

## **JANUARY 16, 2020 MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARKS, RECREATION, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Commission (PRCA) of the City of Farmington met in a regular session on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 6:15 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, NM. Roll call was taken with attendance as follows:

Members Present: Leslie Thompson; Chair, Deborah Cutler; Patricia Baca; Tyson Snyder; Larry Hilliard; George Golombowski; Evan Noel; and Ken LaCasse.

Members Absent: Kent Mobley; Thomas Hawkins; Richard Griffiths

Also present were: Shaña Reeves, PRCA Director; Natalie Spruell, Assistant Director; Debbie Homer, PRCA Administrative Aide;

Guests present: None

### **OPENING OF MEETING:**

Chair, Leslie Thompson brought the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Roll call was taken.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Thomson asked the commission members if there was any discussion or changes to the submitted minutes. There was none so she asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Cutler and seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve the November 21, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS - NONE**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

#### **-DISCUSSION - NEW PRCA LOGO**

Ms. Reeves advised the commission that she has reviewed their input, and were going to obtain some outside input as well, however due to the busy pace of December this has been put on hold for future action. She said she will bring this item back to the commission in the future.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORT~**

Ms. Reeves advised the commission that next Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> the City Council will review the CTED, Community Transformation & Economic Diversification fund. Ms. Reeves and Mr. Unsicker, Economic Development Director, will be presenting updates to projects that fall under the fund. Ms. Reeves encouraged commission members to either attend or review the recording of this very important update.

**Aquatics** - The new slide at the Aquatic Center is now installed and the plumbing should be completed next week. Hopefully the slide will open no later than January 27<sup>th</sup>. She gave kudos to General Services for the excellent cement work they did to prepare for the slide install. Ms. Reeves said that the small slide missing from **Bisti Bay Water Park** will be installed prior to opening this spring. Regarding **Lion's Pool** Ms. Reeves said the cost of extending the facility life will be approximately 1.4 million dollars.

Mr. Golombowski asked how much will it cost to replace and rebuild the facility? Ms. Reeves replied the estimated cost will be three million dollars.

**Golf** - Ms. Reeves advised the commission that the golf course superintendent, Randy Hisey retired earlier this month and that Joe Evans, mechanic will be retiring at the end of February. She also said that Assistant Superintendent, Jacob Morgan will be retiring later this year. The overdue cart path and irrigation update is included in the upcoming CTED presentation. Ms. Reeves stated that this is a costly project but it is

absolutely needed. The proposed mini golf course is back in the forefront. Research estimates that 50% of the building costs can be recovered with fees collected. This will also be included in the upcoming CTED fund presentation.

**Animal Shelter** – Ms. Reeves advised the commission that the agreement between San Juan County and the City of Farmington for animal intake is coming up for renewal soon. She stated that the costs for animal intake continues to rise. She stated that the shelter animal population continues to be very high.

**Rec Center/Sycamore Park** – Ms. Reeves stated that these facilities continue to do well. She explained a \$10,000 grant has been received to build a pump track southeast of the Sycamore Park skateboard park. Ms. Reeves explained that a pump track is a lot like BMX track but can be a paved track instead of dirt.

**Existing Projects** – Ms. Reeves stated that the Among The Waters project has been put on hold due to the loss of the city certified electrician. It will resume as soon as a new electrician is hired. The North Trail extension has received the National permit so construction will begin soon.

**Parks Operations** - Ms. Reeves informed the commission of the unexpected loss of an Operations Foreman that has affected the entire operations staff.

**Downtown Project** – The project is in full swing and the businesses are feeling negative effects. The problem is that parking and access to the businesses is difficult. The City is proactive with signage. Ms. Reeves encouraged the commission to recommend to everyone they know to go downtown and support these businesses.

**Walking Trail Guide** – A new guide is being updated. San Juan Regional is providing funds to help print.

**Bonnie Dallas Senior Center** – Ms. Reeves said that every year the funding for senior meals runs out. She said that in the past additional funding has been found, however this year no additional funding has been found. As a result the City will have to subsidize the meal program through the remainder of the fiscal year. This will cost approximately \$3,000 per month.

**Property Donation** – Ms. Reeves advised the commission that property has been donated at the end of Foothills Drive and she will be requesting the commission name this new property in the future. Rachelle Crosby, Parks Planner will present a slideshow to the commission regarding the planning and development of this new property.

#### **COMMISSIONER BUSINESS** - None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business or discussion on the table, Chair, Leslie Thompson called for adjournment Mr. Golombowski moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Ms. Baca. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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Leslie Thompson, Chair

*Deborah L. Cutler*

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Debbie Homer, PRCA Administrative Aide