



# Agenda

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**Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission**  
**The Barn at Frenchy's Field • Osage and Agua Fria Streets**  
**Thursday, May 8, 2014 • 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

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  - Bette Booth: District 3, Youth involvement, Prairie dogs, BTAC/POSAC/COLPAC member, Funding Source for Park Workers, Memorials and Friends of Parks and Trails, Climate Change effects on parks. Parks on the City Website.
  - Daniel Coriz: District 2 Youth, BMX, motocross & pump track: building and maintenance
  - Oralynn Guerreortiz: District 1, Tierra Contenta parks and trails connections, Funding Source for Parks workers.
  - Joe Lehm: District 1, Skate Parks, Wheel-friendly Trail connections
  - Melissa McDonald: District 2 Water Conservation, Young Families, Funding Source for Parks Workers.
  - Sandie Taylor: District 2 Tree City
  - Pat Torres – Extension, Tree City, Community Gardens
  - Anna Hansen, Chair – District 3, Art in the Parks, Trail connections to Parks, Memorials, BTAC/POSAC/COLPAC Coordination, Funding Source for Parks Workers(Planning for the Future).
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**MEETING MINUTES  
FOR THE  
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission was called to order by Anna Hansen, Chair, on this date at approximately 2:00 p.m. at Frenchy's Barn, Osage and Agua Fria, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated a quorum as follows:

**Members Present**

Anna Hansen, Chair  
Bette Booth  
Oralynn Guerrerortiz  
Melissa McDonald (arrived later)  
Sandra Taylor  
Patrick Torres

**Members Absent**

Daniel Coriz (excused)  
Joe Lehm (excused)

One vacancy (Nic Smith)

**Staff Present**

Chris Ortiz, Parks Supervisor  
Jesse Esparza, Parks Department

**Others Present**

Robert Wood, Water Department  
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Ms. Taylor moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. McDonald seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**REPORT from the CHAIR**

- a. Board Procedures

Chair Hansen said she has asked City Attorney Zach Shandler to talk to the Commission about procedures.

A summary of Mr. Shandler's presentation follows:

- The Commission members may be familiar with the State Open Meetings Act (SOMA) and the Public Records Inspection Act and the City Rules and Procedures for City Committees. Social media has made major changes to these areas of the law. SOMA applies to the City and requires a quorum of the Commission when talking about policy and to for that to be done in front of the public. A quorum for POSAC is five Commissioners. Should Commissioners all have lunch together and discuss City business, it would be a violation; a quorum is a quorum no matter where the Commission meets.
- The "reply all" button on e-mail could create an electronic rolling quorum if talking and responding to one another regarding City business and is a violation of the Act. A Commissioner that tweets City business to another Commissioner, who then sends the information to three other Commissioners, again creates a rolling quorum and is a violation.
- An unofficial exception to the electronic rolling quorum (according to the New Mexico Attorney General's office) is an e-mail from staff trying to schedule dates for meetings.
- A Public Records Request can be made for public e-mails of public servants through the State Inspection of Public Records Act. The *State Attorney General's Compliance Guide* states that e-mail used to conduct public business is a public record when communications are related to public business, even if a personal account is used.
- Under the General Rules and Procedures to conduct City business, the Mayor appoints a committee or commission members with the consent of City Council. The mayor selects a chairperson and the chairperson selects a vice chair and their terms are for one year. The chair sets the agenda for meetings; and members can e-mail or text (which is subject to public inspection) the chair directly to request agenda items.
- The chair could appoint members to subcommittees, but the rules contain little information about the role of a subcommittee. Boards have interpreted subcommittees in different ways: some have a standing subcommittee that vets a particular topic first and then is reviewed with the full committee. Temporary subcommittees are formed to study or write a rule or ordinance and dissolved once the task is completed. Some subcommittees just make a recommendation(s) to the full commission and are not subject to SOMA; three members could meet in private and e-mail one another as long the subcommittee is less than a quorum of the full committee. Some commissions dislike subcommittees and prefer to have the whole group discuss the topic. All members of the subcommittee and of the whole committee should ensure everyone has the same expectations about the role of the subcommittee and the reason the subcommittee is formed.
- Exceptions to the Rules and Procedures are when the authorizing resolution that formed the Commission states something different. The City Clerk records term lengths of committee/ commission members etc. and could best answer questions.

