



## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2022 AT 4:00 P.M.**  
**Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

### **Minutes**

**Members Present: (6)**

Mayor – Deborah Zuloaga  
District 2- Anna Alemán  
District 3- Michael Adjemian (Chair)  
District 4 – Benjamin Avalos  
District 6 – Fernando Delgado  
District 7 – Marcella Carrillo (Vice-Chair)

**Members Absent: (2)**

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

**City Staff Present**

Ben Fyffe, Managing Director  
Rocio Rivas, Administrative Assistant  
Brenda Romero, Recreation Programs Manager  
Karla Chavez, Project Manager

**City Attorney – Legal**

Karla Munoz, Assistant City Attorney  
Blanca Garcia-City Paralegal

**Public Present**

D7 Rep Henry Rivera- In Support of Item #4  
John Moreno-In Support of Item #4  
Melissa Baeza-In Support of Item #4  
Priscilla Contreras-In Support of Item #4

**Public Present**

Patricia Moreno Fisher-In Support of Item #4  
Virginia Acosta-\*\*\*-\*\*-0525  
Raymond Baez-  
Kim Perugino

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Michael Adjemian, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Michael Adjemian, Board Chair, did a roll call

**2. Approval of Minutes: March 9, 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 Anna Aleman to accept March 9, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes as written, seconded by Benjamin Avalos, none opposed, motion passes unanimously.*

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

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

**4. Discussion & Action: On Recommendation to rename Happiness Senior Center located at 563 N. Carolina Drive, El Paso, Texas, 79915 to Jessie Moreno Happiness Center-Ben Fyffe, Managing Director**

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 renaming Happiness Senior Center:

- District 7, Representative Henry Rivera
- John Moreno-Park Naming Applicant, Son of Jessie Moreno
- Melissa Baeza- Granddaughter of Jessie Moreno

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 Deborah Zuloaga to approve the recommendation to rename Happiness Senior Center located at 563 N. Carolina Drive, El Paso, Texas 79915 to Jessie Moreno Happiness Center, seconded by Benjamin Avalos, none opposed, motion passes unanimously.*

**5. 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 recommendations and where answered by Karla Chavez and Ben Fyffe throughout the presentation.

**6. Presentation and Discussion: On Aquatics Division-Brenda Romero, Recreation Programs Manager**

Brenda Romero, Recreation Programs Manager, addressed the Board to discuss updates on the Parks & Recreation Department Aquatics Division, and presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation.

Board members had questions and where answered by Brenda Romero and Ben Fyffe throughout the presentation.

**7. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agenda**

No identifiable items for future agendas at this time.

**8. Adjournment: at 5:05 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Rocio Rivas, Board Recording, Administrative Assistant*