

**PARKS, RECREATION, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

6:15 p.m. Thursday April 21, 2022
800 Municipal Dr. Farmington, New Mexico

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Commission (PRCA) of the City of Farmington met in a regular session on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

Members Present Deborah Cutler, Chair; George Golombowski, Co-Chair; Richard Griffiths, Melissa Mortensen, Thomas Hawkins, and Leslie Thompson.

Members Absent: Larry Hilliard, Patricia Baca, Carla Stimac, Ken LaCasse, and Evan Noel

Also present were: Shaña Reeves, PRCA Director; Natalie Spruell, PRCA Assistant Director; Gwen Johnson, PRCA Administrative Aide

OPENING OF MEETING

Deb Cutler called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

ROLL CALL

6 Commissioners present, 5 absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deb Cutler made the recommendation to approve the March, 2022 minutes as written. Rick made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Leslie made the second. Vote was taken, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Shaña Reeves presented.

Shaña opened by stating that the current budget process is going nicely and in a very positive direction. On May 3, 2022, there will be a special council session focusing on the 408 fund and CTED funds. The discussion will focus on these funds and where the money should be applied towards within the PRCA \$500,000 deferred maintenance needs. She encouraged the Commission to follow the City Council Session concerning the 22/23 yearly Budget planning and approval.

Project and Division Updates

The North Animas Trail extension, the Gateway Park at the museum and the River, Whitewater, water features are up for discussion along with a new Soccer Complex, and more Youth Sports Fields in the future, due to a growing number of sport teams that need fields to use.

❖ **Aquatics:**

Aqua Park at the Lake is out for Bid.
Lions Pool is open and all the updates look great and patrons are pleased.

❖ **Golf Course:**

Current renovation, construction project at the course is moving along very well. The contract is set for finish date of 150 days and they are on track. Updates on Facebook have been informative and is keeping the public informed. All involved are very encouraged and pleased with the motion of this project.

❖ **Park Operations:**

Among the Waters Ribbon cutting was a great success.
The Garcia purchase agreements have been signed and now the Among the Waters trail has access to that 15ft wide piece of property to allow the trail to flow and no barriers are needed at that point.

All Abilities Park Project has had a wonderful donation by Merrion Oil, \$500,000 that will be divided in half to be used this year and next. We are very grateful for Merrion Oils support and donation. The kick off meeting with the committee went great. It was a diverse group with some public engagement.

PRCA Department in general, is still very challenged with a lack of staff in all divisions. Our City Manager, Rob Mays, and our Mayor, Nate Duckett, are very heavily engaged looking at the staffing shortage. Our Animal Shelter, and Park Operations are extremely low on staff at this time. The cost of fuel and travel have had a huge impact on the staff shortage.

With no further items for discussion or comment from the Commissioners, Deb Cutler, Chair; entertained motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Leslie Thompson and seconded George Golombowski. Vote was taken all in favor and meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Deb Cutler - Chair



~~Gwen Johnson, PRCA~~

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Linda Harris, PRCA



Next Meeting May 19, 2022