

*Minutes of the Tuesday, April 14, 2009*  
*El Paso County Park Advisory Board Meeting*  
**Bear Creek Nature Center**  
**245 Bear Creek Road**  
**Colorado Springs, Colorado**

Present: Ed Browne, Jane Fredman; Martha Johnson; Warren Hill; Jim Mariner, and Kimberly Tyler-James

Absent: Chris Meyer

Staff: Jerry Westling; Annie Stark; Dana Nordstrom; Brian Kay; Todd Marts, Jeremy Symes, Hector Nogureas, and Tim Wolken

The following minutes are a summary of the proceedings. An audio duplication is available upon request at the El Paso County Parks Administration Office.

1. Call to Order  
Ed Browne called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda  
**Jim Mariner made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Kimberly Tyler-James seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (Chris Meyer absent).**
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes  
**Warren Hill made a motion to approve the March, 2009 meeting minutes. Jane Fredman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (Chris Meyer absent).**
4. Introductions  
Hector Nogueras was introduced as the “Caught in the Act” Spotlight employee.
5. Correspondence/Citizen Comments
6. Monthly Report  
Please find enclosed the March, 2009 monthly report. Jerry Westling updated the Park Advisory Board on the March 2009 activities and ongoing projects.  
  
There was a discussion about possible dates to have a 2 hour retreat for the Advisory Board. It was determined that the last week of June, last week of may and the first two weeks of July were out. Board members are to send Jerry possible available dates.
7. Subdivisions

No reviews this month.

8. Information/Action Items

For Information

**A. Update on the Meridian Ranch Regional Park Proposal**

Jerry Westling updated the board on the Meridian Ranch Regional Park proposal. The County Park Master Plan includes the development of a Falcon Regional Park to service the rapidly growing Falcon area. Park Staff have met onsite with Tim Seibert from NES and are currently working on some initial ideas to present at the May PAB meeting. Park staff would appreciate the opportunity to update the members of the board on this proposed new regional park. Hope to have something additional to present next month.

For Endorsement

**B. Urban Park Grant Application - Colorado Centre Metropolitan District**

Al Testa presented to the board the Urban Park Grant application and discussed it with the board. Please find enclosed the grant application from the Colorado Centre Metropolitan District. Park Staff has reviewed the grant application and has conducted an interview with us. Please see listed below our findings:

1. The applicant is a metropolitan district.
2. This site is located in the Widefield School District # 3. We have sufficient urban park funding for this district to provide the grant.
3. The applicant conducted public meetings to determine the recreation needs in the district.
4. The project is for the development of a playground (facility) within the Colorado Centre Metropolitan District.
5. The applicant has agreed to allow full public access to the facility.
6. The facility will meet American with Disabilities Act requirements.
7. The applicant meets the required financial match for the project.
8. The facility will be maintained by the Metro District staff and / or a private contractor.
9. If approved the County's financial support will be acknowledged by a sign at the playground.

Staff supports a \$25,000 Urban Park Grant for this project and has determined it meets all the requirements. We would appreciate Park Board consideration to endorse the grant application.

**Motion by Jim Mariner to endorse the grant application; second by Kimberly Tyler-James and it passed unanimously (Chris Meyer absent).**

9. Board/Staff Comments

A. Options for the Park Advisory Board meeting locations and dates were presented by Jerry Westling.

**Motion by Jim Mariner to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the BoCC; second by Kimberly Tyler-James and it passed unanimously (Chris Meyer absent).**

Annie confirmed there are two Advisory Board Vacancies at this time.

B. Invitation for appointment to Citizen Budget Oversight Committee. Since Ed Browne is on for another year, he can stay on this committee.

10. Adjourn

The Park Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

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Kimberly Tyler James, Board Secretary