

*Minutes of the Wednesday, June 10, 2009
El Paso County Park Advisory Board Meeting*
**Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room
27 E Vermijo, 3rd Floor
Colorado Springs, Colorado**

Present: Ed Browne, Jim Mariner, Chris Meyer, Jane Fredman, Warren Hill, Barbara Remy, Martha Johnson

Absent: Kimberly Tyler-James, Robert Altenbernd

Staff: Jerry Westling, Todd Marts, Tim Morgan, Bill McIntosh, Sandra Daughtry

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 1:35 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda
Warren Hill motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Chris Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
Warren Hill made a motion to approve the April, 2009 meeting minutes with the correction that Ed Brown called the meeting to order (not Warren Hill as indicated). Martha Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Introductions
New Parks Advisory Board member, Barbara Remy, was welcomed and formally introduced to members. It was explained that Robert Altenbernd, also a new member, was unable to attend today's meeting.

South District Supervisor, Tim Morgan introduced Bill McIntosh as the "Caught in the Act" Spotlight employee of the month for the Parks Division. Mr. Morgan related several of Mr. McIntosh's attributes and accomplishments that earned him the award.
5. Correspondence/Citizen Comments
None
6. Monthly Report
Jerry Westling gave a brief review of the April/May monthly reports. This was followed by a period of questions and answers among board members and staff. Various topics were touched upon such as: parks and fairground revenue, sponsorships, events,

volunteering, nature programs, sale of the Fountain Creek Park house, along with numerous projects. Members were invited to the VIP reception at the Fairground.

The topic of vandalism was examined extensively among members and staff, with Martha Johnson volunteering to look into this issue further by getting in touch with some of her contacts in New York City. Jim Mariner volunteered to work with Ms. Johnson to further examine how to best resolve the vandalism.

7. Subdivisions

There were no subdivision reviews.

8. Information/Action Items

A. Meridian Ranch Regional Park Proposal

Tim Seibert of N.E.S., Inc. presented the concept of a parks land agreement to board members relating to Meridian Ranch in Falcon and the possibility of donating land for a regional park as identified in the parks master plan. Mr. Seibert presented a conceptual design, talking about the various components and surrounding areas. The approximate 250 acres will be divided into northern and southern portions by Rex Road which would provide primary access into the park.

There are plans to develop 3,275 dwelling units, of which 1,000 lots are currently platted.

The conceptual included active recreation fields, a parking lot, access, and restrooms that could potentially be developed as shared facilities with Falcon High School and the Meridian Metro District 10 acre site on the south side. Possibilities for the park included: a recreation center, ball fields, a playground, pavilions, continuation of the regional trail with various trail connections, social trails, a wetlands area, turf areas, a dog park, an equestrian center, or other amenities.

Mr. Westling reiterated that this is a long term conception that would be developed in portions depending upon funding. A request was made for the board's opinion on whether to pursue this park land agreement to accept the property in lieu of fees amounting to \$847,000 over about a twenty year period. Following consideration and a period of questions and answers, Chairman, Ed Browne asked members if they desired to entertain a motion.

Jane Fredman motioned to approve that the Parks Division move forward with an agreement, subject to the agreement being brought back before the Park Advisory Board for approval, prior to taking it to the Board of County Commissioners. The motion was second by Jim Mariner. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Corporation Sponsorship Program

Todd Marts gave an update on the Corporate Sponsorship Program's current agreements, and requested the board's official endorsement of those agreements, including two with exceptions. **Jim Mariner motioned to endorse Mr. Mart's request. The motion was seconded by Warren Hill. The motioned carried unanimously.**

C. Pinerias Master Plan Committee Appointment

Mr. Westling sought a motion from the board to move Anthony Wenger from the Black Forest Master Plan Committee to the Pinerias Master Plan Committee. **Warren Hill motioned that Anthony Wenger be moved to the Pinerias Master Plan Committee and Jane Fredman seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor of moving Mr. Wenger to the Pinerias Master Plan Committee.**

D. 2010 – 2014 Capital Improvement Program Recommendations

Mr. Westling talked about development fees and reviewed projects on the projects list for endorsement by the Parks Advisory Board.

Chris Meyer offered to meet briefly with a park staff member to examine the feasibility of pursuing a grant with the State of Colorado, Colorado Carbon Fund, as it might pertain to the central irrigation control system. Mr. Meyer explained that the grants are awarded for efforts to promote reduction of greenhouse gas, such as reducing CO2 emissions, vehicle usage, and water. A qualifying grant award could range from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

A review followed with some specific items being touched upon such as: the dog park, trail maintenance, new trails, budget, rainbow falls, development fee dollars, the Conservation Trust Fund, the general fund, and other projects. It was explained that no projects had been taken off the list, they were only placed differently. Conversation developed about different types of toilets, utility costs and the desirability of restrooms being open year round.

Warren Hill motioned to endorse the general recommendations for the 2010 CIP. Jim Mariner seconded the motioned. Following further discussion, members agreed unanimously in favor of the motion.

E. 2010 – 2010 Officer Elections

Ed Brown nominated Kimberly Tyler-James as Secretary. Jane Fredman seconded the nomination, with members agreeing unanimously in favor of Kimberly Tyler-James as Secretary.

Warren Hill nominated Ed Browne as Chairman, with Jim Mariner seconding the nomination. Ed Browne declined, and then nominated Jane Fredman as Chairman. Chris Meyer seconded the nomination. Members voted 3 to 2 in favor of Jane Fredman as Chairman, with Ms. Fredman abstaining from the vote.

Jane Fredman nominated Warren Hill as 1st Vice Chairman. Ed Browne seconded the nomination and members agreed unanimously.

Warren Hill then nominated Ed Brown as 2nd Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Jane Fredman, with members agreeing unanimously in favor of the motion.

9. Board/Staff Comments

In concluding, Todd Marts gave out invitations to an upcoming Ice Cream Social to be held at Fox Run Regional Park on July 10, 2009.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Kimberly Tyler James, Board Secretary