

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
June 18, 2019

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Call to Order	Peggy Vasquez, Vice Chair of PARC called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Genoveva Chavez Community Center.	1
Roll Call	A quorum was established with roll call.	1
Approval of the Agenda	Ms. Freilich moved to approve the agenda with a second from Mr. Sidebottom which passed by voice vote.	1
Approval of the Minutes May 21,2019	Mr. Sidebottom moved to approve with a second from Ms. Cardona which passed by voice vote.	1
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Adjournment	With all business conducted, the PARC adjourned at 6:27 p.m.	5

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Genoveva Chavez Community Center Conference Room
3221 Rodeo Road. Santa Fe, NM
June 18, 2019
5:30 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

Peggy Vasquez, Vice Chair of PARC called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Genoveva Chavez Community Center. A quorum was established with roll call.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Peggy Vasquez, Vice Chair
David Sidebottom
Patricia Cardona
Leila Freilich

Absent:

Victoria Bruneni, Chair
Joseph Cosby

Staff and Others Present:

Richard Thompson, City Parks Director
Linda Vigil, Stenographer
Mary Schruben, Citizen/Tree Board

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Freilich moved to approve the agenda with a second from Mr. Sidebottom which passed by voice vote.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 21, 2019

MOTION: Mr. Sidebottom moved to approve with a second from Ms. Cardona which passed by voice vote.

5. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Thompson reported the budget was approved. They wrapped up the purchasing in May and did year end purchased. There was an allocation from the Legislature to replace the vaulted toilets and swinging trash cans. The new cans are in, the toilets were fixed by Public Works. There will be some compactors around the plaza on the surrounding blocks. They are in the mowing season, they are going to purchase a John Deere and some new choppers but there were some repair costs incurred.

Mr. Thompson reported they contracted to have six groups of medians. The contractors work is that they will remove perennials rather than cut them. Ms. Freilich asked which groups of medians they will work on.

Mr. Thompson stated the medians will be:

- Cerrillos from Airport to St. Francis
- St. Francis to Alamo to St. Michaels
- Governor Miles from Cerrillos to Camino Carlos Rey and Nava Ade,
- Jaguar from Cerrillos to El Nida
- St. Michaels from Cerillos to Old Pecos Trail
- Old Pecos Trail from Rodeo to Cordova

Ms. Freilich asked if Zia was considered. She was upset and states she has tried for many years to get this area fixed. It is a speedway, she's asked for planting for traffic calming. It is ugly and she is not comfortable being here when that area should be tended to. It is a safety issue and she feels she doesn't need to be here. It is in her neighborhood.

Ms. Freilich left the meeting.

Mr. Thompson states the Golf Course and the youth program and the City tournament coming up. For recreation, the sun runs at Ft. Marcy will be coming up and the triathlon with go on.

Mr. Thompson states the contractual services were increased they will have some in the new fiscal year. They will likely go with a single contractor for the medians.

Ms. Cardona states the Siberian Elms are an issue. How are they taking them out?

Mr. Thompson stated they are grubbing them out with a tool. Mr. Thompson explained the executive order on noxious weeds that is not sustainable. They do not use chemicals to kill them.

Ms. Cardona understands, she would like to know the tree board's plans for the climate change. Mr. Thompson will address that in the Tree Board Report.

Ms. Cardona would like to address the issues that Ms. Freilich had with the medians.

Mr. Thompson explained they do not fund construction or landscape project under operations. Eight years ago Ms. Freilich asked the City to consider clearing the thoroughfares for traffic calming, the Legislature gave them money. At the same time some ash trees were removed and irrigation was placed. Most of the ash trees died. For years Ms. Freilich has asked that they be pulled out. They never had the funds or employees to replace them with junipers. They exceed the boundaries of the median.

Ms. Cardona asked if they can do it on an incremental basis.

Mr. Thompson states streets may get funds from a projected increase from gas taxes, when they did they repaved Zia. Mr. Thompson explained the season employees they get and when they leave it leaves a lot more work and project planning.

Mr. Thompson states the LaFarge library has asked that they remove the junipers there, they can replant those in her areas but it will depend on timing.

Ms. Vasquez asked if it is just medians and not neighborhoods.

Mr. Thompson states they maintain certain curb lines in several neighborhoods because of previous agreements. There is a campaign to remind landowners that it is their responsibility to keep their yards free of weeds. The next step they promoted is to charge to maintain the roadside.

Ms. Vasquez asked if they can add it to their utilities. Mr. Thompson they cannot because they are an enterprise.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson explained Martin Segovia told him they were contracting the wash, brush and fluff and magnetic brush in Rio Rancho. He will give them a bid for Alto and Salvador Perez parks. He is sure it won't impact the vertical aspect of it.

Mr. Sidebottom explained an issue with the repairs they did to the turf. Mr. Thompson explained they used cuts from an original roll.

Ms. Schruben asked about the tennis courts.

Mr. Thompson explained they are in the process of applying for a grant to get them resurfaced. There are 15 courts in the City.

Ms. Cardona asked about the bridges. Mr. Thompson explained they are designing a scope of work to design decking to use on them. Mr. Thompson states they are going to try different materials.

Mr. Thompson explained the thaw and freeze issue they have here. They use a different salt to deice the bridges.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Schruben informed the board about the topic on the next planning commission meeting is the re-write of the Chapter 14 code. The Tree Board will work on the parts that deal with trees and water use. Some members are going to meet to go over items. There will be a medians portion as well.

Ms. Cardona would like to see a draft of the proposed changes.

Ms. Schruben states it is possible, they aren't ready but when they are she will share. They still aren't sure how the restructure of the re-write will be. It may be done in subsections, she would like them to add more about sustainability, traffic calming and other issues.

Ms. Cardona would like to see them review replacement rather than readjusting.

Ms. Schruben agrees and she would also like to the dead and dying trees. For example the cottonwood tree from St. Michael's High School. It's more about the maintenance.

Mr. Thompson explained the Rio Grande Cottonwood requires 50 inches of water a year. For the medians they are introducing trees from Southern New Mexico.

Ms. Cardona asked about the educational tools they use. Mr. Thompson explained the State and Electric Company have some great pamphlets. The Mayor is more involved with social media, so they have their site packed with information. Land Use also has information and the Water Conservation Office who does outreach.

Ms. Cardona would like to see brochures.

Ms. Vasquez asked about builders and updates on the trees.

Ms. Schruben explained the Tree Board has an updated list. This committee worked hard on the Master Plan and she isn't sure if it was formally adopted. There are lots of resources, she doesn't want the Committee to forget about them during the re-write. The Land Use Director wants the changes already approved by City Council done first. Perhaps they can invite the contractor to a meeting to discuss those matters when the time comes.

Mr. Thompson explained the process for developments.

Ms. Schruben wanted to announce since the eviction of a neighbor the Rancho Siring Park has been needle free for 4 months.

Mr. Thompson explained the needle exchange nonprofits have helped.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Cardona wanted to address the complaints system again.

Mr. Thompson states they have spoken to the Constituent Services Director about it, it is on the CRM. They are integrating it to link all departments.

Mr. Thompson it will generate work orders, he apologies for them not using the old system they have.

Ms. Cardona explained if they ask for more work order systems they were already granted money for one.

A brief discussion was held about the GO bonds.

Mr. Thompson and Ms. Cardona will meet to go over it.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS GOLF/TREE BOARD

Mr. Thomspson reported that five hazard trees were permitted and removed around City Hall. They tagged 22 other trees around downtown. They are looking at other approaches and they have a skeleton urban forestry plan. He will circulate it.

Mr. Thompson explained another allocation that was awarded on behalf of the Easter Seals they can build a gutter connected home and make a greenhouse. They will pursue the grant to build one off South Meadows.

10. CONFIRM DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING JULY 16, 2019


Ms. Cardona may not be here next month.

11. ADJOURN

With all business conducted, the PARC adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

SIGNATURES

Victoria Bruneni, Chair



Linda Vigil, Stenographer