Mr. Shandler stood for questions.

Ms. McDonald asked for recommendations when an e-mail is received and a quorum was involved. She said she doesn't reply.

Mr. Shandler agreed that is the most common approach. He noted that former City Attorney, Geno Zamora suggests sending a short e-mail reply stating the e-mail might violate the Open Meetings Act and requesting no further e-mails be sent. He would suggest asking others not to forward e-mails in an effort to avoid creating a rolling quorum.

Ms. Booth asked about the use of Facebook. She said she uses Facebook to talk about skaters and their questions and not as a representative of POSAC.

Mr. Shandler said the Santa Fe Reporter took screenshots of someone's Facebook page who was hired by the Mayor's office and a newspaper article was written about it. He cautioned that the Commissioners should expect their comments on Facebook to be looked at by the New Mexican and the Reporter.

Chair Hansen explained that she invited Mr. Shandler to come because Ms. Booth had sent an e-mail to four people last month. Ms. Booth was the fifth Commissioner on the e-mail and that created a rolling quorum.

She said also, Ms. Booth brought forward a list of questions at last month's meeting and no one had seen them or had an opportunity to read them. She said it is not fair to send staff a list of questions that only one person has read.

Chair Hansen said she formed a 2008 Bond Audit subcommittee (Chair Hansen, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Booth and Ms. Guerrerortiz) over six months ago. She said this is a democratic process and the questions could have been submitted to the subcommittee. She said she has not been notified of a subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Booth said she understood that she and Ms. Taylor are on the subcommittee. She said they did meet. She said she understands and hears that Chair Hansen feels left out of the loop. She added that she has sent a lot of things to the Chair and is never sure what has been received; she does not get a response. She asked that Chair Hansen reply when she receives an item.

Chair Hansen said she received all of Ms. Booth's e-mails. She does not respond when she doesn't see the need. She added that she has never received a notice about a 2008 Bond Audit subcommittee meeting.

Ms. McDonald asked if going through the chair in order to contact staff is a legal precedent.

Mr. Shandler replied that is more a policy decision and has been done either way.

Chair Hansen said Mr. Gurule requested that. She said things are changing, but she would continue to do that until there is an acting Director or a new Parks Director.

She confirmed with Mr. Shandler that the audit questions would not need to go back through POSAC, because they had not come from the subcommittee to the full Commission prior to being submitted to the Bond Audit subcommittee.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said she worried about timing. She said from her perspective the questions were similar to what has been asked all along, but with more detail. She said that Ms. Booth gave specific examples and made it easier for the Audit subcommittee and she appreciates that. She said she didn't see anything that the Commission had not already discussed in some form.

Chair Hansen pointed out that #7 on the list was about the Power Plant Park. She said the question has nothing to do with the 2008 Bond and does not belong on the list.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said she wouldn't disagree, but would hope it is answered at some point.

Ms. Taylor said the question could be struck from the list. She thought that the Audit Committee would just toss the question out if not appropriate for the Bond.

The Commission discussed the confusion about the Power Plant Park. Chair Hansen said the questions could move forward as they are, but she would ask that in the future she be informed of any subcommittee meetings. She said for those she is on, she would like to be included and she has not been included in the 2008 Bond Audit subcommittee.

Ms. Booth apologized and said she would commit to that moving forward. She said she did not do anything to exclude Chair Hansen; her understanding was that she and Ms. Taylor were on the subcommittee and they were just moving forward.

The Commissioners discussed communication. Ms. McDonald suggested all of the business e-mails be moved into one folder. Ms. Booth brought up the practice of Mr. Coriz communicating directly with Mr. Ortiz on some things. She confirmed that communication could continue as long as the Chair is copied. Ms. Guerrerortiz said everyone in the Commission attended the Christmas party and that created a quorum. She added that everyone would be at Mr. Gurule's retirement party.

Chair Hansen said for the record she would state that everyone would be attending the retirement party and that no business would be conducted.

b. Appointment of Vice Chair

Chair Hansen said she is appointing Ms. Oralynn Guerrerortiz as the vice chair. She said she is grateful that Ms. Guerrerortiz agreed to serve.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES- March 18, 2013**

Under Reports on page 10- the correct spelling of *Betty* (Booth) is Bette.

