

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**3221 RODEO ROAD**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016, 5:30 PM**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Victoria Bruneni, at 5:30 pm, on Tuesday, July 18, 2016, at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center Conference Room, 3221 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Victoria Bruneni, Chair  
Linda R. Jackson  
Bridget Wolf  
Damon Archuleta  
Peggy Vasquez  
(Vacancy)  
(Vacancy)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

James Stodgel  
David Sidebottom

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Liza Suzanne, GCCC Manager  
James Rivera, GCCC, Recreation Section Manager  
Dana Gallegos, GCCC, Recreation Complex Manager  
Matt Cottle, Natatorium Manager  
Dave Dannenberg, COLTPAC Chair, Santa Fe County Open Space and Trails  
and Parks Advisory Committee  
Paul Olafson, Santa Fe County Planning Projects Manager  
Rob Carter, City of Santa Fe Parks and Recreation Department Director  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE** The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

### 4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES APRIL 19, 2016 AND JUNE 21, 2016

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Archuleta, to approve the minutes of April 19, 2016 as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Wolf said on page 5 of the June minutes, she wanted to clarify that she meant to say as long as they are within the rules.

Commissioner Vasquez said she was not present at the meeting. She was excused.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, to approve the minutes of June 21, 2016 as amended.

### 5. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Carter reported that the Skate Park developer has been chosen and is Spawn Ranch. They are working on the next phases of the project. It will be located behind GCCC and the cost is \$550,000. Regarding Adopt-A-Park, a recommendation was made last night to print the information in Spanish. We are going to do that. It should be approved at City Council on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Some people thought people who adopted a park were going to take over the maintenance of the park. They are not. They will organize clean up days four times a year. We are working hard on eradicating the weeds in the medians. Paseo Del Sol West is a new area we may be getting for weed eradication. We have been taking care of the medians but not the right of ways. The City Triathlon is on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August. Nambe made the awards and they are very nice.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### A. GCCC PRESENTATION

Ms. Suzanne said thank you for your service on this Commission. We used to have a Chavez Center Board now we look to you for guidance and support. She brought her key managers with her tonight. She introduced them.

Ms. Suzanne said our overarching goal is healthy people, happy community. We were an enterprise and were supposed to break even. We have a charge to make money and offer programs people will attend and pay for. Our budget is \$4.3 million and our revenue is \$2 million so we cover about half. The rest is subsidized through bonding. In our ice arena we have adult and youth hockey and skating programs. We have gear and equipment cleaning and rental. Tom Miller is the Manager and was unable to attend today. The ice arena was originally supposed to be a senior center and library, however, the community lobbied and worked hard for an ice arena and the plans were changed. Melissa Bustos is the Manager of Youth Programs. We have seasonal youth camps, drop in toddler baby sitting and multiple activities for youth.

Mr. Rivera said he wears two hats. He is in charge of the gym and he overlooks all the leagues. There are twelve different leagues for youth and adults. Also the space is used for rental events. Senior Olympics, the Ski Swap and Pickle Ball Tournaments are held there as well. His other hat is Facilities Manager overlooking operations of the facility itself.

Ms. Gallegos said she is the Fitness Manager and that included indoor and outdoor fitness and special events. Her area included the weight room, indoor track and fitness classes and any events we have outdoors such as Earth Day, the City Triathlon, Fitness at the Park and Kids Adventure Camp.

Mr. Cottle said he is in charge of all water programs and pools. That includes an Olympic pool, leisure pool, therapy pool, hot tub, sauna, swim meets, adult time, kid time and three club swim teams. All the local high schools swim here. They recently hosted the State meet in long course. We had one hundred seventy five athletes over the two days age ten and under.

Chair Bruneni asked do you ever charge spectator fees.

Mr. Cottle said we used to but in recent years we have not.

Mr. Carter said it has been discussed but never went anywhere.

Mr. Cottle said we have not been offering Learn to Swim but will bring that back in the fall for ages thirteen and under. We offer lifeguard training and CPR training as

well and have kayaking once a week. Special Olympics and Senior Olympics use the pool.

Mr. Carter said if we ever get Matt staffed up he presented an idea to develop a junior lifeguard program. We have not been able to do it yet but hopefully some day soon. It is an exciting idea.

Ms. Suzanne asked are there any questions.

Commissioner Vasquez said you all do a really wonderful job. She wants to know more about the kayaking program. She will call.

Mr. Carter said we also have archery classes.

Commissioner Vasquez said she is interested in that as well.

Ms. Suzanne said we are a resource to all of you and your families. We like to play and help people exercise. We are here for the community. We advocate for an hour a day of exercise for kids. We have a big juvenile diabetes and overweight children problem here and are trying to help with that. We are hoping you can be a resource to us by advocating for us. We can use as much of your support as possible for our capital improvement plan. This is our 15th anniversary and some equipment needs to be replaced. We also need your support in being able to maintain as many of our positions as we can. We are trying to do more with less. Your Chair participated in the Triathlon last year. Her company was a supporter.

Chair Bruneni said she brings her child here for camp. She knows how to ice skate and has water courage. The counselors are great. She is here every day and sees how the staff works with guests. They do a great job here.

Ms. Wolf said every since her twenty year old was four she went to day care here. She loves this place. It saved her life to have a place to put her twins in day care so she could work out. She can't imagine living here without the Chavez Center. Her babies were premature. She had a therapist who worked with them in the therapy pool and it was great.

#### B. DAVE DANNENBERG, COLTPAC

Mr. Dannenberg said he wanted to update the Commission about what the County is doing with trails and open space. He introduced Paul Olafson and said he is the master of open space in Santa Fe County. COLTPAC is a volunteer organization. He is Chair this year and was the previous year as well. We are making the rounds of organizations and telling them about what the County Open Space Program is all about.

Mr. Dannenberg did a slide presentation which is incorporated into these minutes as Exhibit "1".

Chair Bruneni asked have you been in contact with Rotary Club of Santa Fe.

Mr. Olafson said we did a presentation at one of them and need to go to the other two.

Commissioner Wolf asked what is the finish date for the new park.

Mr. Dannenberg said we are working on it.

Mr. Olafson said it is a ten year project.

Mr. Dannenberg said he and his family are users of this facility. It is very nice and fabulous for families.

Chair Bruneni said thank you for coming and sharing this information with us.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENT

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM: SALVADOR PEREZ PARK MASTER PLAN REVIEW

Mr. Carter said we will have representatives from Surroundings come to give you a presentation on the plans for Salvador Perez. It is a \$5 million project and is very exciting.

10. CONFIRM DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016 AT 5:30 PM

Mr. Carter said this is the last meeting for Commissioner Wolf. She is moving to Los Alamos. He thanked Bridget for her dedication to this Commission and Sidewalk Angels. We will surely miss you and hope you get involved in Los Alamos.

Chair Bruneni said thank you Bridget and we wish you the best of luck.

11. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, to adjourn.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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Victoria Bruneni, Chair



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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer