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**Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission
The Barn at Frenchy's Field
Osage and Agua Fria Streets
Tuesday February 19, 2013
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of Minutes: January 15, 2013
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Old Business: Parks Department Update
6. New Business
 - Liability and legal issues in Parks and Open Spaces: Judy Amer, City Attorney's Office and Barbara Boltrek, Risk & Safety Manager: Public Discussion and Action Item
 - AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CITY OF SANTA FE SPORTS FIELDS TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN MRC SPORTS FIELDS AND OTHER CITY OF SANTA FE SPORTS FIELDS; AMENDING ARTICLE 23-7 SFCC 1987 TO SEPARATE REQUIREMENTS FOR MRC SPORTS AND OTHER CITY SPORTS FIELDS AND MAKING SUCH OTHER CHANGES AS ARE NECESSARY; CREATING A NEW SECTION 23-4.12 TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS, FEES AND RATES FOR CITY SPORTS FIELDS, OTHER THAN MRC SPORTS FIELDS; AND ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTARY SPORTS FIELD MAINTENANCE FUND. (Councilor Carmichael Dominguez): Public Discussion and Action Item
1. Possible Reports from POSAC Commissioners
 - Oralynn Guerreortiz: District 1, Tierra Contenta parks and trails connections.
 - Joe Lehm: District 1, Skate Parks, Wheel-friendly Trail connections
 - Daniel Coriz: Youth, BMX, motocross & pump track building and maintenance.
 - Pat Torres – Extension, Tree City, Community Gardens
 - Anna Hansen - District 3 / Bicycle MPO Implementation, Art in the Parks, Acequia trail connections to parks, especially Ashbaugh
 - Sandie Taylor: District 2 / Parks History/ Tree City
 - Bette Booth: District 3, BTAC/ POSAC Coordination, Parks on the City Web site, Youth involvement, Prairie dogs, Parks and Trails Co-management, Planning for the Future.
2. Public Comments
3. Confirm date and time for the next meeting March February 19, 2013

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013

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, Osage and Agua Fria, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Bette Booth, Chair
Daniel Coriz
Anna Hansen
Joe Lehm
Sandra Taylor
Melissa McDonald

Members Absent

Oralynn Guerrerortiz (Excused)
Patrick Torres (Excused)

Staff Present

Jesse Esparza, Parks Department
Jennifer Romero, Parks Department
Isaac Pino, Parks Director

Others Present

Barbara Boltrek, Risk Management
Judy Amer, City Attorney's Office
Melissa Byers, City Attorney's Office
Margaret Alexander, Trails Alliance of Santa Fe
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

A sign in sheet is herein incorporated for those attending the meeting. (Exhibit 1)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- January 15, 2013

Page 7, 4th paragraph: the reference to "pocket parks" was clarified as new parks given by developers. The discussion was whether the parks should be called new parks when they have no park feature. Page 11, sixth paragraph: "Mr. Gurule said \$750,000 was reallocated from the 2008 Parks Bond" should be changed to read: "Mr. Gurule said that of the \$750,000 that was reallocated from the 2008 parks bond, \$100,000 was for cameras."

Ms. Taylor moved to approve the January 15, 2013 minutes as amended. Ms. McDonald seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Parks Department Update: General Update

Jennifer Romero with MRC and Marty Sanchez Golf Course (MSL) provided an update on behalf of Mr. Gurule. A summary of Ms. Romero's update follows:

- The Northwest Quadrant Parks Volunteer Coordinator technical area position is being routed for approval.
- At MSL: a construction rate special would be effective March first to promote the course during road construction beginning in March. Winter Fitness workshops would be held every Saturday and open to the public and golf course. Pro golfer Ross Nettles would hold *Cup of Joe with the Pro*; a series of workshops focused on golf basics. Maintenance projects are ongoing throughout the golf course; pruning, watering of the greens. The irrigation system will be turned on for MRC and MSL.
- Jason Kluck provided a cost estimate (approximately \$60,000) to cover the reinstallation of bricks at the library.
- The Ashbaugh to Los Pinos property project is pending. The bridge will connect the trail between Los Pinos property and Ashbaugh Park and tentative installation was last week.
- Update on the 2008 Bond; Adam Armijo, Ranchos Del Sol, Milagros and Candelero Park and is currently being worked on and within budget.
- On the 2012 Bond: the Implementation Plan was approved by the various committees. The Governing Body and the Finance Department is selling about \$6,759,490 in bonds, to be expended over FY 2013-2014.
- In the Northwest Quadrant, water tanks would be installed this week at the BMX and pumptrack. A meeting will be held this week to see what is needed from the Parks Department for the upcoming La Tierra Torture Trail Run.
- Parque Del Rio: construction continues at West Vargas, Louis Montano and near Galisteo Street.
- League Fees: Ms. Romero and Ms. Lopez met with Councilor Dominguez. The Councilor recommends an ordinance revision change that reduces youth leagues at City parks to a \$25 permit fee and five dollar per team fee. The change of fees would impact revenue for parks cleaning and \$150 permit fee to the Plaza and other fees to the general fund, including fees for superintendent of parks, administration, over time and park permit fees.
- A request was made for a Water Division audit of the billing for all parks and to coordinate meter readers and Parks staff in reading the meters in the future.
- The Petry statue at City Hall is about 75% complete. A change of sand to concrete grouting is being considered.
- The Ft. Marcy Zozobra event cost proposal is \$100,143; funding and ADA would be looked at.
- The Parks Department is working on the FY 2013/2014 budget and will meet with the Public Works Director on Monday. The hope is some funding could be put in for capital outlay.
- The Arterials crew is working on major arterials citywide.

Ms. Hansen provided update on the Ashbaugh/Los Pinos property. She said the bridge is a logistical nightmare to install because of electrical lines and installation is planned for the end of the month. She hopes to plan a ribbon cutting as soon after that as possible.

Mr. Coriz asked if maintenance assistance would be available at the BMX track at MRC. Ms. Romero said that could be discussed with Chris Ortiz and John Pacheco.

Chair Booth asked if a meeting could be set up with Mr. Ortiz and others to develop a maintenance schedule. She would follow up with Mr. Ortiz through e-mails.

Ms. McDonald said the Water Conservation Committee and Utilities looked at pilot projects with Fireflies ("reading the meter without opening the can.") She said the Committee wants to create a meter reading system (residential) where individuals could read their meter at any time. She said it would be good if the Maintenance Department could be connected.

Ms. Taylor expressed caution in the use of Fireflies. She said Fireflies was inaccurate; a bill would be received one month for zero gallons and the next month for 5,000,000 gallons.

Ms. McDonald agreed Fireflies was a disaster. She said overall water conservation is dependent on people knowing how much water they use daily and she suggested they be open-minded.

Chair Booth said she sent out the new CIT reallocation of \$2 million. She said this is a resolution but has not been adopted yet. Ms. Byers added that the resolution was introduced at City Council the previous week and would go to Public Works on Monday for approval.

Ms. McDonald said she wanted to plug water conservation measures such as flow meters and thought it would be good if focus could be shifted to that. Mr. Ortiz responded that that every Parks system put in now has flow meters and a lot of water conservation is done through that.

Mr. Lehm noted that the design for DeVargas Park is \$30,000. He thought starting with \$15,000 and having to do a design wouldn't be worth doing.

Chair Booth said the item wasn't an action item. She suggested members individually call Councilor Trujillo and Councilor Wurzbarger to ask to increase the budget at least \$30,000.

Mr. Lehm said he would contact Brian Drypolcher.

Chair Booth said Nic Smith; the Executive Director for the Northern Soccer Club is a candidate for Tom Agard's position. The position would be open a little longer and Mr. Smith would be interviewed.

Chair Booth said also; a new grant was received by the City to do an urban and community forest initiative. There would be a two and a half day roundtable discussion and someone from the MTB (Municipal Tree Board) would attend the entire discussion. She would go part of the time.

Chair Booth said Park Impact Fees have \$174,207 and are not currently being taken from developers. She suggested the Commission discuss the list of parks improvements in the future and work with staff to ensure the list is updated and reflects the current status.

NEW BUSINESS

- Liability and legal issues in Parks and Open Spaces: Judy Amer, City Attorney's Office and Barbara Boltrek, Risk & Safety Manager: Public Discussion and Action Item

Chair Booth said there were two issues and the first is liability of volunteers in parks and what volunteers could do.

Ms. Amer said she is familiar only with the "Adopt a Median Program." She said that has several waivers of liability and she wasn't sure if that could be used as a model for the Park program.

Chair Booth said examples of volunteers in parks is the annual dog park cleanup day and the Labyrinth, which was created and maintained with volunteers without a written agreement.

She explained that the discussion was because of an instance where volunteers for the skate park worked with Mr. Chávez. The volunteers installed metal skate features that were approved by Mr. Chávez but the features were then taken out. The skate park community is upset and questions why they should continue to volunteer.

Ms. Boltrek said it is necessary to go through the Park Division and there is a procedure through Mr. Ortiz and his crew to ensure compliance with all federal and state guidelines.

Mr. Ortiz said he has a guideline that depends on structure. He said if Parks couldn't approve the request it would go through Frank.

Ms. Hansen said the Santa Fe Watershed takes liability for their "Adopt a River."

Ms. McDonald said the "Adopt a Median" is a good example. She thought it important that the City not over think the issue and make it too hard for people to get involved. She said someone who wants to trim roses at the Rose Park, like the Rose Club, shouldn't have to have a schematic. She said there has to be different protocol and there should be flexibility because the City wants people to "own the parks."

Mr. Lehm said there should be differentiation between something being constructed and "clean-up" like at the dog park or the River.

Margaret Alexander with Trails Alliance of Santa Fe said the organization was born out of the Santa Fe Conservation Trust whose mission is to look out for conservation easement for private property. She said there is a need for volunteers for trail maintenance. The volunteers have their own tools, there is no budget and volunteers meet monthly and often work spur of the moment.

Ms. Alexander thought if volunteers have to go through procedures with schematics, etc., it would be difficult to get things done. She emphasized not to put too many impediments because volunteers don't have the time or the inclination to do a lot of paperwork.

Ms. Boltrek said the City appreciates what the volunteers do and wants volunteers as much as possible. She thought Mr. Ortiz was referring to the building of structures on public lands, rather than maintenance.

She recommended an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the Trails Alliance that has a scope of work. Ms. Amer suggested meeting with the City Manager.

Steve Washburn, with Trails Alliance and the Fat Tire Society said that would be great with general maintenance but still means someone from the City would have to give approval.

He said he moved to New Mexico from Seattle where there are two world class bike parks. He said in Seattle, the city designated people to maintain and build things and identified a process for that. He said he was surprised there wasn't something like that in New Mexico, and he has become a squeaky wheel.

Mr. Washburn said he represented the Bike Club and Trails Alliance at the National Trail Builders Association meeting in Albuquerque the previous week. He learned that the rest of the country is going through the same issues and there isn't an approach that works for every state. He said an MOU would be a good start.

The Commission and attendees discussed the idea of an MOU. Proper maintenance was said to be important and possibly dangerous if not properly maintained and built. There is also a need to have people who are trained and not just anyone that would work on trails with jumps.

Chair Booth asked Mr. Washburn to summarize what he learned were relevant about liability issues.

Mr. Washburn recalled information given by the president of the National Professional Trail Builders Association at the meeting:

- The builders, landowners, trail managers, volunteer organizations, and the local government associations are generally liable.
- There should be a person who understands the best practices for tracks, skate parks etc. instead of just the use of building standards.
- Risks and hazards are two things people tend to sue over; risks are inherent, like motocross. A hazard is a stick that sticks up where someone could fall over or hit it.
- There should be one place where people enter and all risks are identified that is associated with the activity. Risks should be managed and as many hazards as possible should be eliminated for a better defense in a legal challenge, lawsuit or injury.

Ms. Amer said New Mexico law doesn't make the City immune from liability for negligent operation and maintenance of parks; the Torque Claims Act was instituted, and carved out areas where the City is not immune from liability. Even the delegation of the duty to a contractor does not release the City from liability for negligent operation and maintenance.

Ms. Amer stated that some states are carving out inherently dangerous or hazardous activities from the liability. She thought that organizations could lobby for that in the Legislature.

