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 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
 GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER
 CONFERENCE ROOM, 3221 RODEO ROAD
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Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 5:30 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order at approximately 5:30 pm, by Victoria Bruneni, Chair, on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center Conference Room, 3221 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Victoria Bruneni, Chair
Damon Archuletta
Bridget Wolf
Linda R. Jackson
Peggy Vasquez
James Stodgel
David Sidebottom

MEMBERS ABSENT

Warren Hix

OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Carter, Parks and Recreation Division Director
Jennifer Romero, MRC Manager
Alo Brodsky, Head Golf Pro
Linda Zingle, Golf Course Advisory Subcommittee of PARC
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 15, 2016

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Sidebottom, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Carter reported that the Department is moving ahead on the budget. The Department has made a recommendation as part of the budget to increase fees and charges at all recreational facilities and the golf course to generate extra monies. They had not looked at rates for a long time. They also made recommendations to change some hours of operation. They are going to shut down the pool at the Genoveva Chavez Center one hour earlier during the week and earlier on weekends and holidays. That will also be done at Ft. Marcy. There is a lag of attendance in the evenings. The adjustment in times will eliminate some temporary positions and help them save money. The staff is getting ready for the busy summer season. They are putting up new signage that says no camping. They have had two RVs ticketed and towed out of Frank Ortiz Park. The golf course is gearing up for a big season. The skate park is out to RFP for construction. They are hoping to start construction in the Summer. Patrick Smith Park will be the first one worked on through the 2012 Park Bond.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND AMENDMENT TO THE 2012 GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BOND PARKS AND TRAILS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO REALLOCATE \$311,354 CURRENTLY DESIGNATED FOR VARIOUS CITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS TO OTHER CITY PARKS WITH HIGH MAINTENANCE NEEDS.

Mr. Carter said this Ordinance is going to Public Hearing on the 27th. We wanted you to take a look at this and approve it. This is what you should have gotten last month.

Mr. Carter reviewed the memo in the packet.

Chair Bruneni said there was some confusion at our last meeting. We were brought the wrong information then. This is the correct information.

Mr. Carter said he will be making a recommendation, once the final is done, to spend \$200,000 for improvements to SWAN, which includes shelters over the picnic tables, preventive netting over the basketball courts, security cameras, electrical hook up at the multi purpose field and a restroom.

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Sidebottom, seconded by Commissioner Stodgel, to approve the Ordinance.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PARTY ON THE PITCH SOCCER TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT THE SANTA FE DOWNS MAY 21-22, 2016

Mr. Carter said we need a motion to approve this or not. He reviewed the memo in the packet. The monies that are raised will be used toward future funding of the MRC Soccer Complex.

Commissioner Sidebottom said a portion will go to the Northern Scholarship Fund as well.

Mr. Carter said this event is for youth, co-ed and men's teams.

Chair Bruneni said the Downs is where they are holding the Soccer tournaments for the leagues.

Commissioner Sidebottom said it is used by the Rio Rapids Soccer League.

Mr. Carter said the Downs has been repurposed to an equestrian facility through early Summer and Soccer in Spring and Fall.

Mr. Carter said the property is owned by a pueblo but is leased.

Commissioner Stodgel asked who is putting this on.

Commissioner Sidebottom said it is a joint venture between the Adult Soccer League and Rio Rapids. He is involved with Rio Rapids and will recuse himself from the vote.

Chair Bruneni asked for a motion to support the event.

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Wolf to support the event.

VOTE The motion passed by a vote of 6 yes and 1 recusal, Mr. Sidebottom.

7. PRESENTATION - MRC

Mr. Carter introduced Alo Brodsky, head Gold Pro and Jennifer Romero, MRC Manager. Mr. Brodsky is a contractual employee and is doing a great job. Jennifer has been with the City for a long time and has worn lots of different hats. She is doing an outstanding job.

Ms. Romero passed out packets to the Commission, which are incorporated herewith into these minutes as Exhibit "1". She recognized Linda Zingle, with the Golf Course Advisory Committee which is a Subcommittee of PARC.

Ms. Romero reported that the MRC encompasses the golf course and a sports complex. We have a walking path and a BMX track that is not in use at this time but we do permit out the facility. We have 18 hole and 9 hole golf courses. Our Pro Shop is operated by New Mexico Golf. Alo was certified as a PGA Golf Pro in March which is a huge thing.

Ms. Romero said we are spread out over 1,200 acres. We also have an archery range that is operated by Archers de Santa Fe, a driving range and practice greens. Foot golf was introduced last year and we are looking to have our first foot golf tournament this year. It will be sponsored by Coca Cola and the proceeds will go to Soccer improvements. It is played on our 9 hole course and does not interfere with regular golf play. It is for all ages. Also we have the most affordable rates in Santa Fe and maybe in New Mexico. I invite all of you to come see us.

