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**Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee  
Frenchy's Field Barn  
Wednesday January 7, 2009 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

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**PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**January 07, 2009**

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**Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee**  
**Parks Office –**  
**1142 Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM 87501**  
**Wednesday, January 7, 2008**  
**3:00 – 5:00 pm**

**1. Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by Patrick Torres, Vice Chair on this date at approximately 3:15 pm at Frenchy's Park, Frenchy's Barn, Aqua Fria Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**2. Roll Call – a quorum was present as follows:**

**Members Present**

Tom Agard  
Daniel Coriz  
Oralynn Guerrerortiz  
Anna Hansen  
Sandra Taylor  
Patrick Torres

**Members Absent**

Valentina Gonzalez  
Elizabeth Booth, Chair  
Margaret Veneklasen

**Staff Present**

Jesse Esparza, Parks Division, City of Santa Fe

**Others Present**

Charles Lujan, Detective, SFPD  
James Vigil, Detective, SFPD  
Matt Martinez, Gang Violence, SFPD  
Will Schmidt, Anti-Graffiti Citizen Group  
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

**3. Approval of the November, December 2008 minutes**

**Ms. Hansen moved to table the minutes of November and December until the next meeting. Ms. Guerrerortiz seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

- Murals as an Option-Warehouse 21 presentation to be rescheduled.
- Lou Medrano Land Purchase presentation added to the agenda.

**Ms. Taylor moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Agard seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**ACTION ITEMS (new agenda order)**

**a. Lou Medrano- Purchase of Land**

Mr. Medrano, a professional engineer and surveyor in New Mexico represented Mr. Jerry Quintana in a possible purchase of a parcel of 1.8 acres of land he thought would make an ideal city park. The property is located at the intersection of Arroyo Chamiso and Camino Carlos Rey.

Ms. Taylor was concerned that a portion of the land was within the 100 year flood plain and could not be built upon and Mr. Medrano explained that a large portion of the land was restricted but much of it could be developed.

Ms. Hansen said the floodplain had been revised in 2008 and had risen substantially within city and county limits and thought it important to know where the FEMA flood plain was.

Mr. Medrano said given the floodplain restrictions the development of the land was subject to the new requirements and that would be considered in the new appraisal. He said the property was zoned residential and had access from Camino Carlos Rey and said the trail and easement were concurrent.

Mr. Agard said he ran by the property almost every day and it was a trails issue rather than a Parks issue and it might provide additional parking for the Arroyo Chamiso Trail and asked if the proposal had been presented to the Bicycle Trails Advisory Committee (BTAC).

Mr. Medrano said he had been referred to the POSA committee first.

Ms. Hansen said she wouldn't support the proposal; she said she was opposed because it didn't take into account the overall trails. She said other parcels of land were equally valued and it defeated the purpose of looking at a long range plan. She said land should be looked at by the city in a broader context and not piecemeal and with the limited amount of money in the bond to purchase open space land there were other trails that should be considered and she thought more important.

Mr. Medrano said there were pros and cons to that approach. He said to wait for large tracts of land could be indefinite and the price tag might not be affordable. He said another approach would be to acquire property as it became available at more affordable prices, which might encourage other land owners to sell their property. He thought this tract would be immediately received in the high density residential area.

Mr. Medrano asked if there was interest in the land for a park and how it could be moved to the appraisal stage so he could advise his client how to proceed.

Ms. Guerrerortiz pointed out that it had no amenities and there weren't any funds for that until the next bond cycle.

Ms. Hansen said the committee was an advisory board and couldn't make that type of decision.

**Ms. Taylor moved that the Parks and Open Space Advisory Board had no current interest in the land because of the small size and its location in the flood plain and the appraised value. She**

**recommended the proposal be forwarded to BTAC for their consideration. Mr. Agard seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**NEW BUSINESS (new agenda order)**

**a. GRAFFITI IN SANTA FE with a Focus on Parks and Open Spaces – Matt Martinez, Santa Fe Police Department**

Mr. Martinez said there was a lack of public knowledge on the subject and his objective would be to provide the group with a definition of a gang, some brief gang history and gang characteristics and gang communication- including graffiti.

The presentation began with the definition the state used for a gang. He described what was considered gang activity and why kids joined gangs. He gave the warning signs of someone in a gang and gave a description of how members were introduced into a gang and the three big lies that gang members told.

He provided a history of gangs from 1910, starting with the Mexican Revolution to current day.

He discussed identification, and the GangNet system used to track gang members and identified the current gangs in Santa Fe.

Mr. Martinez discussed prison gangs, gang structure and gang philosophy. He said most gang members realized they would enter the prison system and once there, they would comply with the standards of the prison gang and that it would be a lifetime commitment; to refuse to commit meant death. He said the New Mexican Corrections Facility had identified several new gangs within the prison system.

Mr. Martinez said that graffiti was the newspaper of the gangs. He ended the presentation by showing slides of gang communication by hand signs, wearing of gang colors and tattoos.

Ms. Taylor asked the difference in a tagger and a gang member and which of them defaced the parks.

