

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
3221 RODEO ROAD
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018, 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order at by Chair Victoria Bruneni at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center Conference Room, 3221 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL
MEMBERS PRESENT

Victoria Bruneni, Chair
Terrence Foreback
Patricia Cardona
David Sidebottom
Peggy Vasquez
2 Vacancies

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Dominguez, Excused
Damon Archuleta, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Carter, Parks and Recreation Director
Pilar Faulkner, Soccer Association
Nick Smith, President, Soccer Association
Phyllis Taylor, Site SW
Carl Boaz for Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2018**

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Carter reviewed the plans for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. He advised that participants need to get there before 10:00 am. Last year they had 3,000 kids and 5,000 parents.

Mr. Carter reported that the medians are being cleaned. The prison is sending out inmates to assist us. He said we still have 2 vacancies on the PARC Commission and are working to fill those. We have not accepted Los Soleras Park. There are 7 issues with the turf and bumps on the field.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF BEER DURING THE PARTY ON THE PITCH SOCCER TOURNAMENT ON JUNE 2-3, 2018, PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-6.2 (B) SFCC 1987.

Mr. Smith said the adult soccer tournament will be here on June 2nd and 3rd. This is the 3rd year of the tournament. The first year it was scheduled at Santa Fe Downs, but the Pueblo cancelled with 2 days notice. It was moved to Bernalillo.

Mr. Smith said this is done in context by Resolution and must be secure with guards. They will comply with that. We want to serve only beer from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and noon to 6:00 pm on Sunday. There will be music and two food trucks there. This is a well regulated event.

Ms. Cardona asked what were the reasons the Pueblo canceled.

Chair Bruneni said that is complicated. It was a big mess out there.

Mr. Smith said it was not because of beer. We had an agreement to play soccer out there.

Ms. Cardona asked was there a management change.

Ms. Faulkner said a lot of things were happening out there.

Ms. Vasquez said tell me about the kids.

Ms. Faulkner said they are not allowed in the beer garden. The Resolution doesn't allow it. It is considered a bar.

Mr. Smith said there are usually not many children for the adult tournament and there are security guards.

Mr. Foreback asked so you say there have been no problems with it in the past.

Mr. Smith said no, no issues.

Mr. Foreback said we are on the slippery slope principle.

Mr. Smith said we originally ran it as youth/adult event, but it created too many issues so it didn't work and we won't do that again.

Mr. Foreback said he had heard that and with 20 years as a ref, it still makes me nervous. He is still worried.

Mr. Carter said two amendments were made last night at City Council. Councilor Lindell's amendment was a requirement for liquor liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million, fifty thousand.

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

VOTE The motion passed by a voice vote of 4 yes and 1 no. The no vote was Mr. Foreback.

B. MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Taylor said she was there to update the Commission on the Master Plan. She said she met with the Commission in January and she was given a lot of comments from this group and from the Tree Board and other people such as Tim Rogers. She has incorporated most of them and is still working to include the rest. We worked on an inventory for the Parks to make sure the size of each is correct. The City GIS did not match the Parks numbers.

Ms. Taylor said we removed the school sites from their level of service and we

got comments from the public and from the 2001 Master Plan. We now have access to schools information. Now that the inventory is done instead of showing a huge surplus of parks in Santa Fe we are showing small deficiencies in areas of the City except for the southwest part of the City where we found big deficiencies. We also have a need for more open space and trails. We conducted 20 to 21 site visits at parks and are going to go back to that part of the plan to make clear the issues we found there.

Ms. Taylor said the intent was to get a sense from this sample of what kind of issues staff were having with maintenance. We are looking at the staffing costs and actual expenditures at GCCC and Ft. Marcy which are about 40% of the budget.

Ms. Taylor said the GCCC is pretty deluxe for a City this size and is so unusual with the ice rink, olympic size pool, recreation pool and therapy pool. The facility does not even cover its costs and it is busy.

Mr. Carter said he and Phyllis talked about the enterprise funds. An enterprise fund is supposed to at least break even. The ice rink costs much more than it takes in, MRC has debt service to pay off and Ft. Marcy has a greater expense because of the gym.

Mr. Carter said we have 74 parks for a population of 83,000. That is well above what other cities have.

Ms. Taylor said pocket parks are not in the level of service unless they have play equipment. There are municipal landscapes that are maintained as well, such as the Plaza, City Hall and the libraries.

Mr. Carter said by the way Ragle is not being sold.

Ms. Cardona said there are a lot of questions about staffing.

Ms. Taylor said yes, we are working on addressing those. The cost of operation has been a big question and trying to figure out why it looks as it does.

Ms. Cardona said one of the things she likes are the historical and cultural parks. She was looking for what services are in each District; not just acreage.

Ms. Taylor said we do have an inventory by District, but we haven't pulled out all of it yet.

Mr. Carter said it would not be a bad idea if you showed all of the parks by District. You could have amenities by District as well instead of just a list of all the parks. That way, you could see how many parks there are and what amenities are at each.

Ms. Cardona said community gardens should be included.

Ms. Taylor said we do have that. We also talked about doing maps for various parts of town.

Chair Bruneni said we know we have one area that is under served. It is a good idea to break it out in that manner.

Ms. Taylor said we need to look at how much money is going into site maintenance. How much for landscaping, etc.

Chair Bruneni said the City sometimes forgets about what has to be done.

Ms. Taylor said we would typically look at budgets for the Master Plan. The Parks Department is not wasting resources, but it has a lot to do.

Ms. Cardona said it is not a matter of waste, but of setting priorities and an investment of time.

Ms. Taylor said she spoke with Mr. Carter today and asked that all the Capital projects be grouped together. We need to see what is funded in the CIP and what is not funded.

Mr. Carter said he sent a copy of that to the Mayor so he is aware of it.

Mr. Carter said on April 17th we will bring this back for approval,

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Bruneni said we can be more proactive. As we recruit more Board members we are going to recruit a parks person.

Mr. Carter said he notified Matt Ross that we still have two vacancies to fill. If you have anyone who is interested have them send in a resume. We are allowed to have 2 County members.

Ms. Vasquez said when Phyllis makes the changes she would like to see those pages printed out for the Board.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS/GOLF AND TREE BOARD

None.

**9. NEXT MEETING
APRIL 17, 2018**

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Victoria Bruneni, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer