



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Members Present: (5)

District 2- Anna Alemán
District 3- Michael Adjemian (Chair)
District 4 – Benjamin Avalos
District 7 – Marcella Carrillo
District 8 – Robert (Bob) Bigney

Members Absent: (3)

Mayor – Deborah Zuloaga
District 1- Martin Morgades
District 5- Vacant
District 6 – Fernando Delgado

City Staff Present

Ben Fyffe, Managing Director
Jose I. Rodriguez, Assistant Director
Rocio Rivas, Board Secretary
Susana (Martha) Arroyo, Rec & Sports Coordinator
Pablo Caballero, Recreation Programs Mgr.
Karla Chavez, Programs Manager
Marylou Jones, Research Assistant

City Attorney – Legal

Kristen Hamilton-Karam, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Blanca Garcia-City Paralegal

Public Present

C.J. Cloud-Support of Item #8
Elizabeth Cloud-Support of Item #8
Rep. Rivera (D7)- Support of Item #8
Priscilla Contreras-attendee (D7 office)
Sylvia Carreon-did not speak but supported Item #8

1. Meeting Called to Order

Michael Adjemian, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Rocio Rivas, Board Secretary, did a roll call

2. Approval of Minutes: October 13, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

Motion by Anna Aleman to accept October 13, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes as written, seconded by Marcella Carrillo, motion passes unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

Motion by Marcella Carrillo to accept January 12, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes as written, seconded by Anna Aleman, motion passes unanimously.

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

No members of the public present to discuss items not on the agenda.

5. Introduction: Of New Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members-Michael Adjemian, Board Chair

Michael Adjemian, Board Chair, addressed the Board to introduce the New Board Members: Marcella Carrillo (D7) and Benjamin Avalos (D4) were welcomed to the Board.

6. Discussion and Action: On Nomination and Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair-Michael Adjemian, Board Chair

Michael Adjemian, Board Chair, addressed the Board and discussed the selection of Board Chair and Vice Chair.

Michael Adjemian re-nominated himself as Board Chair

Motion by Anna Aleman to re-nominate Michael Adjemian as Board Chair, seconded by Benjamin Avalos, none opposed, motion passes unanimously.

Marcella Carrillo nominated herself as Board Vice-Chair

Motion by Michael Adjemian to nominate Marcella Carrillo as Board Vice-Chair, seconded by Anna Aleman, none opposed, motion passes unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action: On Vacancies on the Park Naming and Grievance Subcommittees-Michael Adjemian, Board Chair.

Michael Adjemian, Board Chair, addressed the Board to discuss the current vacancies for the Grievance and Park Naming Subcommittees.

Current Vacancies:

Park Naming	Grievance
1. Fernando Delgado	1. Anna Aleman
2. Michael Adjemian	2. Bob Bigney
3. Martin Morgades	3. Vacant
4. Vacant	4. Vacant
Alternate-Deborah Zuloaga	Alternate-Michael Adjemian

Board Members discussed the vacancies for both Park Naming and Grievance Subcommittee.

Point of Order: Kristen Hamilton-Karam, City Senior Assistant Attorney, addressed the Board to state that since the Vice-Chair and Chair for Subcommittee vacancies were not previously posted on agenda, members can only discuss and nominate current vacancies. The item for vice-chair and chair subcommittee vacancies can be placed on next agenda.

Motion by Michael Adjemian to add Benjamin Avalos to Park Naming Subcommittee vacancy and to move Michael Adjemian from Grievance Subcommittee alternate to regular Grievance subcommittee member. To add Marcella Carrillo to Grievance Subcommittee vacancy and add Benjamin Avalos as Grievance Subcommittee alternate. Seconded by Bob Bigney, none opposed, motion passes unanimously.

- 8. Discussion and Action:** On Recommendation to rename the Yucca Park at 7975 Williamette Ave, El Paso, Texas, 79907 to Ralph T. Cloud Park.-Ben Fyffe, Managing Director

*Agenda Item number 8 was done directly after agenda item number 4.
The agenda continued in order after this item.*

Ben Fyffe, Managing Director, addressed the Board to give a PowerPoint presentation in regards to the Park Naming Application and to discuss the Naming and Renaming guidelines.

Public present that spoke in support of the renaming of Yucca Park:

- C.J. Cloud-son of Ralph T. Cloud
- Elizabeth Cloud-daughter in law of Ralph T. Cloud
- Rep Henry Rivera- District 7

Ben Fyffe, Managing Director, addressed the Board to state the recommendation from staff is to proceed with action from this Board, which would then allow for the application to proceed to City Council for final determination.

Motion by Michael Adjemian to approve the recommendation to rename Yucca Park at 7975 Williamette Ave, El Paso, Texas 79907 to Ralph T. Cloud Park, seconded by Anna Aleman, none opposed, motion passes unanimously.

- 9. Presentation and Discussion:** On a Pilot Recycle Bin Program-Ben Fyffe, Managing Director

Ben Fyffe, Managing Director, addressed the Board to discuss the Pilot Recycling Bin Program launch request by the Board a few months ago. After several meetings with Environmental Services staff, it was determined that the pilot program will not be able to launch due to previous unsuccessful attempts. The department will be happy to create ways to promote recycling education in the community.

Michael Adjemian, Board Chair, had comments in regards to the program and thanked Ben Fyffe for his efforts.

Ben Fyffe, addressed the Board to excuse himself to attend to a community meeting. Joe Rodriguez, Assistant Director, assisted the rest of the meeting.

- 10. Presentation and Discussion:** On Parks and Recreation Capital Improvements Projects-Karla Chavez, Project Manager

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

Board members had questions and were answered by Karla Chavez, Pablo Caballero, and Joe Rodriguez throughout the presentation.

11. Presentation and Discussion: On Fitbit Teen Program-Pablo Caballero, Recreation Programs Manager and Susana Arroyo, Recreation & Sports Coordinator

Joe Rodriguez, Assistant Director, addressed the Board to discuss details over the Superior Teen Fit Program Sponsorship.

Susana Arroyo, Recreation & Sports Coordinator, addressed the Board to discuss updates on Fitbit Teen Program and presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation.

Michael Adjemian, Board Chair had a question and was answered by Susana Arroyo and Joe Rodriguez.

Joe Rodriguez, thanked Susana Arroyo for a job well done throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

12. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agenda

Benjamin Avalos added that he would like to see additional information on Pickleball Courts.

Bob Bigney added that he would like the Board to be provided a list of participants of each type of Sports and an inventory of fields.

Bob Bigney added that he would like to have a discussion over the time that the Board meets.

13. Adjournment: at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Rocio Rivas, Board Recording Secretary