

**February 16, 2023 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 16, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. at the Farmington Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington, Farmington, NM. Roll call was taken with attendance as follows:

Members Present: Debora Cutler, Chair; Evan Noel; George Golombowski; Vice Chair; Melissa Mortensen; Leslie Thompson; Ken LaCasse

Members Absent: Larry Hilliard; Carla Stimac; Vicki Campbell; Patricia Baca

PRCA Staff Present: Natalie Spruell, Interim Director; Christa Chapman, Assistant Director of Cultural Affairs & Marketing; Shaña Reeves, Assistant City Manager; Debbie Homer, PRCA Administrative Aide; Doug Abe; Assistant Director Parks Operations; Leslie Mueller; Recreation Manager

Guest(s) None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✚ Deb Cutler called the PRCA meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2023. A motion was made by Melissa Mortensen, seconded by George Golombowski to approve the minutes of January 19, 2023; upon vote, the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. All Abilities Park Naming Survey
Chair Cutler stated that 280+ names were submitted through the online survey. The Naming Committee met to review and narrow down names for submission on February 15, 2023. The Naming Committee narrowed the list down to 8 names. Ms. Cutler asked the commission to review the 8 names and approve 4 names to present to City Council on February 21, 2023. Discussion ensued. After much discussion by the commissioners the following 4 names were agreed upon: Totah All Abilities Park; Power Up All Abilities Park; Nizhoni (Beautiful) All Abilities Park; and Boundless Adventures All Abilities Park. Ms. Thompson moved to submit these 4 names to City Council for approval. Mr. Golombowski seconded the motion. Chair Cutler called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Spruell said she will present these 4 names to City Council at the February 21st work session. She encouraged all commissioners to attend if they are able.
- b. Fees Presentation
Ms. Spruell reviewed and presented updated fees and discounts per City Council request. She stated after staff input the final recommendations were to do a 10% fee discount for military and senior/student rounded to the nearest dollar. She stated that rounding to the nearest dollar will prevent coin issues and shortages. With no further discussion Chair Cutler called for a motion to approve the presented fees. Mr. LaCasse moved to present the proposed fee discounts as presented to City Council. Mr. Noel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chair Cutler recognized Ms. Spruell to present the department report. Ms. Spruell advised the commission that the Brookside Skate Park is being reviewed for updates and has been sent to a design firm to determine which of two options will be best; a redesign or a rebuild. More information is forthcoming. She said that the PRCA Department is in need of an updated Master Plan, the current plan was done in 2014. A request for bids have been created and sent out. Ms. Spruell advised the commission that they will be a part of the master plan update and process. Project updates include the Brookhaven East playground has been removed and there will be a new playground installed soon. The Ricketts Mezzanine resurface project has been completed. The lower Brookside parking area has been set for repaving sometime in March. The Piñon Hills Golf Course grand opening is tentatively set for April. The Tyrannosaurs exhibit at the museum has been a huge success. During the first 9 days the exhibit was opened there were 2200+ visitors. A City Job Fair will be held February 27th to hire seasonal and full time employees.

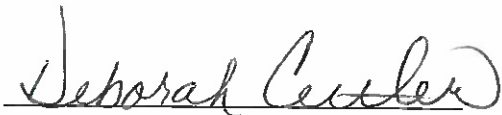
Chair Cutler stated that she is receiving reports that individuals are skateboarding and roller skating on the new pickleball courts at Brookside. Ms. Spruell said she will check into this concern. This concluded the department report for February.

COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

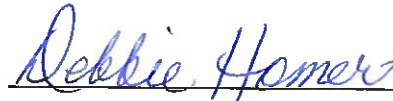
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ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Ms. Thompson moved to adjourn, Ms. Mortensen seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm. The next meeting will be held March 16, 2023



Deborah Cutler, Chair



Debbie Homer, PRCA Administrative Aide