

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARLSBAD PARKS AND
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD HELD AT THE PUBLIC WORKS
CONFERENCE ROOM ON MAY 19, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M.

Voting Members Present:	Dave Gillan Don Dayton Christy Thomas Jim Grantner	Chairperson Co-Chairperson Member Member
Visitors:	Mary Garwood John Barry Denton McCullough	City Beautification Guest Guest
Members Absent:	Valerie Dorr Alan Fiala	Member Member
Ex-Officio Member Absent:	Sandra Nunley	City Councilor
Board Secretary Present:	Luis Renteria	Parks & Rec. Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Gillan at 4:00 pm.

ITEM 1 – ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Roll call of those present was taken by Dave Gillan. It is determined that a quorum is present.

ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was made by Don Dayton to approve the Agenda as presented. Jim Grantner seconds the motion.

The vote was as follows: Yes – Mr. Gillan, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Grantner, Mrs. Thomas. No – None. Absent: Mr. Fiala, Ms. Dorr. The motion carries.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The motion was made by Jim Grantner to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2016 meeting Don Dayton seconds the motion.

The vote was as follows: Yes – Mr. Gillan, Mr. Dayton, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Grantner. No – None. Absent: Mr. Fiala, Ms. Dorr. The motion carries.

ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

A. Water Park

Dave had a couple of situations regarding the Water Park such as hiring, the contract of maintaining, restoring, and how the labyrinth is going, which is still in the budget, it was funded \$40,000.00. Don and Dave did a survey of the bathrooms at the parks. The main restroom was closed at the Beach area, but Dave questioned would the problem ever be found if the Water Park was never built, and if so who would have been responsible for the cost. Don said if the bathroom doesn't get fixed the pedestrians would want to go use the bathrooms at the Water Park. Luis stated that the bathroom was opened as of May 19, 2016, the contractor restored the water line. Luis said there was an irrigation system restored, but on the North side there is still construction so that is on hold. There is no electrical but will run battery powered controllers or water by hand for now. They ran some sleeves to reconnect the sewer line from the bathroom across from the Tennis Court and run electrical conduit, so there will be electricity in that building now. Dave asked if the Parks got a cut, Luis stated there was a cut but not sure what was made until he got the budget report. Mary Garwood stated that hiring life guards is not going to good.

B. Smith Park

Dave stated at the last meeting he presented pictures of the basketball court lack of fence to stop balls from rolling into the street. He thought this was a safety hazard because the street is busy. He submitted a letter to the City Attorney and copied it to the City Administrator. Luis stated the Parks Department put a fence up a couple of weeks ago, they just need to paint it.

C. Status of Prospective Board Appointment

Dave submitted recommendations March 24, 2016 for prospective board members. He called Cheyenne, the Mayors' assistant, to check on the status. They are on phase 2 to recruit several other members, because Dave's and Alan's term will soon be up. Dave will contact Valerie Dorr to see if she will be on the board or will she resign. Jim asked since Dave and Alan's terms are up will they run for reappointment. Dave said he is topped off but will still attend the monthly meetings.

Jim asked if the by-laws could be changed because he doesn't like how they are written.

ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

A. Pecos River Recreation Area Bathroom Survey

Don stated that him and Dave went around the river and stopped at every restroom to survey. Don stated that there were a few that were not operational. Don requested a sign to be put pointing where the new restrooms are. Luis said there could be a couple of signs put up pointing to where the bathrooms are. Luis said the Parks Department has a checklist when they make the rounds.

- E. Riverside the graffiti was removed and cleaned up real good
- The road by the Bataan Bridge which is actually an alley needs to be fixed so he said he will talk to the Street superintendent.
- The Parks Department checked the restrooms at the Riverwalk area and tightened everything that needed to be tightened

- The only ones that are closed right now are the ones across from the tennis courts
- The new Tennis Court restroom should be opened in two weeks.
- The Veterans Park was closed but fixed the sewer line so now it's open every day.

Don said the Pavilion restrooms look nice. Mary stated that there will be a group of High School students that will be painting murals at the Pavilion restrooms this fall.

Memo attached.

B. Cruz Fernandez Park

Christy said the park is really run down and there is drug paraphernalia around the park. She commented that there should not be a restroom to give the homeless a place to hide to use their addiction, but if there is a bathroom to go up it should be locked at night. Jim asked how the lighting was. Luis said there was new lighting up because of issues on the west side of the park. Jim questioned if there was more lighting would it stop the use by transients, but Christy said they will find any dark area in the park in the middle of the night.

She said she couldn't up keep the park by herself but needs to get the neighborhood to help. Luis stated they have had problems similar to this at several other parks. Jim asked if there was anything that needed to be repaired. Christy said the fence is not all that great and is uneven, but the benches and tables all have been replaced. Jim agreed with her not to install a restroom because it would just increase the drug usage.

C. Northern Pedestrian Bridge Across Pecos River

Dave said several years ago there was an interest in installing a pedestrian bridge. He said that the Pecos River committee had talked about installing it and that they would encourage an engineering survey. Dave said that Steve McCutcheon said to get with Intrepid and so they met with them and they were interested. They decided a master plan should be designed. In August of 2013 the final meeting before it was sent off to Council for an RFP, a superintendent from Intrepid showed up at the meeting and stated how difficult the financials of the potash industries was. Dave said the board discussed it again at one point but dropped the subject since. Dave brought up the article that was in the newspaper about stopping the trespassing on the bridge. He said on the next budget they should think about putting in for an engineer study. Jim questioned Luis if the City had an engineer on staff, and should be the first step instead of asking for an outside engineer.

ITEM 6 – STANDING REPORTS

Luis Renteria went over the Parks Superintendent Report for May.

1. The Parks Department has installed six (6) benches, and six (6) trash can receptacles at the Carlsbad Disc Golf Course at the Bataan Recreation area.
2. Constructors Inc. has completed installing asphalt concrete paving at the basketball court at the West Carlsbad Recreation area.
3. The irrigation crew has completed the stainless steel fixtures installation at the Riverview Park restrooms.
4. Post and pre-emergent herbicide has been sprayed at the Lake Carlsbad Recreation area, Desert Willow Park, Smith Park, 8th Street Park, Riverside Country Club Park.
5. The Parks Department has applied fertilizer at the Lake Carlsbad Recreation area.

6. I.P.R. from Albuquerque has installed slurry seal at the remote control model plane Airport at the Carlsbad Municipal Shooting Range.
7. The Parks Department are mowing and trimming all City Parks on a two week schedule.
8. The Parks Department will start tree trimming along Park Drive next month.

ITEM 7 – COMMENTS

John Barry said Carlsbad has an issue with the yellow star thistle, he said early mowing is helpful but if it's a couple day late it just spreads the seeds further. It has ruined a lot of farm and grazing land in surrounding areas.

ITEM 9 – SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Jim Grantner to adjourn the meeting. Christy Thomas seconds the motion.

The motion carries.

W.D. Nelson
Chair

6/22/16
Date