



# CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 14, 1999

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Thorndyke at 4:05 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Members present: Berg, Dotter, Fairbairn, Roach, Sparrow, Thorndyke and Welch

Members absent: Conway and Parham

Council representatives: Baron and Mecham

Public attendance: Nick Gilman, Bob Thon and Les Brown

### PUBLIC COMMENT - None

### CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine, and, therefore do not require separate discussion. However, if discussion is necessary, or if a member of the public wishes to comment on any item, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. Questions of clarification may be made by the Advisory members without removal from the Agenda.

1. Member Fairbairn made a motion, second by Sparrow, to approve the Minutes of August 10, 1999 meeting. Motion was unanimously passed.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 2. Public Art Policy - Alice Sparrow:

Director distributed two alternate Public Art Policies for discussion. After discussion, Member Fairbairn made a motion, second by Sparrow, to adopt Alternate #2 - Art in Public Places Policy, with minor changes, to forward to City Council for review. Motion was unanimously passed.

Nick Gilman, Project Area Committee, spoke with special interest of the City Park, advising he would like the Committee to invite a professional consultant to help make decisions on applications of Art in Public Place, i.e. Historical Committee, Project Area Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, etc.

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3. In the interest of discussion, member Welch made a motion, second by Fairbairn, to move the Unscheduled Matter of discussing The Crush bronze statue in the City Park, to item #3 of this Agenda. Motion was unanimously passed.

Discussion followed:

Cover letter with Art in Public Places policy will be sent to Main Street, Chamber of Commerce, P.A.C., Historical Society, etc. for their review and comment before sending it to Council for review. Deadline for response to be September 29, 1999.

4. **Barney Schwartz Park:**

Member Sparrow gave an update on the design elements on the concept plan in the agenda packet and discussed air conditioning in the restrooms. Planting grass at Barney Schwartz Park is planned in the spring of 2000, being able to use in the spring of 2001.

5. **Youth Commission - Frank Mecham:**

Councilman Mecham advised the City Council approved the formation of the Youth Commission at their September 7, 1999 meeting. Time frame to recruit is the Fall of 1999 and have the Youth Commission ready to start in January 2000 with staggered one and two year terms.

6. **Senior Citizen Program:**

Director advised the Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee agreed and voted on a new Senior Center facility concept. Plan is to construct two separate facilities, larger building for daily Senior Programs and the smaller for the Veteran's daily programs. Kitchen and large conference room for special events are to be shared, as needed, by Seniors and Veterans. The concept is designed to meet the articulated needs and requirements of both groups.

7. **Parks and Recreation By Laws - Robin Fairbairn:**

Meeting had to be rescheduled to further discuss the Parks and Recreation By Laws with Member Sparrow and the Director.

**ADHOC COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Councilman Baron congratulated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for all the formation of the Youth Commission.

**EXECUTIVE MANAGERS REPORT**

Director discussed the new Teen X-treme Afterschool Program for middle school students and teens (13 years and up) and how successful the participation has been at Centennial Park. The Department has increased the hours of security staff at 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, to be on the grounds during this program. This program is modeled from the Oak Park Afterschool Program. Schools are very supportive of this new teen program.

Director distributed a Press Release that Andrew Merchant, Recreation Coordinator, will send out on September 15, regarding a press conference to be held on September 28, concerning the State's participation in construction funds for Barney Schwartz Park. State Assemblyman Abel Maldonado will attend this press conference.

Director still has Harley Motorcycle ticket books for sale. She also distributed the new 1999 Fall Recreational Guide.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**ADVISORY BODY COMMUNICATIONS**

Member Dotter invited the Committee members to attend the Oak Park Recreation Program and HUD Housing Board to the Open House and barbecue celebrating the new larger George Stephan Oak Park Community Center on Saturday, September 18, from 6-10 p.m.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS**

Following discussion, Member Dotter made a motion, second by Fairbairn, asking the Director to write a letter to John McCarthy, Director of Public Works, on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, voicing concern regarding dead areas of grass in City Park and oil stains on brick pavers caused by City vehicles.

Member Roach advised the next Skateboard Park meeting will be on Thursday, September 23 at 4 p.m. at City Hall. Councilman Mecham made it clear the City Council never made a commitment to match funds raised for the Skateboard Park.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned to next month's regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on Tuesday, October 12, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park, Conference Room, 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles.

***Deadline for submitting items for the next regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Agenda is Friday, September 24, 1999***

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Judy O'Neal, Administrative Secretary