Page 6, after the bullet points, third paragraph: "*Ms. Taylor the last time the surface*"... should be stated *Ms. Taylor said the last time*...

**Mr. Torres moved to approve the March minutes as amended. Ms. Guerrerortiz seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

## OLD BUSINESS

### a. Parks Department Update- *Chris Ortiz for Ben Gurule*

A summary of Mr. Ortiz's presentation follows:

*The Plaza*- the drinking fountain is installed. The contractor will return to get the fountain functional.

*Park security cameras* are being worked on with CSI and some would be installed at the Rail Yard and other sites would come up soon.

*The Rail Yard Park*- new features are being put in. The Rail Yard Corporation will pay for the new climbing wall feature for children.

*SWAN*- there is some issues. Ms. Guerrerortiz explained that Richard Cook is supplying the access road and all of the utilities to SWAN. She said his contract to build the road to the park has no dates and he informed Parks that he would not be following the schedule. SWAN is expected to be delayed for a minimum of six months. She was hoping that Parks had further information.

Mr. Ortiz suggested Ms. Guerrerortiz contact Mary McDonald. He said he didn't know. The update continued:

*Shade structure funding*- the installation would be in regional parks with ball parks and two structures are being looked at for each park. Mr. Gurule has proposed the structures at the regional parks because of the number of people and use and tournaments and ballgames.

Chair Hansen said nothing came through POSAC for recommendations of where to place the structures. She read an e-mail from Representative Egolf (Exhibit 1) that she received stating his recommendations for placement. She said his e-mail is pertinent because he obtained the funding for the structures and that should be taken into consideration.

Ms. Booth said she supports what Chair Hansen is saying, but she feels staff is caught in the middle. She said there is a Parks Director who has not taken the advice of POSAC and he hasn't included the Commission in several things. She wanted a motion or a discussion on a motion to support Chair Hansen to have the issues come to POSAC before they go to City Council.

Mr. Ortiz suggested that Chair Hansen send him Representative Egolf's recommendations to forward to Mr. Gurule for consideration.

*The update continued:*

*West DeVargas Park*- Fantasé would start Friday and setup would be done today. Creative Santa Fe who did the skate park opening, is carrying that forward and the event would have domes and artists, music, etc.

*Community Day at the Plaza*- would be this weekend; seedlings would be given out downtown with planting and care instructions. Frenchy's Park would have a Mud Day.

### b. Review of 2008 Bond – Update on Final Report

Chair Hansen said the Mayor appointed the committee as follows: Eric Martinez from Trails; Teresita Garcia and Liza Kerr from the Audit Committee and she would represent POSAC.

The meeting, which isn't yet confirmed would be May 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Chair Hansen said Ms. Booth would make a presentation, but probably not at the first meeting.

Chair Hansen asked to strike question #7 from the list of questions that were submitted the previous month.

**Ms. Booth moved that the Commission strike question #7 from the list of questions submitted to the Audit Committee last month. Ms. Guerrerortiz seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

c. 2012 Parks Bond Implementation

Ms. Booth said in spite of POSAC making recommendations and asking staff to present those to Mr. Gurule, the re-obligation of the DeVargas Skate Park money was presented to Public Works and the Finance Committee.

Chair Hansen said Councilor Trujillo pulled the request from the Finance Committee agenda. The request was to approve reallocation of the 2013 Parks Bond General Obligation funds from West DeVargas to three parks (Adam Armijo, John Griego and Patrick Smith). The request was sent without recommendation [from the Finance Committee] to the City Council for a full vote. She noted that she sent the POSAC minutes to all of the City Councilors.

She said Mr. Pino presented how he wants to reallocate the money. The Skate Park at Ragle has \$470,000 and there is plenty of money to build the park and no money would be taken from Ragle. She said Councilor Trujillo told her if more money was needed they would find it.

Ms. Booth passed out a list of reasons the skate park money should be kept within the skate parks. (Exhibit 2) She said \$350,000 was assigned for skate parks in the 2012 Bond and is the first money raided. She said about \$600,000 is needed to build Ragle Skate Park with light and water included. She said Councilor Trujillo said there is \$470,000 and the slab could be built, but that doesn't include the lights and water. She said kids would be at risk; as well as the City.

She said DeVargas Skate Park cost about \$416,000 and probably excluded landscaping and lighting. The park is about 9,000 square feet and the Skate Park Association International recommends 18,000 minimum and 5,000 square feet for beginners.

