



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

May 14, 2018

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

Minutes

Members Present: (8)

Mayor – Adrienne Moody
District 1 – Romaree Friedman Herbert
District 2 – David J. Ochoa
District 4 – Julia Smith
District 5 – Theresa Welch Fordham (Vice Chair)
District 6 – Sandra Olivar
District 7 – Sylvia Carreon
District 8 – Simon Chandler (Chair)

Members Absent: (1)

District 3 – Edward Frausto

City Staff Present

Tracy Novak, Director
Elsa Ramirez, Board Recording Secretary
Joel McKnight, Assistant Director
Joe Rodriguez, Interim Assistant Director

City Attorney – Legal

Leslie Jean-Pierre, Assistant City Attorney

Victor Rivera, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor
Lauren Baldwin, Sustainability Coordinator

Public Present

Robert Sumrall

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order
Simon Chandler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2018
Simon Chandler, Chair, asked the Board members if they had time to review the minutes and approve.

Motion by Theresa Welch Fordham to accept minutes as written, seconded by Romaree Herbert Friedman. Motion carried (unanimous).
3. Agenda Item #3. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)
None

4. Agenda Item #4. **Discussion and Action:** Application to rename Thunderbird Trailhead located at top of Thunderbird Drive, El Paso, Texas 79912, to Jan Sumrall Memorial Trail – Joel McKnight, Assistant Director

Joel McKnight, Assistant Director, made a presentation to the Board on the renaming of Thunderbird Trailhead.

Robert Sumrall, spoke on behalf of his widow and recommendation to rename Thunderbird Trailhead to Jan Sumrall Memorial Trailhead.

Motion by David J. Ochoa to recommend to City Council to rename the Thunderbird Trailhead to Jan Sumrall Memorial Trailhead, seconded by Sandra Olivar. Motion carried (unanimous).

5. Agenda Item #5. **Update and Discussion:** Facilities Maintenance Activities – Victor Rivera, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

Victor Rivera, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, reported:

- Boom truck had been down, which was used to re-lamp ballfields. It is back up and running, have crew working 10 hours a day and 8 hours on Saturday. So we should get back on track with re-lamping ballfields.
- Outdoor restrooms – Modesto Gomez and Delta have been completely refurbished and opened last week.
- Pools – Two outdoor pools have been completed and are ready for pool season.

Theresa Welch Fordham, Vice Chair, asked how vandalism has been lately.

Victor Rivera, mentioned that the Flashcam security cameras that have been installed in different areas have helped tremendously with the vandalism.

Tracy Novak, Director, gave the Board a brief description of how the Flashcams work.

Victor Rivera, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, left at 6:00 p.m.

6. Agenda Item #6. **Update:** Community Gardens – Lauren Baldwin, Sustainability Coordinator

Lauren Baldwin, Sustainability Coordinator, made a presentation to the Board on Community Gardens.

A discussion was held with Board members on this topic.

Lauren Baldwin, Sustainability Coordinator, left at 6:10 p.m.

7. **Subcommittees:**

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

Simon Chandler removed himself as a regular Tree Subcommittee member and to be moved to the Alternate position.

Adrianne Moody, currently the Alternate for the Tree Subcommittee will be moved to a regular Tree Subcommittee member position.

Motion by Theresa Welch Fordham to place Adrianne Moody as the fourth person on the Tree Subcommittee and move Simon Chandler to the Alternate position of the Tree Subcommittee, seconded by Romaree Herbert Friedman. Motion carried (unanimous).

- b. **Discussion and Action:** Pending Subcommittee Recommendations (as needed)
None

8. 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.

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

10. Adjournment – 6:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Elsa Ramirez, Board Recording Secretary