Ms. Hansen moved that the Parks staff and interested citizens or organizations work together to draft an MOU to work on the trails and parks.

Ms. Taylor made a friendly amendment that the motion includes the phrase *"to be presented and discussed with the City Manager, the Parks Director, POSAC and the Legal Department."*

Mr. Lehm seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Booth asked what options there were for the question of liability at the motocross park.

Ms. Boltrek said the City's insurance company risk consultant assessed the park and would respond within 10 days. She said at that point Travelers Insurance Company would say if they would insure the park and give mandates with regard to the park being manned or for required changes.

Chair Booth asked if an option was to get a rider with other insurance companies. Ms. Boltrek replied the preference is with Travelers, which is one of the largest. Other companies could be looked at but the City would still be bound by Travelers recommendations.

Mr. Coriz said the insurance company doesn't have the criteria to properly assess the parks or motocross; there are no national standards.

The group discussed the process and how other parks are insured. One idea was for the City to lease the land to a nonprofit or a private company.

Ms. Boltrek suggested lobbying the Legislature; several states have recreational immunity. Ms. Amer added that currently there is nothing specific in New Mexico law that allows immunity for recreation or hazardous activities.

Chair Booth said another option discussed was to lease the land to a nonprofit; the question is where the nonprofit would get the money to pay for insurance.

The group discussed the possibility of charging for the facility.

Ms. McDonald suggested the Commission wait for the insurance company recommendation.

- **An Ordinance Relating To City Of Santa Fe Sports Fields To Make A Distinction Between MRC Sports Fields And Other City Of Santa Fe Sports Fields; Amending Article 23-7 SFCC 1987 To Separate Requirements For MRC Sports And Other City Sports Fields And Making Such Other Changes As Are Necessary; Creating A New Section 23-4.12 To Establish Regulations, Fees And Rates For City Sports Fields, Other Than MRC Sports Fields; And Establishing A Voluntary Sports Field Maintenance Fund. (Councilor Carmichael Dominguez): Public Discussion And Action Item**

Copies of the ordinance were made available to those in attendance. (Exhibit 1)

Chair Booth thanked the sports league members for attending and reminded them she is looking for a representative from their community.

Chair Booth asked Melissa Byers from Legal to review the ordinance.

Ms. Byers said the Santa Fe City Code currently distinguishes the MRC and the sports fields. Bonds are sold to pay for the MRC facility and Councilor Dominguez wants MRC separate from fields that are funded by the General Fund.

She said Councilor Dominguez wants to reduce the Youth League fees for fields outside the MRC and proposes a \$25 permit fee per league and a five dollar charge for each team. In addition the leagues would be asked to volunteer two days per season to help clean the park.

Ms. Byers said another piece of the ordinance would establish a donation program to fund maintenance of the sports fields. She said Councilor Dominguez was unable to attend so she would take the Commission's suggestions back to him.

Ms. McDonald said there should be "in lieu of" language so if a league doesn't want to volunteer [to clean the park] there is an option to give the City money for maintenance.

Chair Booth opened the meeting up for public comment at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Revised Agenda Order)

Mr. Paul Grace, president of the Little League, said he met with Councilor Dominguez and Ms. Byers when the resolution was being developed. He said the issue started when the City began to enforce the existing ordinance fees that had never been put into practice for the Youth Leagues.

He understood the MRC ordinance had been created because fees are needed to pay off the bond and the words "and city parks" was added at some point. He said the leagues pointed out at the time that if the fees were put into practice, the leagues couldn't afford to pay them.

Mr. Grace said in the course of discussions, Councilor Dominguez suggested separating the city parks from the MRC.

Mr. Grace said he volunteers with other things and he doesn't have two days to clean the parks. He said trying to find a volunteer for almost anything is tough; to find volunteers to clean up a park is twice as tough.

He said he questioned what "clean up the park" means and whose responsibility it is if someone is hurt. He said 14 parks are listed in the ordinance. He asked if volunteers would be called to clean other parks than what the league uses. He said the end result is he or other officials would end up doing the work.

Mr. Grace said the bottom line is the leagues don't want to go bankrupt because of an increase in the ordinance. He said decreasing the fees is great, but isn't really needed. He said the parks are City parks and are not the responsibility of the kids or the leagues.

