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 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
 3221 RODEO RD.
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016, 5:30 PM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order by Victoria Bruneni, Chair, at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the Geneveva Chavez Community Center Conference room, 3221 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Victoria Bruneni, Chair
Linda R. Jackson
Peggy Vasquez
James Stodgel
David Sidebottom
(Vacancy)
(Vacancy)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Damon Archuleta, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Nick Smith, Soccer Association
Pilar Faulkner, Soccer Association
Michael Wirtz, Co Chair, Santa Fe Coalition For Alternatives to Pesticides
Rob Carter, City of Santa Fe, Parks and Recreation Director
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Bruneni said Mr. Carter would like to postpone item 6 (A) 1 and 2 to the next meeting.

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Vasquez, seconded by Mr. Sidebottom, to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2016**

Ms. Vasquez said that there is only one hummingbird in the park so the “s” needs to be removed.

Ms. Bruneni said her name is misspelled on the signature line.

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Vasquez, seconded by Ms. Jackson, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

Mr. Carter said the guys are out this week finishing up on the Airport Road medians and right of ways. Paseo Del Sol West is next then we will start on Cerrillos Road. Our Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 1st at MRC. He was proud to let the Commission know that at the New Mexico Recreation and Parks Association, SWAN Park won the park design award for those over \$2,500,000. Next year we are hoping to go after the national award. Liza Suzanne was voted in as Director at Large for the conference. The State conference will be here in April of 2018. He will be away from the 4th through the 9th of October attending the NRPA conference.

Ms. Vasquez said back to Paseo Del Sol West. Are they going to do Paseo Del Sol across from Capital High School.

Mr. Carter said we are only doing open spaces and medians. We only have fourteen seasonals right now. They will get there.

Ms. Vasquez asked when is clean up.

Mr. Carter said Toss No Mas is this Saturday the 24th.

6. NEW BUSINESS

**A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION
MASTER PLAN AWARD**

1. RECOMMENDED SITES SOUTHWEST TO CREATE THE PLAN

Postponed to next month.

2. APPROVE THE BAR FOR \$105,957.00 FOR PAYMENT OF THE PLANS

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B. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH SANTA FE COUNTY AND THE SANTA FE SOCCER COMMUNITY TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL SOCCER AUTHORITY

Mr. Carter said we are asking for approval of the Resolution. Councilor Rivera is the original sponsor of the Resolution and two others have added their names to this. At the MRC Soccer Valley we have a Master Plan put together that includes eleven Soccer fields. The price is between \$11 and \$16 million dollars to do everything. The City had some original funding that came from Legislature that amounted to \$500,000. That went to the Master Plan and renovations to the irrigation system and turf. We decided we needed to bring in other Soccer organizations that play here including the ones from the County. The idea is to put together a Soccer Authority to raise the funds we need. It will also involve Economic Development with the City and County. If we can pull in the tournaments it will boost economic development for the State and City. It is a great idea for us moving forward. It will bring in other interest groups.

Ms. Faulkner said we talked to the County and they are going to drop a similar Resolution so that the City and County both pass the Resolutions at the same time.

Ms. Vasquez asked who are you looking at being on the Authority.

Ms. Faulkner said representatives of the County, City and Soccer Leagues. After the foundation is in place we will keep them as primary stake holders then add other communities who play games there.

Chair Bruneni said six or eight months ago there was a big push for this. Is this the same thing.

Mr. Carter said yes. We have been trying to find the additional funding. When the City was doing their budget they wanted to hold off on doing any bond referendums. The Legislature talked a bit about funding some of it. The Master Plan had to be done first to show our plans. That is finished. It will be a Regional Soccer Complex. There is nothing between here and top of state except Farmington.

Chair Bruneni said we would be shifting some of the demand from Rio Rancho.

Mr. Smith said it is Churches Chicken Complex now in Rio Rancho. Bernalillo has the Duke City League for kids on Saturdays and adult leagues on Sundays. We are taking those using City fields and The Downs now. We are looking at bringing revenue from that.

Chair Bruneni said The Downs, is that done.

Nick Smith said Jasper was involved but they only lease the track not the infield.

Chair Bruneni asked are they going to continue to let the Soccer teams play.

Nick Smith said yes, the City gives water to The Downs in order to use it.

Ms. Jackson asked for the Complex does the City have the property.

Mr. Carter said yes, at the MRC. We have the property and the property for the expansion as well. In the long run it will be a joint partnership. Bringing in the extra entities will help grow a major complex.

Mr. Smith said the County is interested in making a major complex. We suggested this as a regional complex. Who does what and when is what we have to work out.

Mr. Carter said the request in front of you folks is to move towards that direction. It will go to Finance, Public Works and City Council for a final approval. This is part of your responsibility. The main thing is that it can't happen with just the City doing it. It takes more people lobbying for it. We would like to see an increase in usage and would be more centralized. This is a sound decision.

Chair Bruneni asked is this in conjunction with the rugby fields.

Mr. Carter said this will be across the street from the rugby fields.

Ms. Vasquez said regarding the funds again, when you get the Authority together you are going after Legislative funds.

Ms. Faulkner said we will go after anything and everything. If we get the Authority together it allows us to approach private funders and allows us to go to the County and the Capital Outlay funding list. The County has put aside \$500,000 for this project in their GRT bond. The Authority is important because it is a regional facility. We then can ask for funding from all stakeholders.

Chair Bruneni said we were really excited about it in Tourism. We were disappointed when it seemed to be off the table. Families coming booms the economy tremendously. How we get the younger demographics boils down to sports teams.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Sidebottom, seconded by Ms. Vasquez, to support the Resolution.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chair Bruneni thanked the guests and wished them success.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Wirtz introduced himself as Co Chair of the Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides and a member of the Mayor's Committee on Disability. Over the past five months our Committee has been dealing quite strongly with the IPM Ordinance that was passed in 2001. We feel there have been a couple of violations to that Ordinance recently. Delta Dust was used at the Airport and the Park Department has purchased \$2,000 in pesticides. The Councilors recently passed a request that the Park staff come up with a plan in the next sixty days to handle medians. Our Committee is concerned how these pre-emergent pesticides will be used. In the Ordinance it says they are to be used only as a last resort. We want to work closely with Rob and his staff. We are very concerned about this from a disability standpoint and it is something that we feel strongly you should be involved in as well. You deal with Parks and Recreation and children playing in the parks. We are concerned with health and safety of those in parks.

Chair Bruneni said we appreciate you bringing that to our attention.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Stodgel said for the record he wants to thank the Mayor and Councilor Lindell for showing support when we installed our first neighborhood library. He wants to express his gratitude.

Ms. Vasquez said that was on Facebook and it is so cool.

Mr. Carter said there are more of them coming. He just received an email about it.

Mr. Sidebottom said there is one at the Railrunner station.

Mr. Stodgel said pass me along that email so he can be in contact.

Mr. Carter said he will.

Chair Bruneni said you also wanted to explore some south side locations.

Mr. Stodgel said that is correct.

Mr. Carter said maybe you can look at SWAN. That request comes back to Parks for the lending library.

**9. CONFIRM DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016 @ 5:30 PM**

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Vasquez, seconded by Mr. Stodgel, to adjourn.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Victoria Bruneni, Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer