

## **January 19, 2023 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 19, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. at the Farmington Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington, Farmington, NM. Roll call was taken with attendance as follows:

Members Present: Debora Cutler, Chair; Carla Stimac; Evan Noel; George Golombowski; Vice Chair Patricia Baca; Vicki Campbell; Melissa Mortensen

Members Absent: Larry Hilliard; Leslie Thompson; Ken LaCasse

PRCA Staff Present: Shaña Reeves, PRCA Director; Natalie Spruell, Assistant Director; Christa Chapman, Marketing & Public Relations Specialist ; Debbie Homer, PRCA Administrative Aide

Guest(s) None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ⬇ Deb Cutler called the PRCA meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2022. A motion was made by Patricia Baca, seconded by Evan Noel to approve the minutes of November 17, 2022; upon vote, the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS – NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The Chair recognized Ms. Shaña Reeves to present the Department Report. Ms. Reeves began the Department Report stating that there have been recent changes to the City's Organizational Chart. The recent changes are as follows: Ms. Reeves has been promoted to Assistant City Manager/Public Affairs Administrator, Ms. Spruell is now Interim PRCA Director; and Christa Chapman is Assistant Director of Cultural Affairs and Marketing. Ms. Reeves introduced Ms. Chapman to the commission. Ms. Reeves stated the transition will be gradual, however Ms. Spruell will be the go to person for PRCA Division Heads. Ms. Reeves asked the commissioners if there were any questions. The Commissioners congratulated everyone on the promotion. Ms. Reeves then advised the commission regarding the updated fee changes was placed on the Council Agenda unexpectedly December 20, 2022. The Council reviewed the changes and approved them with the exception of the Senior/Military discounts. The Council tabled that portion of the fee changes and requested that the department make changes to include Senior/Military discounts. Staff has been tasked to review these fees and present them again to the Council at the work session on February 21<sup>st</sup>. A power point should be completed and sent to commission for review prior to the PRCA Commission meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The updated discount fee will be presented to the commission for approval to send to City Council.

Ms. Spruell advised the commission that the city recently received three grants for PRCA projects. 1. A grant from the Ourdoor Recreation Trails of one hundred thousand dollars for the Juniper Basin amenities design and beginning construction. 2. The Gold King Mine Grant for eight hundred forty eight thousand dollars for the North Trail extension. 3. A grant from the Regional Recreation Centers-Quality of Grant of two million dollars for the All Abilities Park for planning and construction. Regarding the Piñon Hills Golf Course renovation, Ms. Spruell stated that the project is almost complete and positive comments have been received. A tentative Grand Opening will be scheduled sometime in March.

Upcoming events include Meet the Tyrannosaurs Exhibit will open at the Gateway Museum on February 3rd through April 26<sup>th</sup>. A VIP reception will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Chapman will have invitations forwarded to the commission in the next few days. The question was asked how much will the admission be to the exhibit. Ms. Spruell responded all admission will be \$10 per person over the age of 2. Other events include the Simon and Garfunkle Story which will be held at the Civic Center on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The Our Planet Live in concert with orchestra accompaniment will be held at the Civic Center on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMISSIONER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further discussion, Mr. Golombowski moved to adjourn, Ms. Stimac seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm. The next meeting will be held February 16, 2023



Deborah Cutler, Chair



Debbie Homer, PRCA Administrative Aide