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 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
 GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER
 CONFERENCE ROOM, 3221 RODEO RD.
 TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017, 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, April 18, 2017, at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center Conference Room, 3221 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Victoria Bruneni, Chair
Patricia Cardona
Linda Jackson
Terrance Foreback
Tom Dominguez
Peggy Vasquez
James Stodgel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Damon Archuleta, Excused
David Sidebottom

OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Carter, Director of Parks and Recreation
Jessie Esparza, Parks and Recreation Department
Jennifer Romero, MRC Manager
Mary Schruben
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Foreback, seconded by Mr. Dominguez, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2017**

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Vasquez, seconded by Mr. Dominguez, to approve the minutes as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Carter reported that the Easter event was great. We had 2,500 people in attendance and brought in 1,450 pounds of canned food that was donated. It was by far the biggest Easter event ever. It was 5 times bigger than last year. Everyone had a good time. We had the Easter Bunny and a great response.

Our budget received approval by the Finance Committee today. It goes to the full Council next. 3 of the 5 Councilors gave us kudos for the work we have done and he was proud to hear that. The 3 were the Mayor, Councilor Lindell and Councilor Dominguez. 6 parks have been adopted. Councilor Harris is completing the paperwork now to adopt the park near his house. Community days will be held on May 13th at the Plaza. Come join us and enjoy the community booths and food vendors. There is an Ordinance in process now that says there will be no smoking around the bandstand in the Plaza. He thinks it will come to this Commission in the near future to consider no tobacco products and no smoking in any of our parks. He supports the idea especially around youth parks and fields. Los Solaris is under construction as is the park. They are working with his staff on irrigation. It will eventually include a parking lot, restroom facilities, sports fields and trails and picnic areas. We had a grant done by the City where half goes to Transportation and half to Parks. We will use that to replace our present trash cans in the parks. We are going to install 5 permanent restroom facilities with it as well. Ragle and Franklin Miles will be the first Parks and then 3 others. If CIP is approved will do 2 a year. We want to get rid of the Port-A-Potties. The Finance Committee approved the 90 foot bridge for Ft. Marcy.

Ms. Jackson said on the tobacco in the parks she feels that is a great idea. She is curious as to how would that be enforced.

Mr. Carter said that is the big question. Peer pressure and by calling the Police. More and more parks and recreation departments around the Country are going to this. The amount of cigarette butts is incredible.

Mr. Foreback asked if Mr. Carter would elaborate on consensus. Where are you headed with that.

Mr. Carter said there will be a discussion here. He is going to do research on what other communities have done.

Mr. Foreback said he would be surprised if there were community consensus on

the tobacco issue.

Mr. Carter said a Councilor will put forward an Ordinance or Resolution that will come to this Commission for a vote to approve or not approve. It comes from a Councilor or Councilors.

Chair Bruneni said our vote here is not the final say. It is used to support the effort or give our opinion on the effort. It is the Council who decides.

Mr. Carter said the Council does listen to what our Committees and Boards think of efforts.

Chair Bruneni asked is the dirt moving for the Skate Park.

Mr. Carter said it is for 2 projects. One is the County sewer line to the Rodeo grounds and Spohn Ranch is doing the electrical work for the Skate Park. Most of that dirt will be for fill for the Skate Park.

Mr. Dominguez said the sewer line is to the Extension offices. City water and sewer hook ups.

Mr. Carter said we have to wait for that to be completed in order to continue with the skate park work.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. JENNIFER ROMERO, MRC MANAGER, PROPOSAL TO PARC ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF \$1.00 GOLF CART FEE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017 FOR THE NEW GOLF CART FLEET

Ms. Romero distributed a hand out which is herewith attached to these minutes as Exhibit "1".

Ms. Romero said we are getting ready to introduce new golf carts to the course in July. We are going through the process now. When we get a new golf cart fleet we look at increasing the cart rental fee. That is a standard practice across the Country. She wanted to share the information with this Commission.

Ms. Romero reviewed her hand out. We are asking for a \$1.00 increase in the cart rental fee.

Mr. Carter asked if this is approved when will it take effect.

Ms. Romero said July 1st.

Mr. Dominguez said it looks like your rates are in line with others and cheaper than most.

Ms. Romero said yes, the Country Club is our biggest competitor right now.

Chair Bruneni said they are very much in line.

Mr. Foreback said he checked with New Mexico Tech's rates on carts and the Carlsbad public course and these are right in line with those.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Foreback, seconded by Ms. Cardona, to approve the increase.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Cardona said you did a good job Ms. Romero and you answered all her questions.

Ms. Romero said if any of you are interested in a tour of our facility let her know and she will make that happen.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Schruben said we are preparing to start the tree inventory season on Saturday at Harvey Cornell Park, also known as the Rose Park located at Galsiteo and Cordova. Our team is meeting tomorrow night. We have made some changes based on our test runs over the last year. This year we are going to try to institute data collection on an iPhone application. It gives the latitude and longitude for the tree. The data will be collected on the iPhone and on paper then gets uploaded to the City's GIS office who will put it on the City photo maps. Once we get a big body of data we hope to match it with the County and State LIDAR data which is satellite information and be able to plot back what that looks like on the ground data so we can see trends. We are looking to see if parks are healthy, where to put new trees and where to take out dead trees. We will also note how the parks are distributed throughout the City and how do they effect the neighborhoods with tree cover. We have some really unique characteristics in our LIDAR data that other Cities do not see. We have 15 parks on our list to do this year and they are a good cross section of the City. We have planning dates through September. We will have a crew out inventorying in the parks every other Wednesday evening and alternate Saturday mornings. She is meeting with Jessie to get the boxes together. We will bring a preliminary report to this Commission. If you

want to volunteer let her know. She will get a schedule to Jessie so that it can be sent out to the Commission members.

Mr. Stodgel asked is the app you are using available to the public and is there some way it could be available.

Ms Schruben said she has the name of the site. She will send it to Jessie and she can send it to the Commission. You can download the app and just stand next to the tree for it to find it.

Chair Bruneni said excellent. Thank you.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Vasquez said she went to a focus group meeting for Parks and Recreation and Trails Master Plan. David Sidebottom was there as well. It was interesting but she is not sure what they are trying to get to with it.

Mr. Carter said they are sharing with the community the fact that we are putting together a Master Plan and they are asking for input regarding needs.

Ms. Vasquez said it was mostly certain groups.

Mr. Carter said they wanted to get input from those people and get what was important to them. It was a gathering of the information.

Chair Bruneni said at our last meeting they said this would be a targeted meeting to groups they needed to hear from. They did hold a couple of community wide meetings as well.

Mr. Carter said they are getting ready to schedule one public hearing in each District. They want to hear what community members see as needs for the community and are looking for any input of where the needs are. They also want to know if we have too many of something.

Chair Bruneni said it is supposed to be multiple meetings. They made a very conscious effort to invite all the organizations they could.

Ms. Vasquez said there were lots of golfers there.

Mr. Carter said they met with Parks and Recreation staff first and several Councilors. They came to this Commission for input at our last meeting. On Friday they are looking at all 3 recreation centers. We made a list of good, bad and not so good parks and they are going to look at those as well. The Master Plan goal is to give the

City direction for the next 10 years as to where to go in Parks and Recreation. Where the needs are. Community center needs as well. They will make recommendations and benchmarks and will help us know if we have too many parks, enough open space, do we need medians, where do we need trail connectivity and pathways. The City has really never had a Master plan like this.

Ms. Vasquez said we did mention to them in District 3 our trails do not connect to any part of the City.

Mr. Carter said the plan in the future is that all trails will connect so that people could ride the trails to any part of the community.

Mr. Foreback asked where can we find a schedule of public meetings.

Mr. Carter said we are still finalizing dates and locations. When he gets that information he will forward it to the Commissioners so you can attend if you want to.

Ms. Vasquez said thank you Jessie for sending us the National Citizen Survey for Santa Fe. It was very helpful and interesting.

Mr. Carter said Councilor Dominguez was very concerned about some of the results.

Ms. Vasquez said District 3 and 4 really need lots of services. This shows how wonderful everything was. She is very disappointed. She was told at Council that the surveys were put out there on the 29th. People are upset that they never got a survey to complete. Who got them. The people who did this said they went by households as opposed to population. What does that mean.

Mr. Carter said he is not sure.

Ms. Cardona said it usually means that for example in a household there could be 1 person or 5. You can be serving that household on multi generational issues that are not dealt with. If you survey by household one survey is sent to each household instead of a survey to each person.

Mr. Carter said the City Manager announced that the Boys and Girls Club is no longer going to do the 4th of July celebration. They are looking for other organizations to take it on. He announced that to the Finance Committee and the Mayor. They had been charging for parking and were not getting the income they wanted to get out of it. The City contributed between \$20,000 to \$30,000. It was a fundraiser for them but they felt they not getting much out of it. He will let the Commission know what happens with this.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/GOLF AND TREE BOARD

None.

**10. NEXT MEETING
MAY 16, 2017**

Mr. Carter said Mr. Foreback will not be here for the May meeting.

Ms. Martin said she will be out of town for the May meeting. Mr. Boaz will be taking notes and recording the meeting for her.

Mr. Carter said he will be out of town for the July meeting. Richard Thompson will attend the meeting to represent him.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Vasquez, seconded by Mr. Foreback, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

There being no further business before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Victoria Bruneni, Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer