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Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission

Railyard Community Room

701 Callejon

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

3:00 -5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of Minutes: November 2009 and April 2011
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Old Business
 - Priority Recommendations for Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreational Facilities Planning Process / Support for the S.W. Activity Node/Regional Park – Action Item
 - Parks Division Update
 - Pump track in Ft. Marcy Park – Action Item
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 - Tom Agard: Organized Youth Sports and Survey / Workforce Development / Trails to Schools
 - Jessie Esparza: Community Gardens
 - Martin Ortega:
 - Anna Hansen: Art in Parks / MPO Meetings and MPO Bicycle Committee meetings / Disc Golf
 - Daniel Coriz: NW Quadrant / BMX
 - Oralynn Guerrerortiz: Tierra Contenta Master Plan
 - Joe Lehm: Bike paths and connections / Skate Parks
 - Patrick Torres: Community Gardens / Tree City
 - Sandie Taylor: Ten Park Histories on the Portal / Tree City
 - Bette Booth: Graffiti / Youth Involvement / Prairie Dogs
8. Public Comments
9. Confirm date and time for the next meeting

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**MEETING MINUTES
FOR THE
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

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 3:30 pm at the Rail Yard Community Room, 701 Callejon, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated a lack of quorum but was established later as follows:

Members Present

Bette Booth, Chair
Anna Hansen (arrived later)
Tom Agard
Martin Ortega
Sandra Taylor
Patrick Torres (arrived later)

Members Absent

Oralynn Guerrerortiz (excused)
Daniel Coriz
Joe Lehm (excused)

Staff Present

Fabian Chavez, Parks Director

Others Present

Councilor Carmichael Dominguez
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

While waiting for quorum Chair Booth started the meeting with Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS (Revised Agenda Order)

- Priority Recommendations for Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreational Facilities Planning Process/ Support for the Southwest Activity Node/Regional Park- Action Item

Chair Booth said that phase 1 Parks Staff and internal suggestions was done and Mr. Chavez has the files. On the inventory of parks, the location of some parks was still a question. Inventory was by district because it was the most useful for Councilors and ultimately, could be alphabetical.

Chair Booth said the idea was a list on the website of all parks, either alphabetically or by area/location with the amenities to where there were ball fields; a place with tables for family gatherings, etc.

Chair Booth said phase 2 was a public input process that looked at constituencies that had no voice in the first bond. She said she met with the Warehouse 21 Advisory Group for the youth constituency.

The group was concerned about the Rail Yard Park and suggested banners for kids to write, draw and sketch etc., what they liked about Santa Fe parks and what they want to see.

Chair Villa said she would attend the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board (MYAB) meeting at 4:30 on Thursday and members were invited to join her.

Chair Booth said she attended the COLTPAC (County Open Land, Trails and Parks Advisory Commission) meeting. She thought coordination could be strengthened in several areas depending on annexation. She said COLTPAC was invited to do a presentation and that could happen in June.

Chair Booth said the skateboarders met. She asked about other constituencies that should be talked with. Ms. Suzanne was asked what about the Recreation Department.

Ms. Suzanne suggested including more organized sports groups like the Santa Fe Skaters Association and the swim clubs. Mr. Agard added he had contacted Miguel with the Otters and Teresa with the Seals but he hasn't talked with anyone from Santa Fe Aquatics because he didn't have a contact. Ms. Suzanne offered to provide one.

Ms. Suzanne said that Martin Lujan was working on the spreadsheet for contingency. She said because there was no longer a Parks and Recreation Department and the programming was different there were many independent users that run the leagues. She has seen that Recreation was now thought of as gymnasium/indoor facilities and Parks as outdoor.

Councilor Dominguez asked if school facilities were included in any analyses. He was told they were not but could be included. He said Capital High School was not a part of the joint use agreement with the City and was not part of the MOU although the field was used quite a bit. He said the City has trouble maintaining facilities now that were shared and security and maintenance with larger schools was a concern.

Councilor Dominguez said the Airport Road resolution asked Staff to look at the MOU and potentially expand it.

