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Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission

The Barn at Frenchy's Field

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Tuesday, April 20, 2010

3:00 -5:00 p.m.

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3. Review and Approval of the March minutes
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 - Joe Lehm: Bike paths and connections / Skate Parks
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**MEETING MINUTES
FOR THE
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

TUESDAY, April 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission was called to order by Bette Booth, Chair on this date at approximately 3:00 pm at Frenchy's Field, Agua Fria Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Bette Booth, Chair
Daniel Coriz
Tom Agard
Oralynn Guerrerortiz
Joe Lehm
Sandra Taylor
Patrick Torres

Members Absent

Anna Hansen (excused)
Marg Veneklasen (excused)

Staff Present

Fabian Chavez, Parks Director, City of Santa Fe
Jesse Esparza, Parks Department
Bob Wood, Parks Department

Others Present

Peter Gardini, Skate board enthusiast
Peggy Bishard, PDAWG
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-March 16, 2010

Ms. Taylor said she had not volunteered to go to see the mayor.

Page 3, at the top should read: *Chair Booth agreed to set up the meeting with the mayor and develop a background paper.*

Mr. Torres moved to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2010 as amended. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Guerrerortiz moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Agard seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- Strategic Planning – Next Steps Public Relations/Media Plan: Action Item

Chair Booth said the strategic plan was to work together to keep people aware of what the Parks Department (Parks) and the Parks and Open Spaces Commission were doing. She introduced Karla Lopez, the acting PIO (Public Information Officer) for the city, who managed the website, worked on channel 28, and took care of the print media for the city and Joyce Bond, the Marketing Manager for the Public Works Department and who worked with Ms. Lopez on everything.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said the city would go for another bond issue in a couple of years. She asked how the ground work regarding the public could be laid.

Ms. Lopez said a fair number of shows on the parks had been done to a small audience on Channel 28. She said a monthly show could give an update on what was happening in the parks, how much money and where the money was spent and what the plan was. There was also access to the mayor's show on KQRC that was recorded Thursday mornings and played every Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. She mentioned the commission could also be on the city water talk show on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.

She said the city website person that updated Public Works could do a page with links and pages could be drafted by the commission for that person. The city's website was linked to Face Book and whatever was posted on the website was pushed to the link. She said an article from each board member once a month would help keep the message in front of the public and could be a report card of what the parks bond had done or a matrix and what specifically affected each neighborhood and the new parks to be constructed.

Ms. Lopez said the commission would have to market the information and tell people where the link was so the public would hear that over and over.

Ms. Bond suggested the commission think about a brochure for city hall and city facilities, the libraries, etc., for people to pick up and get excited about parks they wanted to go to. She asked what the goal of the commission was; to keep the public informed or were there other ideas.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said it was to inform the public of what had happened with their money. She said that laid groundwork for future Park bond issues. She thought it would be ideal to have before and after pictures of the parks.

Ms. Lopez said that was a question of website capability. She mentioned a page on the website that linked to parks and said that page could be added to. She said newspapers like Hometown News, Tumbleweed, liked to get stories about children and families that used the parks; and Round the Round House would take almost any article.

Chair Booth asked Ms. Esparza for a list of the parks that would be worked on this year and she would go by and take before and after pictures.

Ms. Taylor asked Ms. Lopez to follow up with the design company on how difficult it would be to add pages. She said there were a number of potential outlets and she needed guidance in a big plan with dates, of how often to use them and the type of material each would want.

Chair Booth asked if a TV show could be done on the BMX track.

Ms. Lopez said she could schedule that with the camera man. She discussed filming the event and suggested it be a PSA (public service announcement) to run all summer and said it could be linked to the website.

The commission brainstormed possible PSA's and advertising. A summary of ideas follow:

- The BMX race course at MRC to let people know about it.
- When DeVargas Park was started to bring public awareness to what was going on.
- Opening day for T-ball; the season was well underway this year but could be kept in mind for next year and possibly for tournament play.
- The Chair wanted three editorials and a My View to be done this year.
- Torreon Park was suggested.
- Art in parks was suggested. Ms. Lopez said the Arts Commission would document all of the public art and do videos.
- Community Gardens, Arbor Day activities.

Ms. Lopez mentioned she needed someone for the Thursday show at 10 a.m. at KQRC. Ms. Esparza agreed to do the show.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said she would contact Next Door News about a story on things at Tierra Contenta and also about parks that would have neighborhood meetings.

Mr. Lehm asked if there was an Upcoming Events page/button, etc.

Ms. Lopez said she was beginning to build a page for upcoming events and it was the second entry on the left and currently had listings through the Bandstand in July. She would add new things coming up to the bottom of the list and remove the completed events from the top. There wasn't a Parks section but there was a weekly list of community meetings that every one posted to the calendar.

Chair Booth asked for a banner on the parks bond money at work be put out front at Frenchy's rather than the neon sign. She said the minutes from the Frenchy's Field meeting would be printed and posted for people to know what was going on.

- Meeting with the Mayor

Chair Booth said feedback on the first draft was received and one comment asked the purpose of the meeting. She said she went back to the resolution that formed the commission and she tweaked the draft. She asked what everyone thought of the draft and if that was what they wanted to say; particularly the four things thought to be the most important to discuss with the Mayor.

Ms. Guerrerortiz thought Councilor Romero's recommendation about future park plans should be annunciated. She said there were other needs that would be covered by the next Park bond and as a group should get input from the community to determine where the money should go and those recommendations should be made to the governing body. She said it was important to know if the Mayor wanted them to concentrate on that.

Mr. Chavez said it was important to tell the mayor and the governing body that when the parks bond money was done, resources would still be needed to cover things that were undone and ask how the commission should be involved. He thought it was important for any governing body to know that constituents knew who the commission was and came to them and that the commission heard about specific issues and had gained knowledge, history and expertise. He said it was okay to tell the Mayor that they spoke for a constituency and had matured into a group that people came to with their issues.

The commission discussed their ideas of the importance and value of what they do and how the mayor should be updated.

Chair Booth would send the document after she cleaned it up, so it could be printed for the mayor prior to the meeting. Mr. Lehm, Ms. Guerrerortiz and Mr. Agard planned to attend the meeting with Chair Booth and Mr. Coriz might attend.

- Parks Division Activities Update

Mr. Chávez gave an update of the parks. A summary follows:

Ashbaugh –should have 35% design development documents within a week. Designers were told to stay on the available construction allowance.

Park de Del Rio– design was going through the ADA, cultural review and H-board (Historic Design Review Board) etc. and close to ready.

Franklin Ortiz Dog Park – the shelters and irrigation system would go in this month and should be finished in June.

Franklin Miles Park- was about a week from completion; a delay was the concession bathroom but a verbal approval to occupy the building would be received by morning.

Frenchy's Field- under construction and build out would be 90-120 days; should be open by June.

GCCC (Genoveva Chávez Community Park) - was design ready. The park would be south of the center's parking lot.

Larragoite Park- same contract as Frenchy's Field and happening at the same time. It would be closed in mid May for a week for the tennis courts to be resurfaced with CIP money.

Las Acequias- drawings were through ADA and ready to go. Mr. Chávez would meet with the president of the neighborhood association.

Mark Brandt Park-finished except for over seeding and tree planting. Playground equipment in the drainage canal that had been taken out was brought up; the issue was unresolved.

Nava Ade-the design was delayed by land that had to be turned over to the neighborhood and would have to be resolved before starting.

Power Plant Park- a month away from completion and contractors were in and would seed next week. A neighborhood group would try to get CIP money for bathrooms and other amenities.

Salvador Perez- the pool/patio had the last of irrigation going in that week and was anticipated to be ready in two weeks. The park was over budget and had critical drainage engineering erosion control work that had to be done at the soccer fields. The commission might be asked to support going to the park impact fee for money to finish the critical things.

Ragle Park- would have costs this week and would be put in the bid package.

Santa Fe River Park- had moved to Historic review.

Sunny Slope Meadows- should be finished in a week. The community gardens had to be doubled because there were 18 requests.

Colonial Prisma- received money from park impact fees and the contract was awarded; a community meeting would be scheduled after the contract was signed with the designer.

Mr. Coriz asked if there was extra money for two ledges in need of repair at Franklin Miles Park. He was told to send an email of the nature of the repair; there could possibly be money left.

He said Ragle Park wanted a BMX feature and said if anything went in it should be bike *and* skate with some ledges, a bank, etc.; things skaters and bikers would use.

Mr. Chávez said there was a footprint. It wouldn't be built as part of Ragle Park but Mr. Coriz could suggest it be built in-house and language could be put in as a deductive alternate.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS:

- Tierra Contenta Master Plan/Disc Golf- Ms. Guerrerortiz

Ms. Guerrerortiz said the designer was selected for Colonial Prisma and there would be a meeting the end of May. She said the RFP for the Tierra Contenta design would be out the end of April and had been re-written and would not have a limitation on how much the park would cost.

