



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

March 14, 2016

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

Minutes

Members Present: 6

District 2 – Steve Lujan
District 3 – Deanna A. De La Cruz
District 4 – Roy Gilyard
District 5 – Theresa Welch Fordham
District 6 – Francoise A. Feliberti
District 7 – Sylvia Carreon

Members Absent: 1

District 8 – Ana Roush

Vacancies: 2

Mayor – Vacant
District 1 – Vacant

City Staff Present

Paula Powell, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director
Mary Camacho, Senior Office Assistant

City Attorney - Legal

Lauren Ferris, Assistant City Attorney
Juan Gonzalez, Assistant City Attorney

Streets and Maintenance

Victor Rivera, Facilities Maintenance
Superintendent

Public Present

None

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order
Theresa Welch Fordham, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2016
Motion by Sylvia Carreon to approve minutes as written. Second 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. Update and Discussion: Facility Maintenance Activities – Victor Rivera, Facilities Maintenance Superintendent

Victor Rivera, Facilities Maintenance Superintendent, reported on the following items:

- HVAC – air conditioners will be switching over from heaters
- Armijo vandalism addressed (graffiti and swing sets)

5. Agenda Item #5. Update and Discussion: Athletic Field Lighting Update – Paula Powell, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Paula Powell, Assistant Director, distributed a Quality of Life – Athletic Field Lighting printed PowerPoint presentation (Handout).

She informed the Board that the following parks have been completed: Sal Berroteran, Pico Norte and Blackie Chesher. The goal is to have lighting for sporting fields. There will be additional projects that will include lighting to park fields. Total limit on this project was \$500,000 as of 2016 there is a remaining balance of \$392,000. Next year it is anticipated that Ponder Park will have lighting, as there have been several requests for this park. Estimated amount for this project is \$300,000 for both diamond fields at Ponder Park.

For 2017 Galatzan flat fields will be on the list for lighting. There are no lit fields on the Westside of town. Remote controls will be used to light up parks and can be done through cell phones and Sue Young.

In 2018 the focus will be for Blackie Chesher and new infrastructure, a lot of electrical issues at the park. Amount estimated for park is \$600,000 since poles do not need to be replaced. The following older parks that need repairs and lighting are Irwin J. Lambka, Veterans flats/diamond fields, J.P. Shawver flats, Capistrano, Marty Robbins and Pavo Real.

6. Agenda Item #6. Update and Discussion: Youth Football Revisions – Paula Powell, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Paula Powell, Assistant Director, reviewed the youth football revisions which reduces the risk of concussions in children (Handout). Discussion ensued on the following Rules:

Rule 1 – Concussion training for all coaches and parents prior to fall season.

Rule 2 – Limit the number of games any player plays to one per week

Rule 3 -- Require all city coaches of Middle Schools football players have less days of hitting in practice. City will not schedule games same day as Middle School games, this will protect players who play in both.

Rule 4 – Players can only play in one City league to lessen the number of games that a player plays, with will reduce players from excessive contact.

Rule 5 – Mighty Might Division will be modified to be 6 and 7 year olds only. Five year olds can join mini sports flag football; this will make this age group to be recreational and will not be Little Bowl or playoffs for this age group.

7. Agenda Item #7: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)

Chair Theresa Welch Fordham reviewed the subcommittee appointments and made the following assignment changes:

- Tree Subcommittee – Ms. Sylvia Carreon replacing Ana Roush
- Grievance Subcommittee – Mr. Roy Gilyard replacing Ana Roush

8. Agenda Item #11: Reports on Recent Activity

- a. Recent City Council Agenda Items
- b. Upcoming Committee Meetings List
- c. Land Acquisition List
- d. Parks and Recreation Construction Projects List

Discussion followed on the following park projects:

- Barron Park – Grand Opening to be conducted Saturday, March 19, 2016,
Invitations were sent to Board members via email but members were not able to view in publisher format. Paula Powell distributed invitations (Hand out)
- First four (4) Spray Parks – Sue Young Park (Soccer Theme), Hidden Valley Park (Cowboy Theme), Grandview Park (Water Garden Theme) and Pavo Real Park (Primary Color Theme)

Theresa Fordham, Chair, advised the Board that further information on the above items can be located in their packets and on the City's website. Being no further discussion she moved on to the next agenda item.

9. Agenda Item #12: Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas

- Penalty Matrix Update
- Spray Park Update

10. Adjournment – 6:54 p.m.