Chair Booth passed out a list of themes and trends she heard floating to the top in discussions with the Commissioners, City Councilors, Mayor and Park Staff. She asked the Commissioners to review by the next meeting, the list of themes and trends and the Excel files and said hopefully the amenities and organized sports survey would be done. As a group they would decide what's important and if something should be added etc. to provide some guidance to the Council and Parks Staff.

Mr. Agard said he thought it impossible to just observe what was implemented and said it was difficult to tell what was done or how money was spent and he thought that was Staff's job. He said more public input was needed to give direction to the Governing Body as to the stakeholders contacted.

Chair Booth agreed and said that has been the focus. She said the Commission's job was to collect accurate information through a public participatory process and provide that to Parks Staff.

Mr. Ortega said they have the list of groups and surveys that gather information. He said the flip side was that district 4 had a lot of team sports, BMX'ers, skateboarders and a large group of people that were off the grid that use the parks. He said street hockey was played in Herb Martinez and a large influx of kids play soccer there. He asked how to garner input from groups like those who were smaller but utilize the parks on a daily basis.

Chair Booth said parks receiving significant changes and the new parks have always had a public input process and a survey was generally sent to people within a certain area assumed to use the parks more than others. She said she recommended more community involvement in several at-risk parks such as Los Milagros that have a lot of vandalism and graffiti and people don't feel safe.

Mr. Agard said he tried to correlate with neighborhood associations registered with the City and has contacted neighborhoods adjacent to parks. He suggested a suggestion box.

Ms. Taylor said the thing that continues to surface was maintenance. She said Councilor Wurzbarger said she doesn't want to build new parks until the City could maintain what they have.

Chair Booth asked Councilor Dominguez to talk about the Southwest Activity Node Regional Park.

Councilor Dominguez said the first public meeting was two weeks ago. He said he was there to solicit a formal endorsement from the Commission to get the park on the list of parks that need to be built. He said the space was 96 acres and not many spaces were available in that part of the community like that.

Councilor Dominguez said a cross section of about 120 people of different age groups attended. The design team started the meeting by explaining the exercise and maps were available for people to identify park locations and other facilities like the fire stations, Southside Library, etc.

Councilor Dominguez said there was no formal discussion but a suggestion box was available for people to give feedback and Staff and the design team was available to answer questions. He said the Park is in the conceptual stage and the big question was how to maintain the park, once built.

Councilor Dominguez said on July 7 a formal presentation would be done with questions and answers afterwards. He said the police department was expected to endorse the park as well as the Chamber of Commerce and the Realtor's Association.

Chair Booth said the item was an action item but the meeting had no quorum for a vote. She opened the discussion for informal comments.

Mr. Agard said the park would happen and the space was a treasure. He said for everyone to buy in and work together was important. He thought a bond issue would be needed to get the funding.

Councilor Dominguez said he would work with colleagues on the City Council to get the first phase (funding) from CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) and would be creative in finding the money.

Mr. Ortega thought that was an excellent idea. He said that part of town was the faster growing part of Santa Fe. He said again, how to fund the park was an issue.

Ms. Taylor said the park has to happen and is needed; funding is an issue and her mantra is always maintenance. She said she would caution not to build the park and then worry about the maintenance.

Chair Booth said she heard people that said the open space was beautiful and why not use the school facilities for ball fields and keep this as open space with trails and BMX. She said this might not be the right place for the skate park. She said the public process involves a lot of different user groups and that would determine the outcome.

Chair Booth said without a vote she could say the four Commissioners present were supportive of the park and when it came to a vote, those not present would also support the park. She thanked Councilor Dominguez and said the issue would be an action item on the next month's agenda.

- Park Division Update

Chris Ortiz said he has been with the Parks Division for 20 years and acted now as the active interim superintendant. He said Mr. Chavez asked him to provide an update of the Parks. A summary follows:

Ragle Park- has been seeded and a punch list would be done by next week. The BMX disturbed areas would be looked at and amended to the original state.

GCC- has been seeded and irrigation and trees were in; the fence posts and cable, a shade structure and playground equipment would be installed.

Via Caballero- crusher fine would be down this week.

Galisteo Park-half of the irrigation work was done and half of the concrete would be poured to meet ADA requirements.

Macione Park- waited approval from the State Historic Preservation Office on the irrigation system.

Calle Lorca- plans and materials were being approved.

Herb Martinez- irrigation would be switched from manual to automatic; trees and park furniture would be installed.

Villa Linda – ADA work would be done; ten trees would be installed; some playground equipment would be added.

MRC- the parking lots were finished; soccer valley and the baseball fields would be rehabilitated and sod installed.

Ms. Taylor asked if there was a plan if the City said no more outdoor irrigation.

Mr. Chavez said if that level was reached Parks Department would default to 80% water demand. The portable sensor would read the soil moisture conditions for automated areas and the computer would automatically adjust the amount of time needed.

Ms. Hansen and Mr. Torres entered the meeting at this time.

Chair Booth said there should be a discussion on water and climate change and a presentation on sustainability water issues. She said next on the list was to make all of the parks efficient.

Mr. Chavez said the majority (80-90 %) of the parks were on the automated system. He gave examples of pocket parks on stand-alone, battery operated irrigation because of the expense.

Chair Booth confirmed that BMX would be finished in Ragle and asked if the skate park would be also.

Mr. Chavez said Western Summit offered to build the skate park and include a shade structure contingent on donations and he wasn't sure that would happen.

Having established quorum, the Chair returned to the agenda order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

November, 2009

Mr. Torres moved to approve the Minutes of November, 2009 as presented. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion and the minutes were passed by unanimous voice vote.

April, 2011

Page 5, paragraph 7, last line: "Mr. Ortega agreed to contact Alta Vista" was clarified that this was to get the list of schools.

Page 7, third paragraph under NW Quadrant: "Chair Booth asked the status on Ragle and said it was only 60% done." "It" referred to the BMX Skate Park.

Page 8, under Public Comments: reference to POSA (Parks and Open Space Advisory) should be POSAC (Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission.)

Mr. Torres moved to approve the Minutes of April, 2011 as amended. Mr. Ortega seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Taylor moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Mr. Torres seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

- Pump Track at Fort Marcy.

Mr. Henry Lenman showed the plan designed for Fort Marcy. He said a plan and proposal was submitted for the pump track and changes could be made to be smaller or larger and would depend on resource availability. A public meeting was planned for feedback.

Mr. Lenman said the Fat Tire Society wants to be involved and provided 20 people a day and would aid in construction. He said Bob Ward has mentioned a possible grant he would receive from REI that might be used to install the pump track.

Mr. Lenman said a concern was the amount of dirt (about 30 cubic yards.) required for the pump track.

Mr. Chavez said the designer would scale the plan and no features would be removed. Flyers would be sent to the immediate neighborhood and Mr. Lenman would have to sell the value of the pump track to the neighborhood.

Chair Booth asked the timeline was for the pump track and was told June because Mr. Lenman would be gone in July.

Ms. Hansen moved that the Commission support the pump track and Mr. Lenman move forward with a public hearing. Mr. Ortega seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Booth thanked Mr. Lenman and said he should move forward with the idea.

Chair Booth asked the status on the De Vargas Skate Park contract and was told the contract was signed, the purchase order was done and the designers were on board.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS:

- Tom Agard: Organized Youth Sports and Survey / Workforce Development / Trails to Schools

Mr. Agard said he understood the City still moved forward with the fees. He said he hasn't heard from Ike Pino but heard Mr. Pino would meet with Mr. Chavez. The Leagues were opposed to *individual* fees and thought that could disenfranchise a large section of the population they want in the parks.

Mr. Chavez said Mr. Pino planned a meeting with all of the leagues/players/users etc. and would start from scratch before the City moved forward with the fee schedule. The Parks Department was asked for the actual costs to maintain athletic fields as a talking point for the public.

Chair Booth said 11 of the 19 survey groups have responded but baseball has not. She said Mr. Agard would circle back and the skate and swim clubs would be added and the survey would take a couple of weeks to finish.

Disc golf and Ultimate Frisbee were discussed. Chair Booth said disc golf was included in the recommendations.

- Jessie Esparza: Community Gardens

The community gardens were full; La Familia was trying to get started and other community gardens had pitched in to help. Frenchy's would have a garden blessing at 5:30 p.m. Friday. An orchard was requested at Adam Armijo Park.

- Mr. Ortega

Mr. Ortega said on the district 4 issues; he was still trying to try contact public schools for the list. He said he contacted Trent regarding the prairie dog removal and Trent was unaware of the colony that relocated and said he would address the issue this week.

- Anna Hansen: Art in Parks / MPO Meetings/ MPO Bicycle Committee/ Disc Golf

Ms. Hansen said Saturday was Community Day on the Plaza and she and Mr. Chávez, Mr. Agard and Mr. Wood had a great time and gave out trees. She suggested that people only be allowed to win one or two trees next year.

She said she took great pictures and sent them to Mr. Wood of the bridge and Tree City ribbon cutting.

Ms. Hansen said she attends the Bicycle Master Plan meetings and Tim Rogers was writing language for the Bicycle Master Plan. Members were refining the language to be more concise.

She said the Sunday newspaper had 10 reasons to get on a bike and the 10 most dangerous spots in the City. She thought it interesting how many people have fallen at Cerrillos and St. Francis Drive.

Ms. Hansen said installation for Ragle Park, Art in the Parks wouldn't happen until August/September.

Chair Booth asked if the Bicycle Master Plan would be ready to be input into the bond planning. She thought to connect the plan and the parks would be a major focus of the bond.

Ms. Hansen she thought there could be a plan ready in July. She said the meetings were the second Tuesday of every month in the library and encouraged anyone to attend.

- Daniel Coriz: NW Quadrant / BMX

Chair Booth read information sent by Margaret Alexander. Ms. Alexander said Mr. Coriz and Rich Strang gave a lesson on Thursday on how to make trails; hard pack adobe and said the was holding up well and the trail looks great. She said it was great to learn from them.

Ms. Alexander wrote because the trail (segment 10) was completed so quickly the National Trails Day on Saturday, June 4 and the MTD event would be switched to the Windsor Trail.

- Oralynn Guerrerortiz: Tierra Contenta Master Plan

Previously discussed by Councilor Dominguez

- Patrick Torres: Community Gardens /Tree City

Mr. Torres said he had nothing on the community gardens other than La Familia needs help.

He said Tree City planted a couple of trees and had a ribbon cutting for the new bridge at the Baca and Lafayette Bicycle Trail on Arbor Day (April 29.) Mayor Coss and Councilor Ortiz attended with 60-70 others; kids sang and participated in the tree planting and about 40-50 trees were given out.

- Sandra Taylor: Ten Park Histories

Ms. Taylor said most were done and she waited on the website.

- Bette Booth: Graffiti/Youth Involvement/Prairie Dogs

Mr. Chavez said on the prairie dogs the birthing/weaning season should be over in another week and Trent would go back to Herb Martinez. He said Larragoite had three prairie dogs at the end of the season and now had about 15 prairie dogs that came from vacant lots to the west and/or people who caught prairie dogs and brought them to the park.

Mr. Agard thanked Mr. Chavez for getting plant materials locally and said the nurseries really appreciated that.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: June 21, 2011- Rail Yard Community Room

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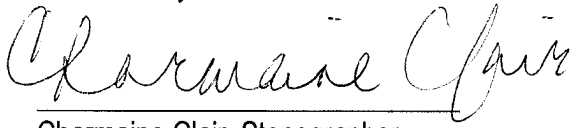
Mr. Torres moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Agard seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:52:p.m.

Approved by:

Bette Booth, Chair

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charmaine Clair". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer