CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-22

INTRODUCED BY:

[Signatures]

A RESOLUTION

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ADOPTING A RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING A PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the governing body adopted Resolution No. 1999-62 creating the parks
advisory committee and adopted Resolution No. 2003-11 amending the membership requirements
of the parks advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, the parks advisory committee had a limited focus and has for some time
been nonfunctioning; and

WHEREAS, the governing body passed Resolution No. 2001-80 adopting the City of
Santa Fe Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the governing body recognizes the need to reestablish an active advisory
committee to look at parks and open space in a holistic manner; and

WHEREAS, the governing body recognizes that significant resources are needed to
implement the Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan and desires to enlist
advisory committees to make recommendations regarding the priorities for funding improvements in the plan prior to asking the voters to approve a general obligation bond to fund the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the governing body needs ongoing advice regarding all park and open space related issues including, but not limited to, the acquisition, dedication, development, operation and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, because parks and open space are closely related to trails as well as to the city’s recreational facilities and are also some of the most critical areas of infiltration for storm water in the Santa Fe watershed, the work of the parks and open space advisory commission will need to be coordinated within the public works department’s various divisions and with the community services department, the bicycle and trails advisory committee and the Santa Fe river commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that Resolutions No. 1999-62 and No. 2003-11 are rescinded.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Section 1. NAME. The Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission.

Section 2. PURPOSE. The commission shall review and make recommendations to the governing body and city staff related to parks and open space.

Section 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

A. The commission shall make recommendations regarding the priorities for funding parks and open space improvements in the Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan in a timely manner in anticipation of the regular municipal election in March 2008 wherein the governing body may ask the voters to approve a general obligation bond to fund the improvements.

B. The commission shall provide ongoing advice regarding all park and open space
related issues including, but not limited to, the acquisition, dedication, planning, development,
construction, operation and maintenance.

C. The commission shall consult with the following groups as needed: the public
works department’s various divisions; the recreation division of the community services
department; the planning and land use department; the county of Santa Fe; the bicycle and trails
advisory committee; the Santa Fe River commission; the planning commission; the Genoveva
Chavez community center advisory committee; and the municipal recreation complex advisory
committee.

Section 4. MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS.

A. The commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the mayor with the
approval of the city council. Members shall be persons who have expressed an interest in serving
on the commission; who represent a broad range of park and open space users; have backgrounds
related to active, passive, regional, community, or neighborhood parks or open space policies;
have knowledge of park or open space use, maintenance or construction; and who are qualified by
training, experience, and ability to exercise sound and practical judgment regarding the duties and
responsibilities of the commission.

B. The mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall appoint the chairperson.
The chairperson shall designate the vice chairperson. The chairperson shall serve as chairperson
for a period of one year. Following one year of service, the chairperson shall be elected (or
reelected) by the members of the commission.

C. The chairperson shall appoint sub-committees and sub-committee chairpersons as
needed.

Section 5. TERMS. Of the initial appointments, four of the members shall be
appointed for two year terms and five shall be appointed for four year terms. Subsequent terms
shall be for four years to maintain staggering of terms. There shall be no limitation to the number
of consecutive terms a member may serve. The chairman shall serve for a two year term. After
three consecutive unexcused absences a commission member shall be automatically removed and
notified thereof by the chairman. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as initial
appointments and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any member of the
commission may be removed by the mayor with the approval of the city council, with or without
cause.

Section 6. MEETINGS. A quorum shall be at least five members. The
commission shall meet at least once per month and shall conduct all meetings in accordance with
adopted city policy and procedures.

Section 7. STAFF. The parks division shall serve as the primary liaison to
the commission. Depending upon the issue, other city staff may also be required to assist the
commission.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 28th day of February 2007.

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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