Ms. Booth reviewed the line item costs: the slab, site preparation, fencing, lighting, landscaping, ADA parking ramp/and signage and compliant access. She said that would be about \$600,000.

Ms. Booth said the third argument is that if only the slab is put in without lights, etc. when would there be extra money. She said there are other 2012 Bond monies available to obligate and a list of projects that total over \$100,000 that do not need the money. Ms. Booth asked why the City would take money from the skaters when it would benefit hundreds of children, to put into gravel at Patrick Smith.

Ms. Booth said about 20 skaters came to the City Council meeting. She said they want to speak and there is no open meeting on the issue. She said skaters plan to attend City Council and write them and

have asked her to help and she has agreed. Ms. Booth asked the support of the Commissioners in calling a public hearing so the skaters could be part of the public process.

Chair Hansen said Mr. Pino had been asked a number of questions by the Finance Committee. She said the item would have to be taken off of the Consent Agenda in order to answer them.

The Commissioners discussed a public hearing and the City Council meeting.

Chair Hansen reviewed how money would be used to finish the three parks. She said in one, the community garden was originally a \$10,000 allocation but did not include irrigation, ADA access, etc. and now is \$25,000. John Griego had a number of items on the 2012 recommendation list that was not finished. The HDRB (Historic Design Review Board) has requested an archaeological survey at Patrick Smith.

Ms. Guerrerortiz offered to call Mr. Pino.

The Commission members discussed contacting their City Councilors as individuals, to talk about the issue.

**Ms. Guerrerortiz moved that POSAC take a position that the money dedicated to DeVargas for a skate park should not be moved to serve any other project other than skate parks in the community, until such time as the planned skate parks are completed.**

**Chair Hansen made a friendly amendment that all of the money allocated for skate parks would remain in the fund and be used for skate parks.**

**Ms. Guerrerortiz accepted the friendly amendment. Ms. Booth seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.**

d. Community Garden Program

Chair Hansen said there hasn't been a meeting on the community gardens and now there is no director. The current rules state that the community gardens *must* be charged for water and a resolution or additional wording or City Councilor help is needed to amend the rules.

Ms. Taylor said she feels strongly that the gardens *should* be charged for the water. She said a problem is the lack of, or inaccurate information in reading or reporting the readings, of the sub meters. She told of a garden where the use was said to be 178 gallons per day; an amount that most people would use in their home in half a month.

She understood that the supervisors in the parks with gardens have been asked to read and log the sub meters. She said that would show if something is wrong, or water is being wasted. Chair Hansen said the water could be allotted and if the amount is exceeded, the whole garden could be made to pay. She said currently nothing could be done because of the regulation, but the Commission could make recommendations to the Governing Body.

Ms. Booth said she represented POSAC at the Western Adaptation Alliance Regional Climate Leadership Academy and spent time planning Santa Fe's food future. She said she learned a lot about the community gardens in cities like Boulder and Salt Lake City. She suggested a subcommittee.

Chair Hansen said a subcommittee was great idea, especially since Ms. Esparza does a lot of the work and that would alleviate some. She said at the same time it is important to look at what other communities are doing.

Ms. McDonald said charging for water could be reasonable to make people aware of how much they use. She was concerned that people wouldn't grow food if they don't have money. She said it is important that the community gardens work. She suggested Western Alliance give a presentation.

Ms. Esparza said the main thing is to raise the fee for the water. She said when the majordomo tries to collect fees after the summer; half of the participants have dropped out.

Chair Hansen appointed the Community Gardens subcommittee as follows: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Booth, Mr. Torres, Ms. Esparza, and Mr. Wood (as City staff).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Shade Structure/Sails at Parks**

Chair Hansen said she appreciated Mr. Gurule coming up with a plan, but she had requested that POSAC make a recommendation about the locations of the shade sails. She noted that Mr. Coriz requested a shade structure for Moto-cross.

She said the issue would be on the May 20<sup>th</sup> agenda. She asked that the Commissioners keep Representative Egolf's e-mail in mind when they consider the locations for the shade sails. Ms. Esparza would send a copy of the e-mail to members.

**Ms. Guerrerortiz moved that POSAC recommend to staff that they consider Representative Egolf's e-mail with regard to the type and location of the shade structures.**

**Ms. Booth seconded the motion. She added a friendly amendment for the motion to include that Parks would not move forward without a recommendation from POSAC.**

Chair Hansen explained the money is not available until July 1 and there is still time to work on this.

**The motion for staff to consider Representative Egolf's e-mail passed by voice vote unanimously.**

### **b. ATV/BMX Track opening -Postponed until the next meeting.**

### **c. Annexation Parks/South Meadows**

Chair Hansen asked Ms. Booth to talk briefly about South Meadows.

Ms. Booth said South Meadows went over to the City and would not be built. The bids came in 90% higher than estimated and the County has to decide how to proceed. The City would accept the Park once complete, but would not prioritize the maintenance. She suggested the Commission could possibly talk with Miguel Chávez and save the area for an open space in the County.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said the County is still working on acquiring parcels between Frenchy's and Siler Road and have three more to go. Once the three parcels are acquired, construction would move forward and the plans are approved.

d. Meeting with the Mayor

Chair Hansen said the meeting (May 20) would be a "meet and greet" and the Commissioners would probably have an hour at most. She said Noah Burke sent an e-mail with three questions the City Manager would like answered about the Commission by May 15th: 1) a list of accomplishments for the past two years; 2) a list of pending work/legislation and 3) to summarize upcoming issues the Commission would be working on for the next year.

She said she has asked Ms. McDonald to write a paragraph about the water conservation work and Mr. Coriz would be asked to write on the MX track. She asked Ms. Guerrerortiz to write about SWAN and the proposed legislation for funding and Ms. Booth to write on the skate parks. The community gardens were suggested and Ms. Booth would write that the information is being looked at. Mr. Torres and Ms. Taylor were asked to write about Tree City.

Ms. Booth offered bullet points she has on work the Commission has done in the last two years.

Chair Hansen said she sent the Mayor a list of the members, the resolution and some information on the parks. She also plans to send a request to have Pat Torres and Oralynn Guerrerortiz reappointed, since their terms have ended. She invited other staff members to attend the meeting next month.

Ms. Booth said she wants to find out what the Mayor thinks about parks and how the Commission could be useful. She said Councilor Dominguez (in the Finance Committee) has recommended that the Parks Department become the Parks and Recreation Department. She said the recommendation was sent with approval to City Council.

She said the other piece is to hire a Parks and Recreation person and there could be some goal for the Commission to think through.

Mr. Torres asked to be excused for the May 20 meeting because of out of town work related issues.

## **REPORTS from Sub-Committees**

a. Water Conversation – Finances-Permanent Funding: Temporary Park Workers (2014-15)

Ms. McDonald said she gave Mr. Ortiz a list of questions and would report on those before May 20, if she gets the answers. She said this has been an ongoing request to Mr. Gurule to confirm the square footage of the irrigated turf areas and she wants the confirmation to be sure the numbers are correct.

Ms. McDonald said she thought there is a strong position to ask for a public benefit [water] rate and she has a memo she would present to the Mayor. She said she is hesitant to throw out studies, but thinks it would be favorable for the six parks. She asked the Commission if she should hold off on the study until she gets the numbers.

Ms. Taylor said a lot of work went into the study and the study is very important. She suggested it not be given to the Mayor next week. She said the study should be presented in a structured way for the Mayor to realize its importance. She noted the next meeting would be a "meet and greet."

Ms. Guerrerortiz said she would agree to a certain extent, but the Mayor should know that the "pitch" is coming and that in a few months Ms. McDonald wants to present the study. She said in June and July everyone would move seats and the Commission should see where everyone will settle.

Ms. Guerrerortiz reviewed the things needed such as long-term maintenance and lack of funds to maintain parks and to finish SWAN; the South side has been ignored. Money is needed to invest in skate parks and they need to be sure that Parks has adequate funding for the amount of workers needed at each park. She said the Mayor should know the national standard.

Ms. McDonald said she would write a paragraph and run the draft through the subcommittee.

Ms. Booth said she wants three things that the Commission thinks is critical; maintenance, SWAN, and making sure the 2012 bond is spent the way it is supposed to be; the skate parks are a bigger piece of that. She asked if the Commission wanted to plant the seed for a new bond.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said in terms of SWAN, they would see if there are other avenues. She said if that can't happen the City might need to do another bond.

Chair Hansen replied that she doesn't see another bond until 2016. She said she wanted to explain that Ms. Guerrerortiz might be speaking to the Mayor because she is on the Land Use Transition Committee.

#### b. Tree City

Mr. Torres said at the last POSAC meeting he shared the frustration about representation from the Parks Division to the MTB (Municipal Tree Board). He said a memo was sent through Chair Hansen to the Parks Director and the issue has been resolved and is just a miscommunication. Parks has confirmed their commitment to MTB.

He said the MTB met in April. He said this afternoon a letter of resignation was received from Zander Evans and the Board is now down to three members. The meeting today did not have quorum, but the Board discussed and established three goals, each with objectives; the tree inventory, approval of the guidelines and regulations regarding memorial tree and bench standards and to reestablish five permanent Board members for the Board.

Mr. Torres said the Board learned of a discussion to move Tree City under Utilities. He said that wouldn't include the urban forest aspect. He noted that Board representation in the future should be from both Public Utilities and the Parks Divisions.

Mr. Wood explained that this was only discussed and nothing has been decided.

Ms. Guerrerortiz asked why Tree City would be under the Water Department; and why they would separate them.

The Commission discussed the move. Ms. McDonald thought it a matter of funding for a tree forester. Mr. Wood added that impetus was from current and past members of City Council who were concerned about the continuing certification of Tree City USA. He explained that he was asked to find a way to continue Tree City USA without financial impact on either department. He said it would be a small time commitment for the year and most of the dollar commitment is supplied by Quality of Life [grant].

Chair Hansen asked Mr. Torres to send her a report with information of what he felt would be best.

Ms. Booth asked about the recruitment for MTB and how POSAC could help.

Mr. Torres invited those with a nomination to bring them forward. He said someone expressed interest in the past that he would follow up with to see if they are still interested.

Commission members discussed the position and advertisement through Jodie Porter.

#### **Report from the Chair (continued) Revised Agenda Order**

Chair Hansen said the Mayor suggested she talk with Councilor Trujillo about the vacant position on POSAC. She said Councilor Trujillo said he would talk to Councilor Dimas. The Commission doesn't have a person from District Four or the sports league. She has written a request and if there is no response she would send a note to Ms. Porter to announce the position to the public.

#### **REPORTS:**

- Ms. Booth - Community Gardens/Skate Parks

Ms. Booth said petitions are being circulated to name the garden at Frenchy's Field after Amy Hetager. The resolution states a request is stronger if coming from a task force, subcommittee, etc. and she asked that the item be on the next agenda.

Ms. Booth said for over a year Parks has worked to empower the older skaters in keeping the skate parks clean. Currently an acid bath is used that is tearing up the concrete and in process is getting access to the material used to clean graffiti for the skaters.

Ms. Booth said the Stories of Place Project is to find a thousand places around town where people could access history from the 1950s forward on their phones. She asked if she should continue to meet with the project manager to talk about the history of the parks.

Chair Hansen said it was a great idea and possibly the Project could be on the agenda for June or July.

The Zona Pump Track renovation went well and was a wonderful coordination between Parks, people from Zona, Earth Care and the high schools.

Ms. Booth asked to give a report on the Western Alliance Leadership Academy in June.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** There were none.

**DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:** May 20, 2014

**ADJOURN:**

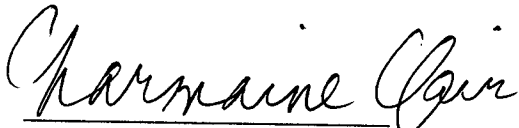
*Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.*

Approved by:



Anna Hansen, Chair

Submitted by:



Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

EXHIBIT 1  
POSAC  
May 8, 2014

From: Brian Egolf <Brian@BrianEgolf.com>  
Subject: **RE: Shade Structures for City of Santa Fe**  
Date: March 20, 2014 9:50:19 AM MDT  
To: Anna Hansen <dakinidesign@newmexico.com>

Dear Anna,

Thanks for the email. I've been buried at the office; sorry for the later reply.

My idea was to get simple "shade sails" that would cover as many playgrounds as possible with the available funds. The problem I am trying to address are hot slides and play equipment that get even hotter under direct sunshine and hurt kids' legs and arms when they play (not to mention the kids playing on the equipment who may not be wearing sunscreen).

