



Agenda

Parks Advisory Committee Meeting

**Parks Division Conference Room
1142 Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM 87501**

**Wednesday, September 26th, 2007
3:30 p.m.**

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2. Roll Call and Introductions
3. Review and Approval of the September 13, 2007 meeting minutes
4. Approval of the Agenda
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PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 26, 2007

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by Elizabeth Booth, Chair on this date at approximately 3:30 p.m. at Parks Conference Room, 1142 Siler Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Elizabeth Booth, Chair
Patrick Torres
Richard Lopez
Lester Wallman
Margaret Veneklasen
Anna Hanson
Tommy Martinez

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cliff Sisneros (excused)

STAFF PRESENT

Ben Gurule, City of Santa Fe Liaison
Fabian Chavez, Parks Division, City of Santa Fe

OTHERS PRESENT

Veronica Maldonado, Stenographer

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES, September 13, 2007

Postponed until next meeting

REVIEW OF THE PARKS MASTER PLANS. ACTION ITEM – THE COMMITTEE WILL DEVELOP GENERAL AND PARK SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE PARKS MASTER PLAN – ATTACHMENT –PARK ADDRESSES

Mr. Gurule advised the Committee members that the recommendations for the Master Plan need to be done today in order to meet committee deadlines.

Mr. Chavez said he has met with the tennis court folks. The consensus of the community is that they would like to see some money put into a set of courts. If the Committee would like to make a recommendation they can, but the tennis folks are saying no. Now that Alto and Perez has been built they would like to see a set on the south end of town. They are proposing GCCC or MRC because that where the city owns property. If the

Committee wants to take it off their plate he has already heard from the constituency. You cannot hold league plays whether it is local, regional, national or state without a minimum of five courts.

DISTRICT ONE

Canada Gardens

Chair Booth noted she could not find it.

Mr. Chavez said it is by Payne's Nursery. It is raw land. The Committee can decide if they want to build a pocket park or seed it or leave it natural.

Recommendation – Do not develop. Leave it alone.

Ms. Veneklasen made the motion to approve the recommendation. Ms. Hanson seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Cathedral Park (Adequate)

Recommendation -Install water fountain and replace dead trees. Install better lighting.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Torres seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

City Hall Park

Recommendation – Leave it alone.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Torres seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Cross of the Martyrs (Adequate)

Recommendation – Graffiti needs to be cleaned up.

Mr. Torres made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ft. Marcy

Went out to bid and was awarded last week. Will be presented for approval at the City Council meeting tonight.

Frank Ortiz Park (Adequate)

Recommendation– Install water fountain in the playground.

Mr. Torres made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Frank Ortiz Dog Park (Adequate)

Recommendation - Do something with the erosion and leave open area for dogs.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Guadalupe Neighborhood Parcel

Mr. Chavez said this is a stretch of river that starts in the east end of town by Delgado Street bridge and all the way down. All the river parks need ADA compliance. Most of the irrigation systems need upgrade. A lot of the tables are stone.

Mr. Chavez said the reason this was brought up is so it can be brought up to current standards.

Councilor Calvert asked for a boulevard effect. Mr. Chavez told Councilor Calvert he would carry it to the Park Advisory Committee.

John Griego Park (Adequate)

Recommendation -Court resurfacing. Add \$1,200 for more trees.

Ms. Veneklasen made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Torres seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

La Arboleda

Recommendation - Leave it as grass because of Frenchy's Field being across it.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Torres seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Melendez Park (Minimum)

Mr. Chavez said that Councilor Calvert did not think this was a good area for a park. He asked Mr. Chavez to consider putting up a fence and maybe add a bench. Councilor Calvert does not want this to look like an active park.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to zeroscape this area or sell it and take the fence down and make it a beautification project. No second motion done.

Monica Roybal Pocket Park (Minimum)

Recommendation- Allocate \$2,000 for trees.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to accept the recommendation. Ms. Veneklasen seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Don Diego Peralta Park (Minimum)

Ms. Hanson moved to accept the recommendation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Prince Park (Adequate)

Recommendation - Re-open this park. Add tables and benches.

Ms. Hanson moved to accept the recommendation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Railyard Park

Zero

Santa Fe Estates

Recommendation - Leave it alone.

Ms. Hanson moved to accept the recommendation. Mr. Lopez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Santa Fe Rivers

Chair Booth said she suggests leaving this item alone until they have made their recommendations for all the parks.

Sunnyplace Meadows

Mr. Chavez said this would be a good area to have a potential community garden. All it would take is to bring in a water source.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to bring in water and create a potential community garden. Mr. Wallman seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Thomas Macaione Park (Minimum)

Recommendation – Leave it alone.

Mr. Torres made the motion to accept recommendation. Ms. Veneklasen seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Torreon Park (Adequate)

Recommendation – Address ADA compliance issues. Resurface the trail and do tree replacement.

Mr. Wallman made the motion to accept recommendation. Mr. Lopez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

River

Mr. Chavez said that Councilor Calvert would like to see a walkway up and down the river to create a boulevard.

Recommendation - Starting at the Alire Bridge, bounce trees back and forth and make it a boulevard. The irrigation system needs to be updated, put in a water meter and make ADA compliance. These updates would only be done on City owned land.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Booth suggested calling it the Santa Fe River Park for the entire area.

DISTRICT 2

Amelia White

Recommendation - No decision.

Arroyo Medio

Recommendation – Zero dollars

Cornell Rose Garden (Minimum)

Recommendation - Tree replacement and plant trimming, ADA compliance, upgrade irrigation, install benches and install one water fountain.

Mr. Chavez said the neighborhood was requesting \$4,000 for this park to extend the irrigation. No picnic tables.

Ms. Hanson moved to give \$5,000 to finish the park. Mr. Torres seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Richard Engle Park

Chair Booth suggested doing nothing with this park.

Ms. Hanson moved to pass on Dr. Richard Engle Park. Ms. Veneklasen seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Galisteo Tennis Parks

Recommendation -Get rid of the tennis courts and put in a playground where tennis courts are.

Ms. Hanson made the motion that they renovate the Galisteo Tennis Court Park, put in a playground structure and they renovate it to serve the needs of the neighborhood. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Maloof Park

Pass on this park

Orlando Fernandez Park (Minimum)

Recommendation - Improve irrigation and install benches.

Ms. Hanson moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Monsignor Patrick Smith Park

Recommendation - Pass on this park.

Salvador Perez Park (Adequate)

Recommendation - Put trees back around the play structure. Build a nice fence around the train to keep out vandals and the homeless. Finish the park.

Ms. Veneklasen moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Torres seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Salvador Perez Pool (Adequate)

Recommendation - Construct a nice fence and control access to the pool. Make additional room for a weight room. Use funding for air conditioning upgrade.

Mr. Chavez said they need to do something with the area between the park and the pool so the neighborhood can use it.

Mr. Torres moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Young Park (Adequate)

Recommendation - Major renovations.

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the recommendation. Ms. Hanson seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

DISTRICT 3

Arroyo Son Risa

This park was tabled.

Ashbaugh

Ms. Hanson wanted to make sure they were going to try to buy land behind Ottowi

Mr. Chavez said the Trails Plan is to develop it as a trail. The front of the park will remain a park. They are buying the access along the back side of the park.

Councilor Ortiz said that each councilor would be responsible for acquisitions of land in their districts. Mr. Chavez suggested to Ms. Hanson that she talk to those councilors.

Baca Street Parcel

Recommendation – Pass on this park.

Mr. Martinez made the motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Wallman seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Cielo Vista (Adequate)

Ms. Veneklasen made the motion to have Mr. Chavez rewrite the adequate improvements and develop into a neighborhood park. Ms. Hanson amended the motion to spend \$150,000 on an open space play area.

Mr. Torres and Mr. Lopez opposed the motion. Mr. Torres said to either go out all the way on improvements or do nothing at all.

Ms. Veneklasen withdrew her motion.

Ms. Hanson made the motion that the park be developed with \$300,000 and make it a community park. Mr. Veneklasen seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

La Espinacitas (Minimum)

Recommendation – give it what it needs.

Mr. Wallman made the motion to accept the recommendation. Ms. Veneklasen seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Frenchy's Field (Five year plan)

Gregory Lopez

Recommendation - Upgrade irrigation system. Add new picnic tables, park benches and grills. It needs containers for a dog station.

Mr. Hanson made the motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Torres seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Kiva Center

Mr. Chavez will try to locate this park for the committee.

Las Acequias

Recommendation – Install security cameras because this is a heavily used park. More grass area.

Mr. Chavez said that it was suggested by the Councilors that they experiment and take a park or two and install security cameras because of beatings that have taken place at some of the parks. Mr. Chavez said Albuquerque is starting to use cameras in their parks.

Mr. Torres made the motion to accept the recommendation and allocate \$150,000 for cameras. Mr. Wallman seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Las Acequias, Phase 4 - Toddler Park

Recommendation – Leave it alone.

Ms. Veneklasen made the motion to accept the recommendation. Ms. Hanson seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Los Milagros (Adequate)

Recommendation – Plant trees and native plants. Install water fountain.

Ms. Veneklasen made the motion to accept the recommendation. Ms. Hanson seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

MRC (Adequate)

Recommendation – Provide more security and do more work on the ball fields

Mr. Martinez said that if Santa Fe is ever going to be city that can hold a great softball/baseball tournament they are going to need the facilities to do it. Mr. Martinez said holding something of this nature would bring the city a lot of revenue.

Mr. Martinez also noted that the sign at the MRC is something that should be looked at for all the parks.

Mr. Chavez said that this committee should look into it.

Mr. Martinez made the motion for more funding towards the hardball fields at the MRC and provide more lighting. Ms. Hanson seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Rancho del Sol (Adequate)

Install security lighting and install a water fountain.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to accept the recommendation. Ms. Veneklasen seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

South Meadows

Recommendation– Leave it alone

Mr. Torres made the motion to accept the recommendation. Ms. Hanson seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

DISTRICT 4

Candelero (Adequate)

Recommendation - New sign and strike the resurfacing of the tennis courts. Install a water main and drinking water fountain. Beautify it.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to accept the recommendation. Ms. Veneklasen seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Franklin Miles (Five year plan)

Genoveva Chaved Community Center

Mr. Wallman made the motion to turn the community center to the City Council. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Herb Martinez (Adequate)

Recommendation - Tree replacement because they will remove intermittently and not remove all at once.

Mr. Torres made the motion to accept the recommendation. Ms. Veneklasen seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

La Resolana/Herb Martinez Park (Minimum)

Recommendation - Install irrigation. Add tables and shade structures.

Ms. Martinez made the motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Torres seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Villa Serena

Recommendation – Pass on this park.

Las Estancias

Recommendation – Pass on this park.

Marcel Brandt (Minimum)

Recommendation – Replace play structure but address safety issues.

Ms. Veneklasen made the motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Monica Lucero Park (Adequate)

Recommendation – Upgrade irrigation.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Nava Ade

Recommendation - Upgrade what is there and add shade structures and tables, install water fountain.

Mr. Martinez made the motion to accept the recommendation. Ms. Veneklasen seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Pueblos del Sol Trails (Minimum)

Ms. Hanson made the motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ragel Pass (Adequate)

Pass on this park.

Mr. Martinez asked about the five year plan and the restrooms being upgraded. He feels that there are upgrades that definitely need to happen.

Mr. Chavez suggested leaving the \$3,000,000 because it is going to be needed. The lights, restrooms, and the parking lot needs replacing.

Mr. Martinez made the motion to accept the recommendation. Ms. Veneklasen seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Rancho Siringo Park (Minimum)

Recommendation – Do nothing except attention from the community.

Villa Caballero Park

Recommendation - Leave it alone except for seeding with wild flowers and wild grass.

Mr. Torres made the motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Villa Linda Park (Minimum)

Recommendation – Put in grass and add turf to the playground area. Upgrade the play structure. Do erosion control.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to approve the recommendation. Ms. Veneklasen seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Casa Linda Park

Pass on this park.

Archuleta Property

Recommendation – Use \$150,000 funding towards this park.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Wallman seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Silla Dorada/Berenda

This park is under development.

Mr. Chavez said he will put figures to all these recommendations and update the Master Plan.

Mr. Chavez asked the members to try to attend the Finance Committee meeting on October 9, 2007 to answer questions on the recommendations that were made by the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on October 25, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Its business completed the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Approved by:

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Elizabeth Booth, Chair

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Veronica Maldonado", written over a horizontal line.

Veronica Maldonado, Stenographer