Mr. Brodsky said it is a pleasure to be here. He works for New Mexico Golf limited. They manage golf courses in Albuquerque and this course in Santa Fe. He is excited about the upcoming busy season. A lot of great tournaments are planned. The City Championship Tournament will be held over three courses. There is lots of interest. It is a nice tournament for the community and it brings the golf community together. Our Website has information about upcoming tournaments. We offer lots of different golf instruction including personal and private and several different kinds of clinics for beginners and experienced golfers. Come out and see us. It is a beautiful area. Grab a bite at our restaurant. It is a unique and amazing facility. Our Pro Shop is the largest golf retail shop between Albuquerque and Colorado Springs. Thank you for having me here today.

Mr. Brodsky left the meeting.

Ms. Romero said she is happy to give you a tour if you are in the area. Her office is next to the maintenance shop in a small brown building. She reviewed the contents of the MRC packet.

Chair Bruneni asked are we sharing information about the events at MRC with Tourism.

Ms. Romero said yes and we put them on the website.

Chair Bruneni said we under utilize our City facilities and do not promote them enough. If you would share your event with Cynthia at Tourism, that would be great. There will be more views across the City.

Mr. Carter said we are thinking of putting a coupon for free golf or something else on our MRC brochure and putting them in hotels and motels. They have to bring it to get the discount so we can track how well that is working. There are lots of people who do not know we have a golf course.

Chair Bruneni said and it is a championship golf course. We need to really promote it.

Mr. Carter said we are in Guest Life as well.

Ms. Romero said we are adding our events to the Tourism Santa Fe Events Calendar and we share them through constant contact. We do work with Cynthia on some things. She does work with us.

Chair Bruneni asked are you still pushing her for exposure.

Ms. Romero said yes. We also offer a consignor program every year. For every five referrals they give us they get a gift certificate to the restaurant or free rounds of golf. The Drury and La Posada are working with us on that now.

Ms. Romero went over the 2016 tournament calendar in the packet.

Ms. Romero said Brian Hodges is our Golf Course Superintendent. He is in Albuquerque this week getting a water certification so he could not be here. They are gearing up for aeration. We have seven maintenance employees, including our mechanic and our Superintendent. We have one temporary laborer and four administrative staff including myself. We are hoping to get in our seasonals. We are doing our best. It looks like we will get eleven seasonals. They will be with us until October 31st.

Ms. Romero went over the marketing packet and financial reports. If you have questions please contact me. The restaurant is operated by Frank and Liz Gallegos. The restaurant financial report is in the packet as well.

Mr. Carter said the restaurant is under contract with the City.

Chair Bruneni thanked Ms. Romero for her presentation.

Ms. Zingle said the City Golf Course Advisory Committee is now a subcommittee

of PARC. We have seven members who have mostly been on the Committee since 1990. We would like to know what you would like us to tackle or what concerns you would like us to address. We would like to support PARC in any way we can.

Mr. Carter said we will add reports from subcommittees to our agenda and include the Tree Board as well.

Chair Bruneni thanked Ms. Zngle.

The MRC staff left the meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF 2008 PARKS BOND REALLOCATION

Mr. Carter said he wanted to give the Commission an update. There was an audit. The audit was done and there were some issues that the City has started to correct. He was notified that there is a bit over \$800,000 left over from that Park Bond. It became an issue for him to make a recommendations of how to use those funds. After discussions with the City Manager, Ike Pino and staff we made that recommendation. We reviewed all the projects and Ike Pino went and checked every park in the City. From that we completed the \$803,000 recommendation that will not be going to you and other Committees for approval.

Mr. Carter said our recommended projects are included in a chart that is incorporated into these minutes as Exhibit "2". We will be using \$600,000 for pedestrian bridges at the Ft. Marcy ball park. The center bridge there has flattened out. That bridge is the main bridge we want to replace. We are hoping that in May we will have this for you to approve.

B. COMMUNITY DAYS VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Carter said Community Days is on May 14th, from 9-5 at the Plaza. If you would like to volunteer let him know. It is a Parks and Recreation event. May 23rd we will be having a bicycle safety event in conjunction with the Police Department at Ft. Marcy. It is for youth. We have received donations of bikes that we will be giving away. We also have donations of 1,000 bicycle helmets that they will give out. Let me now if you interested in that.

Commissioner Sidebottom asked have you reacted out to BTI for that.

Mr. Carter said he will double check that. We are starting to get people calling in and wanting to do sponsorships.

C. PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Carter got three bids back and will be reviewing and scoring them this week. We may bring one or two in for an interview. The budget for this is \$50,000. All of them are over that. We will negotiate that.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Wolf said regarding year round restrooms in the Parks, she has looked into what different cities do and has found the top two things people want in a park are drinking fountains and restrooms. We would get a lot more use out of the parks if there was at least one Porta Potty at each park all year.

Mr. Carter said we don't own the Porta Pottys. It becomes expensive for us to do that. We bring them out around this time and pull them out in October. We have put in the Five Year CIP Plan to start installing permanent restrooms in all our parks that we can lock at night. That is our goal. The parks with ball fields have restrooms but they are only open when ball game is going on. We are looking at replacing one of the screened in areas at SWAN with a handicapped restroom.

Commissioner Wolf said she really likes the idea to have a restroom in every park.

11. CONFIRM DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR THE NEXT MEETING (TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016)

The meeting information was confirmed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Victoria Bruneni, Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer