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Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission

The Barn at Frenchy's Field

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of Minutes: January 17, 2012
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Old Business
 - Parks Staff Update / Items that will be coming before the Governing Body in February & March
6. New Business
 - Skate Park Discussion – open to public comment
 - POSAC Strategic Planning
7. Possible Reports:
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 - 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, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

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.

The meeting was called to order with the Parks and Open Space Commission mandate.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Bette Booth, Chair
Daniel Coriz
Oralynn Guerrerortiz
Anna Hansen
Joe Lehm
Patrick Torres (arrived later)

Members Absent

Tom Agard (excused)
Sandra Taylor (excused)
Martin Ortega

Staff Present

Ben Gurule, Parks Division
Robert Wood, IPM manager
Brian Drypolcher, project manager

Others Present

Carlos Caldwell, skate Board advocate
Pete Gardini, Skate Board advocate
Ryan Lawless, Skate Board advocate
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-January 17, 2012

Page 3, 4th paragraph: "The language that followed (flyers, descriptive, educational materials, projects recommended by Governing Body etc.) would not appear on the ballot and the language that appears... would govern the spending." The language that appears was clarified as the *language on the ballot* would govern the spending.

Chair Booth clarified that Mr. Zamora stated on page 5 that "\$750,000 in funds remained as a result of expansion".

Page 5, paragraph before the last; "Chair Booth said the Parks Staff had done everything possible to keep costs down and in a since, she thought was punished..." should be in a sense she thought was...

Mr. Torres moved to approve the Minutes of January 2012 as amended. Ms. Guerrerortiz seconded the motion and the minutes were passed by majority voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Strategic Planning under New Business was moved before the discussion on the Skate Park.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Parks Staff Update / Items before the Governing Body in February/March

Mr. Gurule said possibly two parks; the Santa Fe River Parkway and Salvador Perez would go before the Governing Body. He said the bids received were high and is being negotiated and would go to the Governing Body when there is an agreement. He said the Santa Fe River Parkway would go to bid again.

A summary of the Parks update follows:

Prince Park- waiting on the installation of a National Parks monument to commemorate the earthen fort that was once there. It would be paid for by a National Parks grant.

Villa Linda Park/ Calle Lorca Park- both would be seeded in the spring.

Ragle Park- the contract would be closed once the lights are adjusted. The installation of the sculpture work would be done through the Arts Commission. Tests for the concrete were complete.

Ashbaugh- the contractor finished and a contract was awarded for the south end of the park (south to Cerrillos Road.) The northern portion would have a new irrigation system and trees would be done in-house and take about three weeks. Cultivation would be done in the spring. The park would be 100% open about the first week of June. The dog fountain would be put in.

Herb Martinez- concrete and ADA work would be staged and part of the park would be open depending on the work area. The Solanas area would get a new pathway and fence repair and a new irrigation system. The trees (Siberian Elms) would be eradicated by the end of April.

Cielo Vista- The Archaeological Report was approved and the construction drawings are getting signatures. The final design is done. Work would be done on utilities for new electrical, a water main and irrigation system. There will be a primitive pathway, a community garden and orchard and a manual water system for the native grass area. Construction is scheduled in May and should be completed by the end of June.

Monica Lucero- went to RFQ for the Archaeological Report and there are schematic drawings. Construction would be about July/August and *Torreón Park* construction would be September/October.

Salvador Perez- the bid is being negotiated; construction should be around April/May.

Santa Fe River Parkway- would be two phases-the RFQ would accept contractors with qualifications of a landscape contractor who could then bid the Boys Club and West De Vargas Park and portions of the Santa Fe River Parkway.

MRC – the shade structure at the Rugby Park would go in and the path around Soccer Valley would be repaired to make it more accessible.

Ms. Hansen said regarding the things before the Council; on February 29th the Santa Fe Watershed Association would have the water and river that would affect parks on their agenda. She suggested the Commission members attend or send letters.

NEW BUSINESS

2. POSAC Strategic Planning (Revised Agenda Order)

Chair Booth said she realized that the strategic planning should be done after the bond passed. She said her idea is to do the strategic planning with the supervisors so there is no disconnect between what Parks does and the Commission does. They could get to know each other more and feel more like a team.

She asked Mr. Gurule's thoughts on how the supervisors and project managers would feel about meeting with the Commissioners.

Mr. Gurule said the inventories had a lot of unforeseen factors of what each park needed and ordinances, accessibility and archaeological reports and the consumer safety audit all took money from what Parks thought to be the most important.

He said SWAN Park is an example; there were public meetings and a scope of work was developed in phases and he doesn't know which project manager would get that. He thought coming back to a meeting (POSAC) to disseminate the information was plenty.

Chair Booth explained the idea was so the Commissioners could listen to the Staff. She said she learned a lot when the Commission made recommendations for the new bond. She asked Mr. Gurule to think about April for the Commission to hear what the Parks Staff has experienced.

Chair Booth said the meeting would help to better understand the Parks perspective, as an Advisory Commission with the idea to support Staff better. She said to do that the Commissioners need to understand what Staff goes through; and she wasn't sure the supervisors knew what the Advisory Commission is or does.

Mr. Gurule said that was a good idea and he thought Mr. Chavez would be open to that. He said everything the crew does is directed either by this Commission or the Governing Body.

Ms. Hansen said the most important thing that everyone could do now is write letters to the editor in support of the bond. She said unless the bond passes talk is irrelevant. She said the Sierra Club would sponsor Bond 2 and 3 but would not support Bond one.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said with regard to SWAN, she was directed by Councilor Dominguez to get the skate park in SWAN Phase one. She said the numbers would have to be reworked and it would take a lot of effort.

Chair Booth said she created a "vote yes" Face Book page and updates it daily. She sent the page to her friend and asked the Commission members to do that also. She challenged each Commissioner to write a heartfelt letter to their network to ask them to get out and vote.

She said that thanks to Ms. Hansen bringing the Watershed Association in, the Canyon Association is recommending people in the neighborhood vote for the bond. A flyer would go out to 600 people in the Canyon Road Association and 600 people in the Watershed Association membership. She added she also sent the e-mail to Leslie DeKine who was another network.

Chair Booth said she went door to door to register people on the south side. She said at noon this weekend Chainbreakers (a bicycle and transportation collective) would have a group go door to door to promote the bond. She said she would love to see people there.

Pete Gardini asked Mr. Gurule about paint he mentioned was available for graffiti.

Mr. Gurule said Mr. Gardini could contact Chris Ortiz, the new superintendant and provided his number.

Mr. Coriz told Mr. Gurule about a second priority ledge that needs maintenance. Mr. Gurule said he would forward the information to Mr. Chavez.

1. Skate Park Discussion (Open to Public Comment)

Chair Booth introduced Brian Drypolcher the project manager for the Parque del Rio that included the skate park. She thanked Mr. Drypolcher and the skaters for attending.

Mr. Drypolcher said the Skate Plaza at West De Vargas is part of everything happening for the Santa Fe River Park. He described the work areas and said a key piece was the Skate Plaza. He said he brought a set of plans and images and the plans could also be seen at his office.

Mr. Drypolcher said he is embarrassed that the skate park has taken such a long time. He said some of that was his fault because he has been busy with other projects. He said Plan A was to re-bid the River Park and once the contractor was selected have that contractor do the skate park. He said that fell apart when the contractor selected wasn't qualified to do the skate park. Mr. Drypolcher said the design team meanwhile, has worked on the plan.

Mr. Drypolcher said the plans had to be signed off by the various departments and the other contract documents were ready. The pre-qualification process should take about three weeks and the bid process about a month to get approvals and a contract to start work.

He said because the progression of the work could hopscotch; he would begin at De Vargas Park.

Ms. Guerrerortiz asked about the budget for the project.

Mr. Drypolcher said the budget doesn't look great. There would be four deductibles so pieces could be pulled out of the project and the overall project could be adjusted. The contractor would have to provide a schedule of values in their bid to identify pieces of work and dollar amounts and a separate chapter within the document has to identify the Skate/ BMX Park cost items.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said Councilor Dominguez was told the City was short \$240,000 and was looking at the Park Impact Fund for that. She said that couldn't be used on a reconstruction; it was only for new construction. She asked if a piece of the project that is considered new could be tapped that could go back to the skate park.

Mr. Drypolcher said there was nothing, but he could look at the project.

Carlos Caldwell said it is frustrating that the park was delayed but the reasons were justified for it to be done properly. He said since the park's existence skaters have experienced poor construction. He mentioned that the first park handout had something about continuing the same colored concrete theme and the quality of the concrete wasn't good and couldn't be ridden.

Ms. Guerrerortiz explained the color wouldn't change the quality and it had to be another issue.

Ms. Guerrerortiz had two concerns; one that a general contractor would be used that would use a sub contractor. She said that would be a 15% -20% overhead. She asked if the contracts could be split to avoid that.

Mr. Drypolcher thought cost wise that could go either.

Ms. Guerrerortiz suggested the City or Mr. Drypolcher etc. be the general contractor. She said Mr. Drypolcher talked about alternatives. She asked who would make the decision on the alternatives.

Mr. Drypolcher said his assumption was the decision would go to the Parks Division Director and the Public Works Director.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said she understood that the skate park would be cut. She asked if it was safe.

Mr. Drypolcher said his understanding is that it is a priority and safe because the expectations have been built and the park is in the core of downtown.

Ms. Guerrerortiz asked that Mr. Drypolcher report back once decisions were made and to let POSAC know if the skate park went on the chopping block.

Chair Booth asked Mr. Drypolcher to keep the Commission apprised and the Commissioners could rally to get Councilors and skate boarders, etc. She said her goal was to get youth more involved in the whole process and that was almost as important as the skate park.

Mr. Drypolcher said decisions about the money are made at a senior level. He hoped to have money left from the Santa Fe River Park/Trail project and he would advocate moving some of the money to this fund.

Mr. Lawless asked when the construction would start and was told July or later summer/fall. He said he could see changes but doesn't just want the park to be for his grandchildren. He said the same enthusiasm couldn't be expected from the younger kids and he appreciated everything being done.

Chair Booth said if the skaters were going to be a community advocate they had to be in for the long haul and celebrate the wins. She said they could see the amount of steps it takes to get to the final.

Peter Gardini said he wanted to be able to skate the design and have the option to skate at night. He said if it gets done it would be "rad" and he is super, super excited.

Mr. Lehm asked if the group the skaters met with for the design would put in a bid. He said the designers indicated they were part of the building process.

Mr. Drypolcher said they were just designers and not builders; but he could be wrong. He said because they were the designers he thought they couldn't participate in a competitive bid.

Mr. Lawless said the Franklin Miles Park had a big snow day and the City removed the snow in the bowls and threw it on top of the skate park and then left. He said after calling the City the crew came back with shovels and everyone; the parks crew, skaters etc. shoveled it out.

Chair said the skaters now have Chris Ortiz's name as the direct supervisor and they should build a good relationship with him.

Mr. Drypolcher clarified that the Parks Supervisors report to the Parks Superintendant; Mr. Ortiz is the superintendant. For maintenance he said Dave Archuleta should be called.

Mr. Lawless said whether fixing the parks or a new park is created it costs money but he was happy as long as there is momentum and communication.

Chair Booth said the new bond has a placeholder of \$150,000 for Franklin Miles Park and Ragle. She said when the bond passes they need to talk with Councilors about what is planned for their district and the need to keep the skate park money sacred.

The skaters met with Mr. Drypolcher in another part of the room to review the plans.

POSSIBLE REPORTS

- Jessie Esparza: Community Gardens

February 29th all of the gardens would meet to share experiences. Everyone was welcome.

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

The 400th sculpture at Ragle would be installed that morning. She said she was sure there would be a celebration.

The Bicycle Master Plan is complete except for finishing touches and would be on the City website.

- Daniel Coriz: NW Quadrant / BMX

Mr. Coriz said the Northwest Quadrant designed a new set at the BMX jump site and they have been working on that the last three weeks. Next month they would go to the MRC and start the BMX track.

Mr. Coriz said the IMBA (International Mountain Bike Association) meeting focused on the dirt jumping sites. They want to do an overlay of existing features and would help plan new features. The meeting included people from Fat Tire, Trails Alliance, BMX riders, etc.

Mr. Coriz said the park is currently designed toward intermediate and expert riders and IMBA would help to create a friendlier atmosphere for beginners and that would make a wider range of riders.

- Patrick Torres: Community Gardens /Tree City

Mr. Torres said the Municipal Tree Board wouldn't meet that day because there wasn't a quorum. Two of the potential members planned to attend: Sandra Evans, a member of the Forest Guild and Carl Navarro.

The Board hopes to have a discussion with them and get a feel for how strong their interest is and that would be postponed until March.

He said Arbor Day would be celebrated on February 27 and Mr. Wood has several ideas.

Ms. Hansen asked if the MTB would do Community Days again.

Mr. Wood said they would; small events from April through the Community Days would be held.

Ms. Hansen congratulated the MTB on getting Tree City USA status again.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: March 20, 2012

ADJOURN:

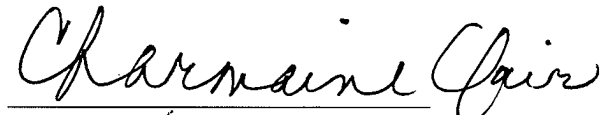
Ms. Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Guerrerortiz seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Approved by:

Bette Booth, Chair

Submitted by:


Charmaine Clair, Stenographer