Mr. Widder Tidmore on the board for Northern Soccer Youth League said all of their games take place at the Downs of Santa Fe Soccer Complex; with leagues hosting practices at various parks around

town. Mr. Tidmore said he is on his league's committee to maintain their field (the Downs) and has a hard time getting parents/volunteers to help.

He said the chances of getting parents to clean a city park is even less and he would end up doing that. He asked what if he doesn't do an adequate job. He said the ordinance is vague about what "cleaning the park" means. He asked what the actual park boundary is and what has to be done and what the standard is of cleaning. He said the standards are unclear and places an expectation that isn't realistic.

Jess Bransford said he is a police officer in Santa Fe who came to support the motocross track. He said the track is the only place in town to ride and now that it is closed, he drives to Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Espanola etc., to ride.

Chair Booth thanked Mr. Bransford. She explained he may have missed the previous conversation about looking at the insurance. She said the Commission would move forward with other options and is very supportive of keeping the track open.

Mr. Mike Baker said he is in favor of the track. He said there are a lot of people with motorcycles and ATVs and if they had a place to ride the enforcement for the City/County would be more draconian for violators.

Chair Booth said she is hearing that the fees are not the issue, but the two volunteer days is onerous. She asked if Parks staff had comment about people volunteering to maintain the sports fields.

Mr. Ortiz said Parks drags and lines the fields and picks up trash and mends fences. He said Parks would have to look at what was meant by *maintenance*.

Mr. Grace asked in a park like Franklin Miles, if that means that the Little League who uses the baseball/softball fields would be obligated to clean the skate park portion, the basketball courts, the picnic area, etc. He said there is a lot of uncertainty about the requirement but that is secondary to getting people to volunteer.

Mr. Grace said there might be an imbalance in terms of what one sport/league pays versus another. He said if the per park fee as part of the permit is standardized, that shouldn't be a problem.

Chair Booth asked if the priority for youth sports would go away; is there is a resolution that the priority is youth sports first, then adults.

Mr. Grace said in practice, the AABC people were told youth sports is priority for Ragle and Ft. Marcy, but he talked with Tommy Martinez who said it isn't working out like that.

Ms. Hansen suggested the preference could be added to the ordinance.

Chair Booth said the provision to allow citizens to voluntarily contribute to a sports field maintenance fund on the utility bill sounds like a good idea. She said however; the City must distinguish between commercial enterprises like the Santa Fe Fuegos and other sports teams that would benefit.

Chair Booth said her major issue is the equity issue of charging youth etc. at MRC differently than what is charged at other parks.

Mr. Isaac Pino provided an example at Genoveva Chavez Community Center (GCC.) He said there are private swim teams that reserve lanes for practice and for 35 years the Santa Fe swim team was the Santa Fe Seals, though no one knows how they got the designation. He said the designation allowed the Seals to rent lanes for close to nothing.

He said at the same time the Santa Fe Aquatics, another swim team, paid full price and the issue of equity came up. City Council removed the Santa Fe Seals designation and said the Seals would be treated like everyone else and they now pay the same rate.

Mr. Pino said the leagues that generally use the MRC are the Mexican Soccer Leagues etc. and they could make the same case. He said the MRC has to pay the debt service and if fees are lowered it would hurt.

Ms. McDonald said to swim at Salvador Perez costs less than to swim at GCC, so there is precedence for differences when things are constructed at different times and there is a hierarchy of facilities.

Mr. Pino said that was an excellent point. When GCC opened it was an enterprise fund and was to support itself and it isn't any longer. The fees were set to take advantage of the volume of people. He said Salvador Perez and Ft. Marcy, being older, didn't have the same requirements.

Chair Booth said in terms of quality of the facilities, the parks just renovated are in better shape. She noted that the only soccer fields for competitive use are at the MRC.

Ms. Byers said the ordinance states that the same fees charged at the MRC should be charged at all parks. She said she didn't believe that was the case.

Mr. Pino said the City learned about league inequities with charges and permits when Councilor Trujillo asked that the ordinance be enforced.

Ms. McDonald suggested there could be a way to base the fee on the number of players. Mr. Grace explained that the fee for the last couple of years is based on a base permit fee plus x dollars per team and the number of participants is taken into account.

Ms. Byers said she would take what she heard back to Councilor Dominguez and ask if he would like her to make amendments to the ordinance.

Ms. McDonald said the fees should stay the same or a modest increase and the volunteer requirement should either be removed or have an "in lieu of."

Ms. Hansen moved that POSAC recommend to Councilor Dominguez that 1) the volunteer portion of the ordinance be removed and 2) the fees remain the same as what is currently being paid or a modest increase. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Pino suggested "what people are paying" should be changed to "what is required in the ordinance."

Ms. Hansen responded that she was clear about stating "what people are paying" because it is different than what is said in the ordinance.

The Commission and attendees discussed the current fees paid by leagues and that what the current ordinance requires is not what is currently paid.

Ms. Taylor said the fees are inequitable.

The group discussed whether the fees were equitable and the services provided were the same.

Mr. Pino said the numbers show about \$57,000 a year collected in revenue and about \$940,000 worth of work. He said this isn't a revenue or profit situation.

Ms. Taylor said the City has an obligation to provide recreational facilities and that will always have to be subsidized. She said her point is that if each team has 10 players and uses the field(s) 50 times, the same fees should be paid by each.

Chair Booth said for the record, it still seems inequitable that children that play at MRC are charged and children who play in all other City parks are not charged. She said the adult teams that play at MRC should not be charged more than adult teams who play in the other parks.

REPORTS

- Bette Booth - Community Gardens

Chair Booth said there was a garden council meeting and a second meeting would be held in April. The minutes of the meeting were available to everyone.

She said the Trail Coordinator position would be discussed at BTAC (Bicycle Trails Advisory Committee) the following day. She planned to attend the meeting to give her personal opinion and encouraged others to do the same.

- Joe Lehm: DeVargas Skate Park

Mr. Lehm said he was involved with a Dosey (?) program and he would talk with BTAC once they have the coordinator position. He said the program could also help at the BMX shop.

He said DeVargas has a June 15 grand opening date. A meeting would be held at his house at 3:30 with Creative Santa Fe and members of the skate park community to talk about the grand opening event. He suggested a group ride through the Rail Yard.

Chair Booth said she contacted ASD and Grindline and has heard back from ASD.

- Daniel Coriz: BMX/Motocross

Mr. Coriz said that water tanks are being installed at the BMX dirt jumps. Ms. McDonald added that the Water Conservation Committee is excited about being part of that and happy to see that type of coordination.

Mr. Coriz said he wanted to share about the motocross track and a reason the track is so important to him. He said he meets a lot of kids that have a choice between buying a street bike or a dirt bike. He said the motocross facility teaches basic skills and without the track, kids wouldn't have the option and would continue to buy sports bikes.

He said every year he sees someone die because they didn't learn fundamental skills that they should have.

Chair Booth said it was time to write a letter or call the Mayor to get the issue on his radar. Ms. Taylor suggested waiting until the insurance report is received.

- Sandra Taylor: Municipal Tree Board

Ms. Taylor said Arbor Day is April 29th and more information would be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Coriz said he wrote down some of his thoughts. He read "the BMX track is a park of values; a foundation for our youth. We teach our kids that this park reflects on building a healthy community. We need positive reinforcement that our youth can learn from and come together to make healthy decisions. Value and responsibility are absorbed without acknowledgment; we, the equipment, the environment are all part of growing up into a healthy lifestyle. I believe the lessons learned outweigh the liability issues of the track."

Ms. Hansen said if the Commission is serious about the issue, they should go to the City Manager and the Mayor and write legislation and figure out who would be a sponsor. She said the Commission should get it done now so at the next legislative session, the issue could be brought up. She said possibly at the following legislation there would be enough representatives and senators on their side to see the value.

Ms. McDonald said also the City could switch insurance providers. She said subsidizing activities is clearly done at other parks and this park isn't any different than the MRC or others.

DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: March 19, 2013

ADJOURN:

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

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Approved by:


Bette Booth, Chair

Submitted by:


Charmaine Clair, Stenographer