She had talked to Councilor Dominguez on the disc golf, who talked to the city manager about funding.

Mr. Chávez replied he had responded to Councilor Dominguez there was a disc golf course at Ashbaugh. He said the other route might be the master planning at Tierra Contenta; there was no other money in the bond plan. He had mentioned a \$15-\$20,000 build out could be possible out of contingency, CIP (capital improvements plan) or impact fees.

Chair Booth said with two 18 hole golf courses, competitions could be held and a new sector of tourism and economic development could be opened up that could bring in thousands of dollars for a \$15,000 investment.

Mr. Chavez said in the long run it wouldn't just be \$15-20,000. He said there was money at MRC for upgrades and an 18 hole course could be done. It had grass, roughs, parking, bathrooms, concessions and the amenities to support a regional tournament.

- Patrick Torres: Community Gardens /Tree City

Mr. Torres said a task list was developed and prioritized and a mission statement developed. At the meeting later that day, members would discuss Arbor Day next Friday. He said the board had also talked about software and Mr. Wood found iTree for mapping trees. The budget would be about \$3000 for Administration.

Mr. Wood said the program that was planned fell through and the board would come up with another for the specific date.

Chair Booth asked for a report about what was decided.

Ms. Torres said negative press coverage was received on trees that had to be removed and a contribution was made by PNM to replace some.

Mr. Chavez said Keep Santa Fe Beautiful also made a \$1000 contribution for trees in the river channel. He mentioned May 15, Community Days, the Plaza would be open and money had been found to promote Tree City USA. Trees would be bought to give away in a raffle and two large trees would be given with a donation and the purchase of a raffle ticket.

Chair Booth and Ms. Guerrerortiz agreed to work the booth for an hour at the Parks Department and Tree City USA table.

- Tom Agard: Organized Youth Sports and Survey / Workforce Development / Safe Routes to Schools / Meeting Report

Mr. Agard said Youth Sports opening day was at Salvador Perez with ceremonies at 11 a.m. He said it would be kids and families and games would be played.

He said Safe Routes to School (Safe Routes) would go out the 26th to give a baseline for Chaparral School and would proceed even though Chaparral was scheduled to close in 2013. He said in the fall there would be a ride for Safe Routes Week. He said in the meantime anything with respect to trails,

schools, libraries in the immediate proximity should be looked at as to how it would tie into the program because it could be a windfall in the future for state and federal funds.

Chair Booth asked if Safe Routes participated in MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) and BTAC (Bicycle Trail Advisory Committee) meetings. She had heard it mentioned they weren't well known and being present at those meetings was important.

He said he met with the PDAWG Task Force and Ms. Saccone outlined the meeting (Exhibit 1.) He said everyone was in agreement prairie dogs should be removed humanely.

Mr. Agard said it was agreed the intent of the ordinance hadn't produced the results intended. PDAWG wanted more transparency and open communication and oversight on the relocation. He said citizen science programs existed throughout the country like the International Crane Foundation, where migrating birds were tracked. He said the City of Santa Fe could adopt something and set aside a day the public could monitor and identify prairie dog burrows and afterwards they could move forward on a plan.

He said the next step was for the commission to have another meeting with PDAWG and he would also meet with them again. He said target sites should be identified like Frenchy's Field to identify the populations; or GIS maps might suffice.

Chair Booth said she appreciated Mr. Agard keeping the issue on the burner. She said the city spent a lot of money dealing with the issue ad hoc and a management plan to take care of the parks and the prairie dogs made sense.

- Joe Lehm: Bike paths and connections / Skate Parks

Mr. Lehm gave the following updates:

- The bike path through Franklin Miles Park to the Skateboard Park was great for the skate boarders from that neighborhood.
- The RFP for the DeVargas Skate Park would go out in May.
- The Face Book group put together by Santa Fe Community College had exciting discussions. DeVargas Park was referred to by the skateboarder's as the Old Park and the Carlos Rey Park was called the New Park. He said they were trying to get language about the future park (Tierra Contenta) to eliminate confusion about what the New Park was and would take pressure off of what happened at DeVargas Park.

- Daniel Coriz: NW Quadrant / BMX / La Tierra Torture

Mr. Coriz gave an update:

- The new ledge made a significant difference and work was started on FMP.
- The work was started on the MRC racecourse and help was received from Mr. Chávez and would take another two or three days. He said the track was a beginner level course and beginners to experts rode it.
- He met with Emily Oaksford and Claudia from City Planning and had two user group meetings; a BMX Trails and Motocross Track. Amenities were discussed and it looked

as though they would receive the spot for BMX. A big issue with motocross was how to get into the area. He said it was part of the planning process and they were now on the map. Photos of the motocross track were passed around.

The commission discussed the track and the opposition to it and Chair Booth asked about the legality of the riders to be in the area and said that should be looked at.

- Jessie Esparza: Community Gardens

Ms. Esparza said there was a neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, May 4 at the Galisteo tennis courts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Gardini, a skateboarder asked where Tierra Contenta was. Ms. Guerrerortiz explained it was a planned regional Park that was hoped to be developed at 599 and Jaguar Road.

Chair Booth asked how information could be communicated to everyone. She said people came to the meeting asking the same questions.

It was discussed how skaters could receive specific information from Mr. Lehm and how to use the meetings for ideas they wanted done. Chair Booth said the commission wanted their voice and their comments and explained to Mr. Gardini how he could be on the agenda to discuss issues. She said there were also public meetings about Tierra Contenta and the skaters should get organized and speak with one voice to be more strategic.

Peggy Bishard of the PDAWG Task Force said she wanted to clarify one thing mentioned by Mr. Agard about the citizen science group. She said Earth Guardians had done mapping in the city of the prairie dog populations but it was old and they were on the cusp of mapping again because the population had changed so much. She wasn't sure when the information would be put out.

Chair Booth asked Ms. Bishard to give her that information and keep her in the loop.

DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

May 18, 2010 at Frenchy's Field.

ADJOURN:

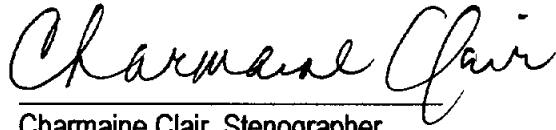
Ms. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Torres seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Approved by:


Bette Booth, Chair

Submitted by:



Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

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Date: 4/19/2010 9:24:03 PM
Subject: Notes from 04/01/10 PDAWG Meeting

EXHIBIT 1
POSA
April 20, 2010

Monday, April 19, 2010

Dear Tom,

Thank you for meeting with the steering committee of The PDAWG Task Force on April 1, 2010. I am sorry that this acknowledgement is long overdue, but I'm sure you can understand how busy life gets.

Late yesterday afternoon, Peggene informed me that the next Parks & Open Space Advisory Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 4/20/10, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. At least one PDAWG member will attend.

Peggene also mentioned that you may want to clarify some points discussed at our meeting. To that end, the following are notes reflecting some of what was discussed and agreed upon:

1. It was acknowledged that both parties (i.e., PDAWG and Youth Sports Leagues) agree that prairie dogs should be humanely removed from all parks and playing fields, except Frenchy's Field.
2. Tom Agard was of the opinion that the Prairie Dog Relocation Ordinance does not work. PDAWG clarified that the Ordinance does work, with high survival rates, when properly funded, implemented and enforced.
3. It was agreed that the City seemed to be providing no follow-through on the "Status Report" (final issue in January 2010) with regard to both prairie dog management, and plague management/response.
4. Tom Agard reported that for insurance purposes Youth Sports Leagues need some plan or report on how the fields are being maintained.
5. We discussed the goal of opening up a dialogue with city staff to move forward with an "Urban Wildlife Management Plan" (to be more proactive in avoiding human-prairie dog conflicts), as well as developing a separate "Plague Management & Response Plan".

- Tom Agard suggested the "Urban Wildlife Management Plan" could be conducted as a graduate study/thesis.

6. Tom Agard explained the process through which the Advisory Commission could make recommendations to the governing body (i.e., through an action item). He agreed to put this on the agenda for the next Parks & Open Space Advisory Commission meeting. Recommendations would include the implementation and enforcement of the Ordinance with:

- Transparency and open communication
- Oversight of relocation (by PDAWG or other qualified objective third party)
- Urban Wildlife Management Plan (with stakeholder participation)
- Plague Management & Response Plan (with stakeholder participation)

PDAWG reiterated that it would not endorse any action item that indicates the Ordinance does not work.

Tom, thank you again for your input and shared concerns. We look forward to working collaboratively with you and the Parks & Open Space Advisory Commission. Please let me know if you need further clarification on any of the above.

Regards,

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