

Revised Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2009
El Paso County Park Advisory Board Meeting
Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room
27 E Vermijo, 3rd Floor, Colorado Springs, Colorado

	<u>Members:</u>	<u>Staff Present:</u>
Present:	Jane Fredman, Chair	Jerry Westling, Parks Div. Manager
	Warren Hill, 1 st Vice Chair	Todd Marts, Recreation & Cultural Serv. Mgr.
	Ed Browne, 2 nd Vice Chair	Dana Nordstrom, Comm. Outreach Coord.
	Jim Mariner	Jason Meyer, Parks Planner
	Barbara Remy	Patrick Salamon, Parks Maintenance III
	Robert Altenbernd	Sandra Daughtry, Staff Liaison
Absent:	Kimberly Tyler-James, Secretary	
	Martha Johnson	
	Chris Meyer	

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Jane Fredman.

2. Approval of Agenda

Jim Mariner made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Barbara Remy seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor of approving the meeting agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

Warren Hill moved to approve the July 2009 minutes. Jim Mariner seconded the motion. Barbara Remy commented that she wanted to give credit for the Eagle Scout Project placing signage in Section 16 to Scout Dan Doty, the seven people who volunteered, to Home Depot, to Cody Signs, and to Black Forest Lumber. Warren Hill then moved to approve the meeting minutes including the addition. Jim Mariner seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the addition. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Introductions

Introduction of new PAB Member: New PAB Member, Robert Altenbernd, was introduced and welcomed by Jerry Westling.

Introduction of new Park Planner: Jerry Westling introduced new Park Planner, Jason Meyer to PAB Members.

August Staff Spotlight: Patrick Salamon, Park Maintenance III was introduced. Patrick's various skills were highlighted along with his ability to train, coordinate project planning, and fill in during his supervisor's absence.

5. Citizen Comments / Correspondence:

Jane Fredman introduced County Attorney, Bill Louis. Ms. Fredman invited Mr. Louis to give an update on the Pineries conservation easement. Considerable time was spent giving PAB Members information on the current status of the development and conservation easement with Palmer Land Trust. Possible scenarios and timeframes were talked about. With all things being considered, members were assured that El Paso County's interests are protected in this matter.

Next, Tim Seibert from N.E.S. gave a brief informational presentation about a plot plan involving 35 acres currently in process for the First Samoan Congregational Christian Church. He emphasized how the group is community minded and that they have expressed a willingness to have a trail go through a portion of their property. Because the project is in such a conceptual stage and the exact location of the trail is undetermined at this time, it is too early to request an easement. Board members asked Mr. Seibert to request a letter of intent from the church indicating their willingness to grant such an easement at the appropriate time.

6. Monthly Report

Jerry Westling went over the monthly report. It was agreed that a column would be added to indicate the 2008 monthly park facility reservation figures for reference.

Continuing on, the topic of volunteerism was discussed and Dana Nordstrom related that 30 out of 35 parks and trails are currently adopted through the Adopt-a-Park/Trail Program. These volunteers receive recognition from the Board of County Commissioners, they receive a plaque, an "Adopt-a-Park" sign is placed in the park, and they are recognized on the web-site.

Mr. Westling indicated that he will be contacting the Clerk and Recorder's Office and then contact Jane Fredman, Jim Mariner, and Barbara Remy by e-mail to schedule their help in doing the title research on the various park lands.

Different park projects were talked about and Ms. Fredman commended Hector Nogureas and Melissa Getz from the Parks Division for doing an excellent job in maintaining the Regional Development Center grounds.

7. Subdivision Recommendations

A. Townhomes at Lorson Ranch-Final Plat

Jerry Westling related staff's recommendations for the Townhomes at Lorson Ranch site for fees in the amount of \$15,272 in lieu of land and that staff has identified two proposed trail corridors on the site. Discussion ensued about the master plan and where the regional trail is located.

Jim Mairner made a motion to accept staff recommendations and that an updated plan that shows all of the proposed trails be made available to members. Ed Browne seconded the motion. After further discussion, members voted unanimously in favor of the motion with the exception of Jane Fredman, who abstained from the vote.

A decision was made that Item #7 on the agenda, "Subdivision Recommendations" would be moved up to Item #3 on the agenda from this time forward.

B. First Samoan Congregational Christian Church

(This item was presented under Citizen Comments/Correspondence)

8. Information/Action Items

A. Schedule Park Board Tour & Retreat

It was determined that the park tour should include Meridian Ranch, Homestead, Black Forest Section 16, Fox Run Regional Park and possibly Paint Mines Park. Jerry Westling will look at some dates and coordinate with members. It was decided that the PAB Retreat would be held immediately following the next PAB Board Meeting on September 9, 2009.

9. Board/Staff Comments

Jane Fredman commended parks staff for a successful County Fair.

10. Adjourn

Jane Fredman adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Kimberly Tyler James, Board Secretary