

July 18, 2019 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, July 18, 2019 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: Sherry Galloway, Vice Chair; Kent Mobley; Patricia Baca; Deb Cutler; Rick Griffiths; George Golombowski; Larry Hillard; Thomas Hawkins; Ben Mortensen

Members Absent: Leslie Thompson, Chair; Tyson Snyder;

PRCA Staff Present: Shaña Reeves, PRCA Director; Natalie Spruell, PRCA Assistant Director; Randy West, Civic Center Supervisor; Debbie Homer, PRCA Administrative Aide;

Guests: Jill McQuery, Rio Del Sol Kiwanis Representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✚ Sherry Galloway called the PRCA meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 16. A motion was made by Kent Mobley, seconded by Deb Cutler to approve the minutes of May 16, 2019; upon vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ACTION -

1. Letter draft inviting City Council to join facility tours
Ms. Galloway asked Ms. Reeves to address the commission regarding City Council members participating in facility tours. Ms. Reeves advised the commission that due to sunshine meeting laws that council members may need to go on individual tours. Ms. Reeves also recommended that instead of a facility tours letter to council that a letter be drafted by the commission in support of their decision in using CTED funds to help with qualified deferred maintenance items. Discussion ensued regarding this matter. After discussion Ms. Galloway asked commission members if they agreed that a letter of support regarding the use of CTED funds for qualified deferred maintenance be issued to council instead of an invitation letter for facility tours. Mr. Hilliard motioned that a letter of support to City Council regarding their recommendation to use CTED funds for qualified maintenance items be drafted and issued. Mr. Mortensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION -

1. Presentation – 2019/2020 Civic Center Schedule, Randy West
Ms. Reeves introduced Randy West, Civic Center Supervisor to the commission. Mr. West provided a handout of upcoming shows for July 2019 through June 2020. Ms. Reeves noted that these shows have already received approval and in future years programming will be presented to the commission first. Mr. West stated that a Four Corners Musical Theater group has been created for Sandstone Theatre programming. Ms. Reeves encouraged commissioners to promote these programs through word of mouth.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES – Ms. Reeves reviewed the Department Report with the commission. She noted that the shade project at Lake Farmington has experienced delays but is working to try and complete by August 1. Bisti Bay is doing well and hit capacity of 400 first time today. Ms. Reeves advised the commission that there is a request to open the entire Lake Farmington to swimming. She said that there is a pending meeting with the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, and the City Manager to discuss and review this option. It is possible that this item will be on the August agenda as a discussion item.

Ms. Reeves also stated that due the extremely high intake volume at the Animal Shelter they have been euthanizing for space. This has happened only one time before since the animal transfer program has been in place. She stated that until now the majority of euthanization procedures has been performed due to medical problems or unsolvable socialization issues.

COMMISSIONER BUSINESS – Mr. Hawkins advised Ms. Reeves that Mr. Anesi was asking if his donation has been used for trails as intended. Ms. Reeves responded that yes the funds are being used to help with the north trail extension.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR – Ms. Reeves introduced Jill McQuery, Rio Del Sol Kiwanis representative to the commission. Ms. McQuery stated that she and a group of citizens would like to rename Orchard Park to Hunter Park for the family who donated the property that the park is located on. Ms. Reeves advised the commission that Orchard Park may be redesigned in the future and that public input will be invited when this happens. Ms. McQuery said that during the redesign this would be an appropriate time to rename Orchard Park. Ms. Reeves said that this will be an item on the August agenda for discussion. It was suggested that instead of renaming the park perhaps interpretive signs showing all who contributed to the development of Farmington be installed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other discussion, Ms. Galloway called for adjournment, Ms. Baca seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Sherry Galloway, Vice Chair



Debbie Homer, PRCA Administrative Aide