I thought a good place to start would be covering these structure with the sails. Kelly and I bought and installed a shade sail ourselves for a few hundred dollars, so my hope is that this appropriation will stretch pretty far toward covering a good number of "jungle gyms" (if that's what they are still called) throughout the city. I know that the cost to the city will be higher, but the money should still go a long way.

I would like to see some geographic diversity in the park selection because the entire delegation helped with the funding. I don't have a list or map of city playgrounds, but the areas at the Railyard, Salvador Perez, Ft. Marcy, Patrick Smith, Southbridge/Calle Lorca, and Pueblos del Sol come to mind.

I'm happy to chat about this more going forward.

Thanks again for asking.

Best,  
Brian

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 10:02 AM  
**To:** Brian Egolf  
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**Subject:** Shade Structures for City of Santa Fe

Dear Rep. Egolf

Thank you so much for your support of the Shade Structures in our city parks. I have a Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission (POSAC) meeting today and would like to know if there is any park that you want to see a shade structure in. So I can make sure that we get one in that park. I don't seem to have Kellys' email, as I am sure she would have some suggestions also.

Thank again

Anna Hansen  
Chair of POSAC

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## **Reasons to Reobligate DeVargas Skate Park funds To the Ragle Skate Park**

1. ***Because there was so little funding for skate parks in the 2008 Bond, \$350,000.00 was assigned for skate features in the 2012 Bond. The intention was always to use these funds exclusively for skate features.*** Placeholders of \$150,000.00 each were assigned to DeVargas, Gov. Miles and Ragle, however the intention was always to consult with the skating community on the final application of the funds. Thanks to Councilor Trujillo, we now have \$435,000.00 budgeted for a skate park at Ragle.
2. ***We will need between \$550,000.00 to \$600,000.00 to build the Ragle Skate Park (including lights and water). We need the additional DeVargas skate park funding to completely build this park including lights and water access.***
  - The 9,000 square foot DeVargas skate park cost approximately \$416,000.00 (\$33,000 to design and \$383,000.00 to build) or \$22.00 per square foot (without lighting). Due to existing infrastructure, this didn't need to include ADA sidewalk accessibility or parking. This park is very small and is now dangerously over crowded. Another larger skate park is needed to alleviate the pressure on this park.
  - The Skate Park Association International (SPAUSA) and other skate park builders recommend 18,000 square feet for a new skate park. This should include a beginners' area of around 5,000 square feet. Reported national average costs run from \$25.00 per square foot to \$36.00 per square foot. This does not include providing water and power to the site, fencing, lighting, ADA accessibility and landscaping.
  - Considering this context and recommendations, the estimated costs for the an 18,000 square foot skate park at Ragle would be:

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Skate feature design and construction @ \$25.00 per square foot	\$450,000.00
Site preparation (earth compaction, etc.)	??
Fencing	??
Lighting	??
Landscaping	??
ADA Parking Ramp and signage	??
ADA compliant access to the feature	??
<b>Total</b>	At least \$550,000.00

Currently, \$435,000.00 is obligated for the Ragle Skate Park, however, the actual amount will depend on the final costs of the basketball court (budgeted at \$75,000.00 and the Grill with hood (budgeted at \$50,000.00).

Some say we can build the park and put in lighting and water later. However, it is unclear where this funding would come from and when. We would never build a baseball field without lights and water. ***We shouldn't put our skaters at risk of accidents from inadequate lighting or illness due to lack of water while they practice their sport.***

**3. Other 2012 Bond monies are available to be re-obligated that is not funding that was to be dedicated to skate features.**

Park	Amenity	Amount	Reason monies are available (photos available)
GCCC	Chain link fence	54,604.00	New Fence just built
Herb Martinez	Chain link fence	10,000.00	New fence just built
Monica Lucero	Large shade structure	40,000.00	New shade structure just built
Patrick Smith	ADA Parking Ramp	7,000.00	New parking ramp already built
Thomas Macione	Drinking Fountain	8,000.00	This drinking fountain was budgeted in the 2008 Bond as well. The document City's answers to POSACs <i>Questions about the 2008 Bond Implementation Report</i> states: <i>The drinking fountain was not installed due to the associated access and archeology requirements being cost prohibitive.</i>
La Resolana	Arroyo Stabilization and Pedestrian Bridge	90,000.00	Arroyo stabilization and new pedestrian bridge already built.