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The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a meeting on February 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 700 N. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Board Members Present:
Fred Raish – At Large member
Cassie McClure, Chair - District 1
Kenneth Coppedge - District 2
Aracely Tellez - District 3
Stan Engle, Vice Chair – District 4
Laura Haas – District 6

Members Absent:
Eric Montgomery – District 5

Others Present:
George Pearson, Public
Linda Peterson, Public
Dan Carter, Southern New Mexico Trail Alliance
Hazel Nevarez, Sr. Office Manager, Parks & Recreation
Catherine Mathews, Landscape Architect, Parks & Recreation
Claudia Chavez, Deputy Director, Parks & Recreation
M. Nakashia, Public
Gregory Shervanick, Public
Pat Acosta, Juvenile Program Supervisor - Juvenile Citation Program, Parks & Recreation
Sofia Hughes, Case Manager - Weed N Seed Program, Parks & Recreation

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met February 16, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, 700 N. Main, Las Cruces, NM. The meeting was brought to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair McClure and recognized the meeting as having a legal quorum.

1. Introductions

Board Members introduced themselves and stated the district they represent. Attending Parks & Recreation staff members introduced themselves.

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2. Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest.

3. Approval of Agenda

Board Member Haas moved to approve Agenda, seconded by Board Member Engle. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Board Member Haas moved to amend and approve minutes of January 19, 2023 with amendments:

- under 6.1 Board Member Update, to note Chair McClure’s preference of a more direct-to-member mail mechanism.
- Page 3, line 31, under Board Member comments, specify who Linda Peterson is, and subject of paragraph.
- Page 3, line 40, place end quote on page 3, line 40 after: relocate here”

Motion was seconded by Board Member Engle. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Participation

Mr. Gregory Shervanick, member of the public, recommended meeting minutes be verbatim.

Ms. Linda Peterson, member of the public, would like to have the hiking program reinstated.

A member of the public informed Board it is nice that Agenda and minutes are accessible on City website.

6. Action Items

There were no action items.

7. Discussion Items

7.1 Southern New Mexico Trail Alliance – Dan Carter

Mr. Dan Carter of Southern New Mexico Trail Alliance gave a presentation of trails in Las Cruces and Dona Ana County and said they are available for partnership with other trail managers and trail expansion opportunities.

7.2 Hiking Program – Phil Catanach, Deputy Director, Parks & Recreation

Mr. Phil Catanach, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation informed the Board there is currently no hiking program due to not having expertise staff for a quality and safe program. Previous staff member was certified and trained in search and rescue, wilderness first responder and CPR which allowed for such a program. Mr. Catanach advised he would look into other options, possible partners, and if can find qualified staff, will look for budget.

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7.3 Community Outreach Survey Update – Robert Nunez, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation/Cassie McClure, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chair

The Board is considering creating a survey that would allow them to gain information on wants and needs of constituents in their district.

7.4 New 50-Meter Community Pool – Phil Catanach, Deputy Director, Parks & Recreation

Mr. Phil Catanach, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation, provided the Board with a short PowerPoint presentation on status of the 50-meter pool and invited the Board to an upcoming scheduled tour of the pool the morning of Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

7.5 Skate Park Renovations, Catherine Mathews, Landscape Architect, Parks & Recreation

Ms. Catherine Mathews, Landscape Architect for Parks & Recreation, informed the Board on the status of the Skate Park renovation of the existing skatepark on Walnut St. and invited Board to attend the next upcoming Skate Park Renovation Public Input Meeting to be held on February 23, 2023 at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley. Ms. Mathews informed the Board a second public meeting will be held April 6, 2023 at the Regional Aquatic Center.

7.6 Apodaca Park Aquatic Playground and Multi Use Path – Catherine Mathews, Landscape Architect, Parks & Recreation

Ms. Catherine Mathews, Landscape Architect for Parks & Recreation, updated the Board on the current status of the Apodaca Park Aquatic Playground and Multi Use Path. She informed the Board grant funding was awarded and planning and design would start in the Fall.

8. Staff Member Comments

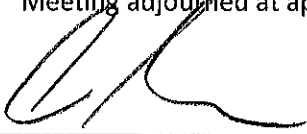
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9. Board Member Comments

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10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.



Chairperson

