

**SUMMARY OF ACTION  
 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
 GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM  
 3221 RODEO RD  
 TUESDAY, MAY 16, 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, May 16, 2017, at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center Conference Room, 3221 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Victoria Bruneni, Chair  
Patricia Cardona  
Linda Jackson  
Tom Dominguez  
Damon Archuleta

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Terrance Foreback

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Peggy Vasquez  
James Stodgel  
David Sidebottom

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Rob Carter, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Jessie Esparza, Parks and Recreation Department  
Melessia Helberg for Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Cardona, to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Tom Dominguez, seconded by Damon Archuleta, to approve the minutes as submitted.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

#### **5. PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE**

Mr. Carter reported that the Parks and Recreation Department participated in a successful Community Day which had over 40 booths, their Capital project budget has been approved which includes the addition of restrooms - 2 at a time - to designated parks. They want to eventually do away with the Porta Potties which will make a difference in the parks. They will continue with the park improvements in the 2008 reallocation and are adding solar lighting to Frenchy's. They are moving forward with the MRC project that was discussed at a previous meeting and have received funding to replace the wooden playground equipment at Pueblo del Sol. Peggy Trujillo, Recreation Manager at GCCC, has retired. The Bicentennial pool will open on May 30<sup>th</sup>. They are working with Trails to do a Take Your Kid for a Hike event on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Carter said they are working on Phase 2 at the Frank Ortiz Park. The site was used as a dumping location previously and has to be investigated so that there will be no leeching into the area. They are taking samples to be sure.

Ms. Cardona asked when this site was made what kind of ground cover was there to separate the trash site.

Mr. Carter there used to be sports field. To fill it they brought in dirt, but transported nothing to the landfill.

Mr. Carter said all of you are invited to attend the Master Planning Public Town Hall meeting here at GCCC after the meeting.

Mr. Carter said this Master Plan looks at benchmarks, input and questionnaires and will look at the next 10 years for improvements/maintenance to parks. It will show where we are deficient or have an excess of parks in areas of the City. It will be reviewed here before it goes to Council in December.

Ms. Cardona said she had specific areas of concern.

Mr. Carter said the meeting is just across the way.

Ms. Cardona asked are they including all the different groups.

Mr. Carter said they met with BTAC and other organizations, and did an online survey. They met with staff and attended a PARC meeting. They toured all 3 Recreation Centers, the golf course and 20 parks. They did an in-depth study. This will be a very good benchmark for the future.

Ms. Cardona said she has issues about using space to reduce greenhouse gases. Did they speak with members of Senior Services.

Mr. Carter said they met with a broad section of people.

Chair Bruneni said you can attend every public meeting and comment.

Ms. Cardona said she wants good input. AARP has good policies and broad ranged systemic ideas. We need to make sure they are included.

Chair Bruneni said you should express that to the people next door.

Mr. Carter said they hired Site Southwest to conduct the hearings and write the plan.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/GOLF AND TREE BOARD**

Katherine O'Brien, Chair, Tree Board, said they did not have a quorum at their last meeting so no action was taken. They met anyway, and when they meet next month they hope to find out what the Board's role is as we see our urban forest disintegrate because Parks can't use pesticides. We want to give information and recommendations on what we know about the urban forest. As we learn about pests attacking and destroying trees it is difficult for us. What is their responsibility. She would like PARC input.

Mr. Carter said the Tree Board has to continue in order for us to be a Tree City USA . There are certain responsibilities and those need to be shared with PARC. At a future meeting we need to figure out where to go from here.

Ms. O'Brien said we explored the enabling legislation. We have 3-4 arborists on our Board. As arborists watching trees die when we can't take treatment action it is very frustrating. We would like to work on this issue as a team.

Mr. Carter said he met with Richard and Victor to discuss what we can do. The honey locust infestation tree has to be removed.

Ms. O'Brien said she thinks the public needs to know so they won't plant any more of those trees. It would be good if someone from PARC attended our meeting next week at 10:00 a.m. at Frenchy's Park. We want to be helpful and have good expertise and a willingness to do things.

Mr. Carter asked are you still doing tree inventories.

Ms. O'Brien said yes.

Ms. Cardona asked regarding taking action what are the limitations of the Tree Board.

Ms. O'Brien said we are advisory and that is the limitation. We want to make sure we are helpful to the City but don't want to over-step. She wants everyone to work together.

Mr. Carter said he can ask Matt Ross to put a notice on the website for those concerns.

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

June 20, 2017

## **11. ADJOURN**

There was no further business to come before the Committee.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ms. Cardona, seconded by Ms. Jackson, to adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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**Victoria Bruneni, Chair**



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**Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer**