

FEBRUARY 18, 2016 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, February 18, 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: Tyson Snyder, Chair; Leslie Thompson, Vice Chair; Patricia Baca; Jane Banes; Sherry Galloway; Peter Holzem

Members Absent: Kent Mobley; Corey Freeman; Larry Hilliard; Ellyn Dimond

Also present were: Cory Styron, PRCA Director; Mike Duke, PRCA Aquatics Manager; Chris Jones, PRCA Golf Course Manager; Luke Tanner, Pinon Hills Golf Pro; Linda Harris, PRCA Administrative Aide; Thomas Yost, SJ County First Tee Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✦ Peter Holzem moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2016; Sherry Galloway seconded, the minutes were approved as presented.

PRESENTATION:

Thomas Yost, Executive Director for The First Tee of San Juan County, New Mexico shared the mission for this successful, six week program that impacts the lives of youth, 6 – 18 years old by promoting core values and healthy habits through the game of golf. Over 8,600 youth served in our community and Cortez, CO. Luke Tanner, Pinon Hills Golf Professional is the program's Assistant Coach and coordinated over 30 youth at Farmington's golf courses in programs such as National School Program (NSP), PGA Junior League (team competition), USGA/LPGA Girls Golf, and STEM (middle/high school). Pinon Hills Golf Course will host the 2nd annual "Clubs for Kids" May 12, 3-7pm. Participants (200-400) will receive valuable instruction and take home a fitted golf club; it is a great way to showcase the golf course and provide good will to the community. Visit The First Tee of San Juan County website to sign up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FACILITY NAMING GUIDELINES - ACTION

Tyson Snyder asked for discussion regarding the Naming and Dedication of Farmington Facilities. Mr. Holzem commended the committee for the good work putting this policy together. Bringing attention to one of the principle statements reading "Corporate names will not be used unless a significant financial or other contribution has been made to the City," Leslie Thompson reported that though it could be a sensitive issue, in researching the policies the committee found other municipalities included the same statement.

- ✦ With no other discussion Peter moved to approve and recommend to council, the policy for Naming and Dedication of Farmington Facilities. Ms. Galloway seconded, the motion passed.

Mr. Snyder and Ms. Thompson agreed to present the policy to City Council.

BROOKSIDE POOL CLOSURE - ACTION

Mr. Styron along with Mike Duke, Aquatics Manager showed a presentation explaining Brookside Pool's problematic issues and possible solutions. Mr. Styron asked members for support of three recommendations to present to City Council: 1) support closing Brookside Pool; 2) support modifying existing ordinances to allow swimming in designated areas at Lake Farmington; and 3) to support the possibility of creating a different aquatic experience in Farmington. Mr. Styron explained the 60 year old Brookside Pool facility's flow rate is the major concern; the time it takes the water to run through the filtration system is taking longer than State Aquatic Regulations allow creating possible health and safety concerns. Another matter is the water loss from the

infrastructure's cast iron pipes; it is reported to be losing 384 gallons of water a month. A professional assessment reported it would take \$1,020,940 to renovate the facility. A long-term possibility for the site would be a small family aquatic park which could come with a \$3-5M price tag. Discussion continued while members viewed a conceptual presentation for a natural water attraction at Lake Farmington with a start-up cost of \$60K.

- Mr. Holzem moved to approve and recommend to City Council: 1) closing Brookside pool; 2) allow a designated swimming area at Lake Farmington; and 3) consider a future aquatic facility located on site at Brookside Park. Patricia Baca seconded. With no further discussion, Mr. Snyder called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS - DISCUSSION

Mr. Styron asked for thoughts or comments regarding the continuing discussion of the Park Rules and Regulation policy. The topic will be revisited next month when it is placed on the agenda for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

CINCO DE MAYO - ACTION

Mr. Styron handed out a map showing the layout of the outdoor festival May 7, 12-3pm at the Civic Center. The event will feature culturally relevant games, food vendors, bands and activities. The difference with this festival and why approval is required is that the entire outdoor venue will have a perimeter fence allowing adult beverages to be enjoyed throughout the festival as opposed to confined to a small designated location within the event grounds.

- Mr. Holzem moved to approve the Cinco de Mayo Festival, allowing adult beverages to be enjoyed throughout the festival's footprint area; Ms. Galloway seconded. With no further discussion, a vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

KINDRICK PROPERTY - ACTION

Mr. Styron presented a map and asked members to approve a \$431K purchase of 15.4 acres south of Murry Drive along the Animas River. Mr. Styron added it is an essential section that is not only vital to connect the riverine trail system from Bisti Highway to Browning Parkway, but also saves \$1M in bridge construction from the original design.

- Ms. Galloway moved to approve the acquisition to purchase the Kendrick property; Mr. Holzem seconded. With no further discussion, a vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

FRUITLAND DIVERSION CHANNEL - ACTION

Mr. Styron showed a presentation for the Fruitland/Cambridge Irrigation Project. The Navajo Nation is required to complete a Federal action for repair to the diversion dam. The dam is on City property and borders Westland Park; the Nation will need easement rights from the City in order to complete the work. In exchange for those rights, the City is asking that the Nation develop a river friendly feature for water craft that connects to Westland Park. The venture creates a nice, two hour water run from Animas Park. Completion is anticipated by irrigation season 2017.

- Mr. Holzem moved to support the negotiations with the Fruitland/Cambridge Irrigation project creating an approved water feature in exchange for easement rights; Ms. Galloway seconded. With no further discussion, a vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

FY17 BUDGET & CAPITAL PROJECTS - DISCUSSION

Mr. Styron gave members a snapshot of the department's FY17 projects to be funded out of the 202 account. Currently the department is operating on a flat budget. Some of the projects would have to be postponed should 10% cuts be required; the plan for those cuts will be presented in next month's meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Styron mentioned the highlights from the department's monthly report. Museum's digital sign is up. First commercial food vendor is successfully operating at Gateway Museum. Approximately 50 people turned out

for the Recreation/Tourism workshop held at the end of January. San Juan College is considering hosting a workshop in March specific to food vending, and quarterly workshops for specific recreation business opportunities in the area. Upcoming Civic Center events will hopefully help to recover from the two recent cancellations. The City is entering into negotiations with Aztec, Bloomfield and Kirtland to contribute monetarily if they want to bring their animals to Farmington Regional Animal Shelter, if not they will have to be turned away.

ACTIVITY LISTING

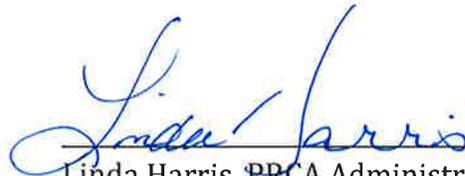
Mr. Styron shared a few fun activities from the department's activity listing: Ansel Adams exhibit at Gateway Museum; City wide Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Civic Center; Sycamore Park's sold out Daddy Daughter Ball and Mother Son Dodge Ball Tournament; and the Aquatic Center's Boat and Float.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further business or discussion, Mr. Snyder moved to adjourn, Ms. Galloway seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.



Tyson Snyder, Chair



Linda Harris, PRCA Administrative Aide