 13, 2020

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

### Minutes

#### Members Present: (8)

Mayor – Romaree Friedman Herbert  
District 1 – Martin Morgades  
District 2 – Anna Alemán  
District 4 – Julia Smith (Chair)  
District 5 – Christa J Madero  
District 6 – Sandra Olivar  
District 7 – Sylvia Carreon  
District 8 – Robert (Bob) Bigney

#### Members Absent: (1)

District 3 – Edward Frausto (Vice Chair)

#### City Staff Present

Tracy Novak, Director  
Joel McKnight, Assistant Director  
Rocio Rivas, Board Recording Secretary  
Wayne Thornton, Public Relations Coordinator  
EG Gonzalez, Park Operations Superintendent

#### City Attorney – Legal

Van Williamson, Assistant City Attorney

#### Public Present

Adrienne Moody  
Mr. Moody (Husband of Adrienne)  
2 small children (Part of Moody family)

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order  
Julia Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2019  
Julia Smith, Chair, asked the Board to review minutes and approve.

*Motion by Julia Smith to accept minutes as written, seconded by Sandra Olivar. Motion carried (unanimous).*

3. Agenda Item #3. Introduction: New Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members- Romaree Friedman Herbert and Robert Bigney.

Julia Smith, Chair, addressed the board and welcomed the New Members to the board.  
Robert Bigney addressed the board and introduced himself to the board.  
Romaree Friedman Herbert, addressed the board and introduced herself to the board.  
Tracy Novak, Director, addressed the board and welcomed the New Members to the board.

4. Agenda Item #4. **Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda):**

No members of the public were present.

5. Agenda Item #5. **Presentation:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Recognition Award to Adrienne Moody- Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director

Tracy Novak, Director, addressed the board and presented a plaque to Adrienne Moody in appreciation for the two years she was dedicated to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Photos were taken by Wayne Thornton, Public Relations Coordinator.

*At 5:38 p.m. Martin A. Morgades, board member arrived.*

*At 5:42 p.m. Adrienne Moody, Husband, and two young children depart.*

6. Agenda Item #6. **Update and Discussion:** Park Maintenance Activities-EG Gonzalez, Park Operations Superintendent

Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director, announced the promotion for Emigdio “EG” Gonzalez and was congratulated by all attendees.

EG Gonzalez, Park Operations Superintendent, provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation, presented examples and information about Park Maintenance Activities.

Board members asked questions and were answered.

7. Agenda Item # 7. **Subcommittees: Discussion and Action:** (as needed)

a. **Discussion and Action:** Subcommittee Assignments

Julia Smith, Chair, addressed the board, Park Naming Subcommittee has a vacancy for Alternate.

*Motion by Julia Smith to place Romaree Friedman Herbert as an Alternate member for the Park Naming Subcommittee. Seconded by Martin A. Morgades, Motion carried. (unanimous).*

*Point of Order by Tracy Novak to postpone nomination for the Tree Subcommittee, there will be future changes to the Tree Subcommittee that will be addressed at the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board in February.*

8. Agenda Item # 8 **Reports on Recent Activity :**

a. Recent City Council Agenda Items List

Sylvia Carreon, Board member, asked questions in reference to the vendor operations for the Waterparks and was answered.

- b. Upcoming Committee Meetings List Open Space Advisory Board
- c. Land Acquisition List
- d. Parks and Recreation Construction Projects List

Nothing to discuss on items b.-d.

9. Agenda Item #9. **Update:** Director's Comments

Tracy Novak, Director, addressed the Board with updates on the current focuses concerning the Waterparks; there are various contracts still currently being developed. Grand openings events for the Waterparks will take place the week prior to Memorial Day. Preparations for the opening of nine signature level facilities in Summer 2020, including the four water parks, four recreation centers and the Eastside Natatorium. This will be the biggest year for the Parks and Recreation Department with many facilities opening.

10. Agenda Item #10. **Discussion:** Identify Items for Future Agendas

Tracy Novak, Director:

- Tree Subcommittee updates.
- City Council related items for recommendations.

*Motion by Julia Smith to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Romaree Friedman Herbert. Approved (unanimous)*

11. Adjournment – 6:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Rocio Rivas, Board Recording Secretary