Mr. Martinez said that 70% were gang members-30% taggers. He said taggers got attention because it was big and bold and the difference was that a "tag" was specific to a *person* not a group. Tagging crews were usually not members of gangs but were looked at in the same manner because they often moved into crimes like armed robberies, burglaries and auto theft.

He said that gang graffiti could be one of any member of the gang and not a specific person. Unless the damage was a felony (over \$1000) they could not be arrested but could be fined \$500.

Mr. Martinez said about 10% of the gang population were female gang members who held the guns and drugs among other things and generally had several babies by different gang members, which continued the cycle as those kids grew up within the gang.

Mr. Martinez said the gang population was over 1000 and that it wasn't illegal to be a member. He said every state except New Mexico had a statute that made it illegal to recruit children into a gang or to commit

a felony in the name of a gang. He said a resolution had been passed sponsored by Councilor Carmichael Dominguez, for sponsorship from the Legislature and there had been no support because of belief that it violated the second amendment. He said legislation for a statute either died on the judicial floor or on the Senate floor, though some states had the opposite view that gangs violated the rights of others and had passed stringent gang laws.

Ms. Taylor asked how much of the crime in Santa Fe was gang related and how much of the overall crime was solved and/or arrests made, by the SFPD.

Mr. Martinez said from November to the current time there had been 13 separate drive-by shootings; arrests had been made on five cases and those connected to five more cases. He said the number of crimes solved depended on the information the police were given and ballistics; about 30% of crimes were gang *related*, meaning it hadn't been committed for the gang, but had been committed by a gang member for either drugs or money. He said about 70% of all violent crimes were related to drugs and gangs.

Mr. Agard asked if Santa Fe and Albuquerque gangs were connected.

Mr. Martinez said there were three gangs who had family in Albuquerque who had moved to Clark Road in Santa Fe and gangs from Albuquerque were now showing up in Santa Fe; three out of four were habitual felons.

Mr. Agard asked if the Rail Runner would heighten the ties and problems with the gangs and if there was active police presence at the depots.

Mr. Martinez said that smuggling problems would increase; the chance of getting stopped was much smaller. He said they had looked at ways to watch people coming in and going out of Santa Fe and the police presence would depend on the area and how many officers were on the shift; their manpower had been cut. He said the city would add another 16,000 people in annexation and manpower became a big issue. SFPD assisted Espanola because their gang problem was so large and they had more gang problems per capita.

Ms. Taylor asked if anything else other than immediate cleanup had been found to assist in keeping graffiti down in the parks.

Mr. Martinez said a report of graffiti and the immediate cleanup was what worked and he wasn't sure there was anything else. He said the turnaround time from the report to clean up had been about five days and Mr. Schmidt added they tried to remove it within five days, but it wasn't always possible. Mr. Martinez said if the property owners waited to match paint to cover the graffiti, more graffiti would be added overnight.

Ms. Guerrerortiz asked if spray paint being locked up had helped.

Mr. Martinez said that law mainly prevented sales to minors and the paint was often stolen from garages, workers cages etc. He said unless a state law was passed like they did with pseudoephedrine, they couldn't prohibit the sale.

Mr. Torres asked what percentage of those in prison, belonged to a gang and whether they were bothered if they didn't join a gang.

Mr. Martinez said everyone who went into prison, who had been in a street gang, was in a prison gang and it depended on a number of things if they joined; they usually joined for protection.

Ms. Hansen asked who advocated it being taken to the legislature and could Albuquerque get a legislator to sponsor the bill.

Mr. Martinez said the legislators in the area didn't want to support something they didn't agree with and were worried about their constituents who might call and complain. He said if the right people called the office something would be done and since the police department couldn't lobby, citizens would have to talk to their legislators about it.

Mr. Schmidt asked the committee for the top three parks hit with graffiti.

Ms. Guerrerortiz replied the parks staff would have to answer that but they were all being hit.

Mr. Martinez said that graffiti was being used on the playground equipment with permanent markers and Monica Lucero Trail had been painted and the storm drains had been tagged. He said the county had a detective for gang violence; the violent crime unit dealt with homicides and sexual assaults; the gang unit detectives investigated the robberies, assault and batteries etc., but there wasn't a crew for taggers and because of the lack of manpower the task force assisted them. He said it only left time every few months for gang related investigations.

He said and it was imperative that constituents knew what the gang unit did at night and city Councilors had been offered ride-alongs to show them how bad it was. He said his chief could approve committee members who wanted to ride along or they could enroll in a citizen's course.

Mr. Martinez gave his contact number 955-5060 and e-mail address [mmmartinez@sfsf.gov](mailto:mmmartinez@sfsf.gov), and he said that most arrests were made from the information supplied by the public and the more they could educate people, the more they would know what was happening and the better it would become.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**NEXT MEETING:**

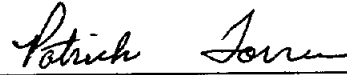
**February 25, 2009 Parks Department Office, 3:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Agard moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hansen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

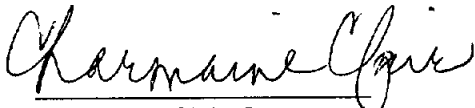
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Patrick Torres, Vice Chair

Submitted by:



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Charmaine Clair, Stenographer