

## **JANUARY 21, 2015 MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARKS, RECREATION, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Commission (PRCA) of the City of Farmington met in a regular session on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 6:15 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, NM. Roll call was taken with attendance as follows:

Members Present: Leslie Thompson, Vice Chair; Patricia Baca; Jane Banes; Ellyn Dimond; Sherry Galloway; Larry Hilliard; Kent Mobley

Members Absent: Peter Holzem, Corey Freeman, Tyson Snyder

Also present were: Cory Styron, PRCA Director; Linda Harris, PRCA Administrative Aide

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ✚ Kent Mobley moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2015; Sherry Galloway seconded, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **FACILITY NAMING GUIDELINES – ACTION**

It was determined after a brief discussion the action to vote on the guidelines for naming PRCA facilities or parts of facilities should be tabled until the guidelines from Tyson Snyder could be reviewed.

- ✚ Ms. Galloway moved to table the vote on the guidelines until the next meeting; Larry Hilliard seconded, the motion passed.

#### **PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS – DISCUSSION**

Ms. Thompson asked for thoughts. Cory Styron, PRCA Director presented a few topics to consider when creating rules and regulations within the department; historic respect; fishing and metal detecting permits; security; immediate enforcement; swimming, bathing, wading; ordinances already in place; and facility reservations. Discussion continued regarding length of permits, imposing fees, and designating areas for certain activities. Ellyn Dimond agreed that creating thoughtful rules and regulations would give Police Officers and Park Rangers tools to work with.

#### **COMMERCIAL PARK USE PERMIT & APPLICATION PROCESS – DISCUSSION**

Mr. Styron reported that City Council heard the proposal for standardizing Commercial Park Use Permits (re: City Code 8-13-3(8)). It was agreed by consensus to proceed as PRCA's administrative policy therefore not requiring Council's approval. Following current business registration requirements, the guidelines establish a fee and application process, insurance requirements, hours of operation, and monitoring within city parks and facilities. Some premium locations will be established through a competitive bid process with an expected start date in March; not included are those parks or facilities with an already established concessionaire agreement. Notices have been published on the PRCA web site, the Daily Times, posted on social media sites, and presented on local television. The PRCA department, Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), and San Juan College all participated in a public meeting to discuss recreational and other exciting opportunities for start-up businesses in Farmington.

Discussion continued regarding zoning regulations, vending on private property vs. city property, and premium location bid process. Mr. Styron commented that issues regarding vending on private property are subject to zoning regulations and are the responsibility of the property owner.

#### **MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET 2015 – DISCUSSION**

Mr. Styron reported that over 7000 people attended the event's first year. The human snow globe was a success, as well as the 30 foot Christmas tree and Santa arriving in a horse drawn carriage was the highlight. Over 30 days, 1400 skaters enjoyed the skating rink, exceeding expectations. The plan for next year is to begin earlier in the evening, add more activities by bringing in non-profit groups, and doubling the

square footage of the ice rink. Gauging how a larger rink will be received in 2016, conversation for a mobile rink and extended operational hours could be forth coming for the future. Ellyn Dimond reported that people were saying the food vendor's prices were outrages, another reported the singing entertainment was good but could use additional mikes and speakers.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **BROOKSIDE POOL - DISCUSSION**

Mr. Styron reported that Brookside pool is an aging facility with many operational problems, the primary being the filtration and pipe system. Cost to repair/upgrade it would be approximately \$2M. Hours of operation in summer 2015 decreased to every other day in order to ease demand on the filtration rate. Another option is to create in its place a water park which is the current trend but also a costly venture (\$3.5 - \$5M depending on the features). Discussion followed; what will be the affects at Brookside Park if the pool is closed; how will the people who use the pool be accommodated; replace with a spray ground amenity; redesigned area used for outdoor events. Discussion regarding utilizing Lake Farmington as another venue for swimming would require upgrades such as electric, sewer and water. Discussion on the topic is likely to happen with City Council in March.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mr. Styron mentioned the department is considering expanding some of the larger activities to grander, two day events such as the Rod Run, and Miracle on Main Street. The trail system "Among the Waters" near the hospital requires a bridge and nature trails to be tied into the current trail system near Murray.

Copies of the department report for December were handed out and Mr. Styron pointed out specific areas:

- ~Bonnie Dallas Senior Center (BDSC) is in need of Meals on Wheels drivers. Congregate meals are up from last year, Meals on Wheels slightly down.
- ~Farmington Regional Animal Shelter (FRAS) continues to struggle with intake numbers, making available space a primary concern. The total intake numbers are up from last year even in the colder months.
- ~Farmington Museum's attendance numbers are down due to the Egypt exhibit closing.
- ~Farmington Civic Center sold out the show for *Merle Haggard* which took \$700 to promote. The *Travis Tritt* promoter cancelled. *Dancing with Farmington Stars* is coming up March. The department's first "Cinco de Mayo" celebration is planned for May 5, 12-6 on the Civic Center lawn.
- ~Sandstone Productions 2016 will be presenting, *The Adams Family Values* production.

### **COMMISSIONER BUSINESS**

Ms. Thompson expressed Mr. Greg Anesi's concern that history will be lost before anything gets done with the property he donated (Junction City). Ms. Thompson asked that Mr. Anesi be informed of a plan and a time line. Mr. Styron answered that Mr. Anesi had provided a conceptual plan, but currently there is no funding to commence with improvements; there are also discrepancies regarding the actual site of the historical bridge.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Thompson called for adjournment, Ms. Galloway moved to adjourn the meeting, Jane Banes seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

  
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Leslie Thompson, Vice Chair

  
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Linda Harris, PRCA Administrative Aide