

**January 17, 2019 MEETING MINUTES OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Commission of the City of Farmington met in a regular session on Thursday, January 17, 2019, 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; Sherry Galloway, Vice Chair; Larry Hilliard; Benjamin Mortensen; Patricia Baca; Thomas Hawkins; Kent Mobley;

Members Absent: Tyson Snyder

PRCA Staff Present: Shaña Reeves, PRCA Director; Natalie Spruell, Assistant PRCA Director; Chris Jones, Golf Course Manager; Debbie Homer, PRCA Administrative Aide;

Guests Present: Cory Styron, Director of Outdoor Recreation; Mike Diamond Farmington Amateur Baseball Congress, Johnny Curry; Farmington Amateur Baseball Congress

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Thompson asked the commission if they had reviewed the December 20, 2018 minutes and if there was any discussion. With no discussion Ms. Thompson called for a vote.

- ✚ Ms. Galloway moved to approve the December 20, 2018 minutes as submitted. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION – Aerial Adventures, Cory Styron, Director of Outdoor Recreation

Mr. Styron presented a PowerPoint presentation for the future Aerial Adventures program. He said that the initial idea was to install a zip line feature at Lake Farmington. Currently this program is in the conceptual stage with input from the community. A presentation to City Council will be taking place in the near future with recommended designs. A second design idea has been requested from the community for “tree top adventures” along the river corridor. The current location would be in Berg Park East by the playground and bathrooms area. Mr. Styron says the idea is that private parties will operate these features through the Outdoor Recreation Industry. Mr. Styron believes that the concepts for both features will be revealed around the first of February.

Golf Course Liquor License Changes/Updates and request for “Pinon Hills Specialty Drinks”

Ms. Reeves requested that this item be tabled for future meeting. More information is being collected. This item was tabled as requested.

Athletic Fields, Synthetic Turf and Renovations

Commission members reviewed a letter from baseball, softball and soccer organizations requesting a task force be established to investigate the possibility of installing synthetic turf on existing athletic fields as well as renovations and expansions related to amenities. Ms. Reeves asked the commission to establish a task force that includes three commission members.

- ✚ Ms. Baca moved that a task force be established to study turf for playing fields and renovations to existing athletic amenities. Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The task force will consist of Ms. Galloway, Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Snyder, Ms. Reeves, and Ms. Spruell.

Proposed Golf Fees Increase – Ms. Reeves requested that this item be tabled for a future meeting as further investigation needs to be done. The item was tabled as requested.

New Golf Point of Sale/Tee Time reservation system - Mr. Jones advised the commission that Pinon Hills GC was rated #1 Golf Course in the State of New Mexico by Golf Advisor Magazine. Regarding the new Point of Sale system Mr. Jones said that this system will allow more local control and possibly increase revenue due to lower or zero fees than the current system. Currently other software companies are being investigated to determine which system will best meet the needs for our golf course.

Non-traditional on-course transportation – Mr. Jones says he has contacted the legal department regarding the liability factors for this type of equipment and is waiting for their response. Mr. Jones is in the process of contacting various companies to see if they can bring in demos to try out some of our non-traditional areas. There are no local equipment companies so he is checking other towns.

Trails Update - Lake Farmington to the Glade – Cory Styron

Mr. Styron stated that a meeting was held January 12, 2019 with the OHV, mountain bike and equestrian groups regarding this trail connection. Mr. Styron had PowerPoint slides showing where the trails will connect. A concept and feasibility study is in process. A third party company Public Land Solutions will be marking and helping to connect these trails.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Project Updates –

Ms. Reeves stated that the Main Street design project is now in the PRCA Department. She said that the Bisti Bay Water Park furniture, fixtures and equipment design is almost complete. The Civic Center remodel is now complete.

December Department Report –


Ms. Reeves asked if there were any questions regarding the December report. No questions were asked.


Upcoming Events -

The handout with upcoming events was reviewed and there was no discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.


Leslie Thompson, Chair


Debbie Homer, PRCA Administrative Aide