



Agenda

**Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee
Parks Office – 1142 Siler Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
Wednesday, October 15, 2008
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 15, 2008

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by Elizabeth Booth, Chair on this date at approximately 3:00 p.m. at the Parks Division Conference Room, 1142 Siler Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. Roll Call

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Elizabeth Booth, Chair
Margaret Veneklasen
Tom Agard
Oralynn Guerrerortiz
Daniel Coriz
Sandra Taylor

Members Absent

Anna Hansen
Valentina Gonzalez
Patrick Torres

Staff Present

Fabian Chavez, Parks Division, City of Santa Fe
Jessie Esparza, Parks Division, City of Santa Fe

Others Present

Jason Woodruff, Wilson and Company
William Schmidt, Anti Graffiti Task Force
Carla Romero, Citizen
Robert Hake, Citizen
Kathleen Dickerson, Candelario Neighborhood
Veronica Maldonado, Stenographer

3. Review and Approval of the Minutes

The following changes were made to the minutes of August 12, 2008:

Page 2, Item 5, sentence 6 should read: *"In the last meeting Councilor Heldmeyer added on the Public Works \$500,000 for the Power Plant Parks project at the corner of Camino Cabra and Canyon Road."*

Page 2, Item 5, sentence 7 should read: *"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 we would stick by it."*

Page 3, paragraph 2, sentence 1 should read: *"Loaned Art Program: Sabrina Pratt, Director, and Debra Garcia do a wonderful job of finding art pieces to go in parks."*

Page 4, paragraph 1, last sentence should read: *"As a follow-up, Fabian Chavez will call Leroy Apodaca regarding Gregory Lopez Park fountains."* (Comma was removed)

The following changes were made to the minutes of September 9, 2008:

Page 1, Review and Approval of Minutes, **motion was seconded by Mr. Coriz.**

Mr. Agard moved to approve the minutes of August 12 and September 9, 2008 as amended. Ms. Veneklasen seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Booth added a report from the Anti-Graffiti Task Force to the agenda as Item 1 under New Business.

Ms. Veneklasen moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Agard seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. New Business

a. Report from Anti-Graffiti Task Force

Mr. Will Schmidt was present and distributed two sets of Series 1 and Series 2 recommendations. The recommendations for Series 1 have to do with policy, staffing and equipment. Series 2 recommendations have more to do with graffiti buffing and mural projects. On page 4 of Series 2 there is an introduction and brief history of the original anti-graffiti program for the City of Santa Fe. On page 5 of Series 2 there is a relevant history of the CYMP and a recommendation of a new program that uses the CYMP as a starting point for a new mural program. The task force would like to place murals in the parks and they would like to find funding. The task force feels that endorsement of these recommendations by the Parks Advisory Board would strengthen their cause.

Ms. Taylor asked if they knew their funding source.

Mr. Schmidt said they are not asking for the Parks to fund it and it will be up to the Council to find that source. These series are not funding recommendations because there is no mention of budget.

Mr. Schmidt said the Anti-Graffiti Task Force is relatively new and begun to meet last February. It consists of five citizens appointed by the Mayor and four staff members. They spent the first six months organizing and then in June they started putting ideas together to come up with the recommendations. Mr. Schmidt said there are four subcommittees and he chairs the Arts in Neighborhoods subcommittee. The recommendations for Series 2 are what his subcommittee put together. His subcommittee has contacted neighborhood associations and they have contacted neighborhood watch groups to find out the kinds of problems they are dealing with.

Chair Booth said as she went around to the parks she took pictures of the graffiti and it seems there is a natural relationship with the Task Force and the Parks Advisory Board.

Chair Booth said because Mr. Schmidt was not on the agenda, it could not be an action item at this point. She asked that Mr. Schmidt be put on the agenda in November as an action item so they could vote on his recommendations.

Mr. Chavez said that at the last report he was asked to give to the Governing Body on graffiti, Councilor Bushee had asked about the Graffiti Task Force and their recommendations. Mr. Chavez said he was not prepared and said that recommendations would be coming forth. Mr. Chavez suggested that if the recommendations are not ready yet, to not publish them and get a hold of Councilor Bushee. He said he knows Councilor Bushee will ask for a budget so to be prepared with a budget.

b. Northwest Quadrant Tour Review and Next Steps

Maps of the Northwest Quadrant were distributed to the members.

Ms. Veneklasen said it was a vast area and it was great to see an area without houses on it. It was wonderful and an eye opener.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said she thought it was beautiful and she was excited to see the BMX Park because she had never seen one before. It is such an inexpensive thing to build and the young people love it. She said that there needs to be more exposure to the community with signs on the trails.

Ms. Taylor said it was wonderful and there are so little urban areas that have that potential resource. She suggested fencing the area and doing everything to make it a recreation area for the people of Santa Fe.

Mr. Agard said it is a treasure and he wants to personally thank Mr. Coriz for actually showing him how to use the trails.

Mr. Coriz said he feels the area should be secured.

Chair Booth said the BMX group was asking what is going to happen to this area because there are rumors that it is going to be turned down.

Ms. Guerrerortiz asked if at some time will they show a plan on what it there and protect it for the long term.

Mr. Chavez said that Wilson and Company is in charge of the first step which is to inventory what is there. They will catalog all the existing trails and research the state of the condition the trails are in. No further decisions have been made on construction and they are there to simply make recommendations.

Mr. Chavez said the first thing is to secure the property. Now that there is development on 599 the degradation of the property will increase because of the population whether human or animal. They will try to do the inventory in house and that means they will take the maps to make field determinations of the property boundaries.

Mr. Chavez said they will then move forward with a fencing contract. Once they have linear feet of fence they can quickly protect access. Mr. Chavez said that probably within the next month they will get going on this project.

Ms. Taylor asked if the Wilson contract includes a boundary survey.

Mr. Woodruff said he was not sure.

Chair Booth asked about development in the future and asked what they have to do to policywise to have this declared.

Mr. Chavez said the only study of development is being done at the south end of the northwest quadrant.

Ms. Taylor asked if as a citizen could you go to the City Attorney and ask what can be done.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said they can change the zoning.

Mr. Chavez said these kinds of discussions will continue.

Chair Booth suggested the BMX groups attend meetings and use the networks.

c. Adding information to the City Web site on Parks-Action Item

Chair Booth noted that the City has created a website that has a link to every park in town. The information needs to be updated. Chair Booth and Ms. Taylor are suggesting that they add a brief history and add contact information on each park.

Mr. Chavez introduced Jessie Esparza who will be working on contacts with each park in town, whether there is one person or a group of people. Jessie will be the key person and will start taking information as well as getting information out to those that want to volunteer, etc.

Jessie's contact information is 955-2106 or jbesparza@santafe.nm.gov

d. Early Responder Housing in City Parks

Chair Booth sent Mr. Agard the information and asked if people were able to read the articles in the newspaper.

Chair Booth attended the meeting and the discussion was that people want first responders to live in Santa Fe and there is a strong need to that. They agreed the first responders should live all over the city and not just one neighborhood. There were also very strong disagreements and a discussion about affordable housing. There were questions on why some of the parks were taken off the list.

Several people asked that this issue be put on the Advisory Board's discussion.

Mr. Agard said that there was a shooting at Franklin Miles Park and that was the initiation of that it would be a good idea to have some sort of presence in the parks.

Mr. Chavez said the initiative to put first responders in the parks is not to put affordable housing in the parks. They took the resolution and put it up in front of the room and people would not read it. Staff was asked as part of the resolution that occurred last year is that it has to do with safety in the parks. People know that if there is someone in the park they will not go raise havoc at night.

Mr. Chavez said the initial initiative was if there were problems and issues with certain parks. Is there room at the park because the intent is not to take up useable park space? Another issue was vandalism and what would it cost. Mr. Chavez said they came up with 12 parks. They did a quick calculation and it would take \$7,000-\$15,000 to set up a home at one of the parks.

Mr. Agard said these parks are dedicated lands to the citizens of Santa Fe and they are zoned.

Chair Booth said there was a petition circulating at the meeting saying that not one inch should be taken away.

Chair Booth said there is a lot of energy being generated by the petition and she asked where the petition is now.

Mr. Agard said is still in generation and it has about 500 signatures on it now and they are going to keep it going. He did not bring a copy to the meeting because he thought it would be a conflict.

Chair Booth said she wanted to make sure that every member on the Advisory Board knows what is going on and if it continues to generate energy, the question should be if the Advisory Board should take a stand on this. If so what stand should they take?

Mr. Agard said they need to explore other alternatives. Perhaps do video surveillance but the primary focus is to preserve park land and increase security. The petition is for all the parks.

Mr. Chavez said he believes that each neighborhood association should take over their own park and stand on their own merit.

6. Old Business

- **Update/follow-up on Action Items and other discussion points**
 - a. **Implementation Plan on the Web Site**

Chair Booth said the Implementation Plan is on the website and is available for viewing.

b. Community Parks Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Chavez said they are looking at MOU's that other cities have for community gardens. He said you set up an MOU between the city and then you get a group of people in a neighborhood. The MOU states what can and can't be done in the community garden. It will also state what the city will provide and won't provide.

Mr. Chavez said there are now two community gardens. He will bring a draft to the next meeting with examples on how it will be managed.

Mr. Chavez said they are doing research because there is always a presence in the parks. Another reason is that the Mayor is interested in the agricultural aspect for Santa Fe.

- **Update on Parks Renovation and Care**

Majors Field - Is under the final phase of renovation for the northwest corner of the plaza. The pathways all around are making a connection. There will be a sign at the entrance. The play equipment was donated to the public schools and there is a new expanded play feature going in. This park should be completed by the last week in November or first week in December.

Pueblos del Sol Trail- The 2.9 miles of reconstruction of the trail draining issues and ADA issues went out to bid and was awarded. This is about a 45 day project.

Maclovía Park – Is finished and there is a spot for a community garden in the park.

Young Park – ADA plans were approved and reconstruction of water fountains, benches and sidewalks is all being done in-house.

Las Estancias Pocket Park – Final Phase is underway. This work is being done in-house and should be done within a month.

Amelia White Park – Construction drawings are being finalized for the final phase of the ramada and the Bronson statue. This will be finished this spring.

Plaza – The entire Plaza will be fenced and shut down for about 45-50 days. The Plaza will get a new irrigation system, new electrical and audio pole, benches will be renovated and four existing trees will come out and be replaced. The work should be done by the first week in December.

Patrick Smith Park – Construction documents are ready and the bid was over budget by 30-40%. They are in negotiations with the architect about trying to fit in everything and have asked to redesign some of the components.

Gregory Lopez Park- ADA drawings were signed. Park is getting an irrigation design free. The work will be done in-house.

Salvador Perez and Villa Linda Parks – Construction drawings are in and those will go out to bid next week.

7. Public Comments

No public comment.

8. Establish date and time for the next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for November 5, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Parks Division Conference Room.

9. Adjournment

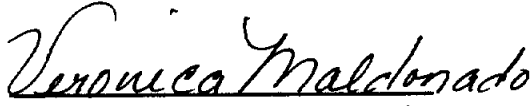
There being no further business to come before the Advisory Board and the agenda having been completed, Ms. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Agard and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Approved by:



Bette Booth, Chair

Submitted by:



Veronica Maldonado, Stenographer