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**Agenda
Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee
Frenchy's Field Barn
Corner of Osage & Agua Fria
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
Tuesday - August 12, 2008
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

Frenchy's Field Renovations Tour

Meeting:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of the minutes
 - o June
 - o July
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Railyard Funding – Action Item
6. Update/follow up on Action Items and other discussion points:
 - Status of the tree survey and application for Tree City USA
 - Making the final Parks Master Plan publicly accessible electronically.
 - Making the Implementation plan publicly accessible electronically
 - Handicap parking signage checklist
 - Water fountains
7. Update on Parks Renovation and Care
8. Update on Parks Advisory Board Candidates
9. Public Comments
10. Establish date and time for the next meeting.

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August 12, 2008**

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Update/follow up on Action Items and other discussion points:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application has been made to Tree City USA - Final Parks Master Plan is accessible electronically on the website - Implementation Plan electronic accessibility- to be discussed with Staff. - Handicap Parking Signage checklist received from Governor's Office - Water Fountains 	<p>3</p> <p>3-4</p> <p>3-4</p> <p>4</p>
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Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee

August 12, 2008 (3:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Frenchy's Field Barn

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Bette Booth, Chair at 3:00 pm
2. Roll Call and Introductions:

Present:

Betty Booth, Chair

Sandra Taylor

Anna Hansen

Tom Agard

Ora Lynn Guerreo-Ortiz

Patrick Torres

Danny Coriz, New Member formally appointed

Jackie Gonzales, Staff (for Ben Gurule)

Fabian Chavez, Parks Division Director

Absent:

Ben Gurule, Excused

Marg Veneklassen, Unexcused

Others Present:

David McQuarie, Citizen

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

Note: A new roster was requested for all members.

3. Review and approval of the minutes:

June 10, 2008:

Page 1 – Anna Hansen, Excused

Page 2 –Bottom of page: changed “the” to “they”

Page 3 – 3rd Paragraph: changed “communities” to “community”

Page 3 – 4th Paragraph: changed “Lujan” to “Bond”

Page 4 – 4th Paragraph: changed “will stay at” to “will be relocated”

Page 4 – 6th Paragraph: changed: “he is asking that” to “that in the future, he might ask”

Page 4 – 6th Paragraph: changed “put together” to “to write”

There being no further changes, motion was made by Anna Hansen and second by Dan Coriz to approve minutes as amended, motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

July 2008

Proceeded

Page 2: committee’s committees

Mayor’s ADA – Mayors

Xeriscaping – vs. xeroscaping

Daniel Coriz – one “r”

Councilor Dominguez has recommended two potential candidates for District 4 and Mr. Matt O’Riley from Warehouse 21 also sent in a potential candidate for consideration.

Paragraph before bottom of page: all of the old parks will be renovated to meet ADA.

A motion was made by Anna Hansen and second by Sandy Taylor to accept the July minutes as corrected, motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Anna Hansen and second by Sandy Taylor to approve agenda, motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Railyard Funding – Action Item

History: In August of 2007, we were asked by the Councilors to develop a budget for the Bond. The chair personally went from park to park, took pictures and members reviewed the findings in two marathon meetings, made the recommendations on each park and presented to Public Works and Finance. During one of the processes Councilor Bushee stated that she wanted \$3 million dollars for the northwest quadrant and the trails. She had someone from that group come and present why they should be awarded this amount; we basically voted that it was a good idea. Parks created the budget and proceeded to present this action to the City Council. In that last meeting, Councilor Hildemeyer had on the Public Works \$500,000 for the Power Plant Parks Project at the corner of Camino Cabra and Canyon Road. It was passed and we presented it to the voters and part of that was to develop a transparent equitable process open for public input and that we would stick by it.

There have been several attempts in talking about this action, Councilor Dominguez has spoken to the Chair, saying they need a park in Tierra Contenta, we said money could not be used from the bond money. The Chair urged everyone to visit the NW quadrant, 2600 of glorious open space; \$300,000,000 would only begin what needs to ultimately be done there. I am here to say we need to stay with the master plan; many people did not want to vote on the bond because they did not think the city would abide by the plan and expend the money as indicated. We may need a resolution to reinstate the master plan. The newest attempt is that the mayor has written a resolution to take 2% from the bond money to pay for art in public places in each district. I called the City Attorney for clarification and he said that this would pertain to general bonds that don’t come out of property taxes, it comes out of bonds that are very explicit, and that our bond is exempt from that 2%. I would like to have a discussion on whether or not we should have a formal resolution to stay with the master plan.

Additional history, the money in the NW quadrant is not budgeted. Fabian’s recollection was to develop the trail system and connectors in the northwest quadrant, when it gets built out, developers would have to pay for the parks. Intent was to develop at least the master trails;

more so the historical paths in the NW quadrant look behind Casa Solana North, go to Los Montoya's, the other side of 599, 2800 acres. There was also the intent to secure the area, there are tons of illegal dumping, etc., many people use the trails, there is a contract out with the city to design the master trails. It should be secured and protected; major trails should be designed and utilized right now. If we wait for development, we could lose the design of the plans that would benefit the preservation of the land. The city Parks Department had to remove people who have camped and squatted out, the human waste, etc., was difficult. There are real issues in getting the NW quadrant secure and protected.

