



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

April 9, 2018

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

Minutes

Members Present: (6)

District 1 – Romaree Friedman Herbert
District 3 – Edward Frausto
District 4 – Julia Smith
District 5 – Theresa Welch Fordham (Vice Chair)
District 7 – Sylvia Carreon
District 8 – Simon Chandler (Chair)

Members Absent: (3)

Mayor – Adrienne Moody
District 2 – David J. Ochoa
District 6 – Sandra Olivar

City Staff Present

Tracy Novak, Director
Elsa Ramirez, Board Recording Secretary
Joel McKnight, Assistant Director
Joe Rodriguez, Interim Assistant Director
David Lopez, Recreation & Sports Coordinator
Joe Castro, Community Center Supervisor
Richard Bustamante, Recreation Program Supervisor
Nicolas Valdez, Recreation Program Supervisor
Steve Lunsford, Park Maintenance Superintendent

City Attorney – Legal

Leslie Jean-Pierre, Assistant City Attorney

Public Present

Tammy Avent
City Representative, Sam Morgan

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order
Simon Chandler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2018

*Motion by Theresa Welch Fordham to accept minutes as written, seconded by Edward Frausto.
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:** Park Maintenance Activities – Steve Lunsford,

Park Maintenance Superintendent

Steve Lunsford, Park Maintenance Superintendent, reported:

- Increasing irrigation
- Mowing vendors starting weekly now. Waiting on Bermuda grass to come out of dormancy
- Sports fields are being aerated to allow for air and water penetration.
- Easter clean-up was completed by Wednesday following the Easter holiday

5. Agenda Item #5. **Update:** Timeless Fitness Program – David Lopez, Recreation Sports Coordinator-Senior Centers

David Lopez, Recreation and Sports Coordinator, gave a presentation to the Board on the Timeless Fitness Program.

A discussion was held with Board members on this program. Board members thanked staff for a great program for adult fitness and health.

6. **Subcommittees:**

a. **Discussion and Action:** Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)

Theresa Welch Fordham, Vice Chair, mentioned a new member for the Tree Subcommittee a Mr. Dave Davies to nominate and approve by Board.

Motion by Romaree Friedman Herbert to add Dave Davies to the Tree Subcommittee, seconded by Julia Smith. Motion carried. (unanimous)

b. **Discussion and Action:** Pending Subcommittee Recommendations (as needed)

1. Application to rename Northeast Regional Park located at 11270 McCombs, El Paso, Texas 79934, to Joey Barraza and Vino Memorial Park.

Joel McKnight, Assistant Director, gave the Board a presentation on the park renaming.

Tammy Avent, spoke to the Board on behalf of renaming the park after her deceased son and his partner Vino, the dog.

Sam Morgan, City Representative – District 4, spoke to the Board on behalf of his constituent and in support of renaming the park.

Motion by Sylvia Carreon to accept the renaming of the Northeast Regional Park to Joey Barraza and Vino Memorial Park, seconded by Romaree Friedman Herbert. Motion carried. (unanimous)

7. Agenda Item #7. **Reports on Recent Activity**

a. Recent City Council Agenda Items List

b. Upcoming Committee Meetings List

c. Land Acquisition List
None

d. Parks and Recreation Construction Projects List

No questions from the Board on these items.

8. Agenda Item #10. **Discussion:** Identify Items for Future Agendas
None

9. Adjournment – 6:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Elsa Ramirez, Board Recording Secretary