Loan Art Program: Sabrina Pratt, Director and Debra do a wonderful job of finding art pieces to go in parks; they are on loan for 1 yr to 6 years. The 400 Committee could use their status by requesting art from the Community for the Parks.

Q: If a park in the plan were to ask for art, etc., within their plan, would you deviate from the Plan?

Fabian: Staff would remain neutral; the City Parks Department would work with the Committee to carry out your decision.

A motion was made by Tom Agard and a second from Patrick to adhere to the master plan and the budget and protect the integrity of the Parks Master Plan. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Anna requesting that the Parks Advisory Board recommend a do not pass to the resolution to withdraw \$400,000 (2%) from the Master Plan for the Quarto Cenario Proposal, second by Tom, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Future Discussion: It was recommended that we secure the area in Tierra Contenta; everyone fears that it will be developed. Anna stated the reality, development is going to happen and we should secure the historic areas, trails and parks, when development happens that has to be extracted.

Fabian: Reported that there are no plans or discussions regarding the north side; discussions are focused on the south side where there are archaeological reasons to secure that area. (Fencing 2800 acres)

6. Update on Action items:

- The Parks Department has made a recommendation to the HR Department on the person we would like to hire. The will need to apply for Tree City USA status. Mr. David Chapman is applying for a city relief grant and to become a tree city which will help us secure Grants. Fabian did apprise the committee that they have applied for trees between the Boys Club Bridge and Alameda to Defouri Street Bridge along the river.
- The committee wanted to know if the Implementation Plan is available to the public. Fabian responded that it is not on the website, he will need to submit to Robert Romero, Public Works Director. The Chair reiterated that she is getting call on when the implementation plan can be viewed on the website. Staff explained that the Implementation plan is informational vs. a confirmed timeline of when things will happen. There was a suggestion to post a schedule on

the website when we have confirmed dates of work being done in the parks, the committee asked Fabian to work with Public Works to get the Implementation Plan posted on the web.

- ADA striping: Sandy spoke to Hope Reed from the Governor's Commission on ADA who sent her their Parking checklist. (attached) There isn't anything in the document about refreshing the striping, etc. There is nothing in place within the city for striping, the state guidelines call for permanent markers and the city calls for ADA signage. The question was asked as to who refreshes the striping in the city. Mr. Bill Pond from the Parking Div. is responsible only in the business district and the Parks Department is responsible for anything in the parks. Is all striping in Parks your responsibility? Fabian Chavez responded, yes to affirm this task and advised that all Divisions have assignments to do snow removal
- Water Fountains: handled in July minutes. As a follow up, Fabian Chavez will call Leroy Apodaca regarding Gregory Lopez Park, fountains.

7. Updates on Park Renovation and Care:

- The Railyard Park Tour will take place on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 4:30 pm. The chair informed the members that bond money did not go toward this park. There are 8 people slots open for the tour. Confirmed to tour are: Tom, Jackie, Sandy, Ora Lynn, Bette, Jackie and Fabian. All were invited to tour Warehouse 21 after the formal tour.
- Toilet at Frenchy's status: It was supposed to go in this week; unfortunately another assignment came due in the park. It is now anticipated that before the end of week the work will start on the toilet project.
- Update on Parks Advisory Board Candidates: (handled during roll call and introduction of new members)


8. Public Comments:

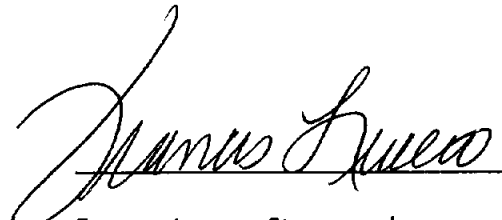
- Mr. Dave McQuarie shared his concern regarding Pueblos del Sol Park and informed the committee that he has also submitted the concern to constituent services. Pueblos del Sol is not ADA compliant and it should be red tagged until it is brought up to ADA standards. "I am saying this as a private citizen". He stated that there is no handicap parking signage and reiterated that verbiage should not be "handicap" rather "Americans with Disability".
- Fabian Chavez reported that the park was built following the city process but it was built by a private developer. There was a resolution with a monetary allocation and the community contributed to the park. The Parks Department was not involved until the process was completed. The chair asked Mr. McQuarie if he had contacted the architect who designed the park. He responded, "No, I am a user and I go to the City". The Chair asked what they could do to help. Mr. McQuarie responded that as an advisory board direction could be given to the Parks Division to not only pay attention at new parks but to look at what should be done at the other parks. He reiterated that he is in hopes that more and better training will continue. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting; this item should remain on the agenda for the future.

9. Date and Time of next meeting: Scheduled for September 9, 2008 at 3:00 pm, Place: Frenchy's Park. Frenchy's Park to be opened by the Parks and Recs Staff.

10. Public Comments: Sandy Taylor asked if the Parks and Recreation staff enter into an MOU with the community groups when they do community gardens. This question resulted from a comment in the July minutes relating to the community garden going in at Maclovía. Fabian Chavez confirmed that the City does do MOU's with the community groups.
11. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Parks and Open Space Advisory committee the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Approved by:



Elizabeth Booth, Chair

Frances Lucero, Stenographer