



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

WEDNESDAY, May 13th, 2026, AT 4:00 P.M.
City 3 – 801 Texas Ave., 79901 – Thorman Conference Room

Minutes

Members Present: (6)

Mayor – Deborah Zuloaga
District 2 – Daniel Collins
District 4 – Benjamin Avalos
District 5 – Luis Terrazas
District 7 – Marcella Carrillo (Chair)
District 8 – Ricardo Bustamante

Members Absent: (3)

District 1 – Ben Wilbanks
District 3 – Michael Adjemian
District 6 – Timothy Haddox

City Staff Present

Pablo Caballero, Director
Emigdio Gonzalez, Assistant Director
Carlos Rodriguez, Recreation Manager
Alondra Navarrete, Office Manager
Monica Vargas, Recreation Programs Manager
Brenda Romero, Recreation Programs Manager
Claudia Cisneros, Administrative Services Mgr.
Nicolas Valdes, Rec. & Sports Coordinator

City Attorney – Legal

Roberto Aguinaga, Assistant City Attorney

Public Present

Carlos Molina
Julian Salas Porras, Halff Associates – Planner
Ylda Capriccioso, Halff Associates – Project Manager

● **Call to Order**

Marcella Carrillo, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:21 P.M.

Marcella Carrillo, Board Chair, did a roll call.

● **Call to the Public (Parks and Recreation-related, non-agenda items):**

Carlos Molina spoke to the Board regarding access, lane allocation, and management concerns at the Eastside Natatorium.

Motion by Marcella Carrillo to accept supporting documentation from Mr. Carlos Molina related to the subject discussed, seconded by Ricardo Bustamante.

AYES: Deborah Zuloaga, Daniel Collins, Benjamin Avalos, Luis Terrazas, Marcella Carrillo, Ricardo Bustamante

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ben Wilbanks, Michael Adjemian, Timothy Haddox

Motion passes.

- **Public Comment (for items on the agenda):**

No members of the public were present to discuss items on this month's meeting agenda.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of February 11th, 2026 – Marcella Carrillo, Board Chair

Motion by Deborah Zuloaga to accept the February 11th, 2026, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes as written, seconded by Benjamin Avalos.

AYES: Deborah Zuloaga, Daniel Collins, Benjamin Avalos, Luis Terrazas, Marcella Carrillo

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Ricardo Bustamante

ABSENT: Ben Wilbanks, Michael Adjemian, Timothy Haddox

Motion passes.

2. **Discussion and Action:** On adoption of staff recommendation to suspend Javier Macias for one (1) year for violation of the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department's Behavior Management Policy. – Grievance Subcommittee Member

Luis Terrazas, Grievance Subcommittee Chair, provided the Board with background regarding the Subcommittee's decision to approve staff recommendation of suspension for Javier Macias.

Motion by Luis Terrazas to approve the recommendation of the Grievance Subcommittee to increase the staff-recommended one (1) year suspension for Javier Macias to a five (5) year suspension, seconded by Ricardo Bustamante.

AYES: Deborah Zuloaga, Daniel Collins, Benjamin Avalos, Luis Terrazas, Marcella Carrillo, Ricardo Bustamante

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ben Wilbanks, Michael Adjemian, Timothy Haddox

Motion passes.

- 3. Discussion & Action:** On recommendation to rename Pennsylvania Circle Park (250 Pennsylvania Cir., El Paso, TX 79903) to Bill & Annette Means Park

Alondra Navarrete, Office Manager, informs the Board that the applicant who is requesting the renaming of Pennsylvania Circle Park was not able to attend the meeting to give their presentation supporting their request.

Emigdio Gonzalez, Assistant Director, presented this item to the Board, providing background on the Park and the reasoning for which the renaming is being requested. Board members had questions and comments that were answered by Mr. Gonzalez.

Motion by Marcella Carrillo to approve the recommendation to rename Pennsylvania Circle Park (250 Pennsylvania Cir., El Paso, TX 79903) to Bill & Annette Means Park, seconded by Ricardo Bustamante.

AYES: Deborah Zuloaga, Daniel Collins, Benjamin Avalos, Luis Terrazas, Marcella Carrillo, Ricardo Bustamante

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ben Wilbanks, Michael Adjemian, Timothy Haddox

Motion passes.

- 4. Presentation and Discussion:** On Parks and Recreation Master Plan - Community Meeting Updates - Karla Chavez, Parks Planning & Development Manager

Master Plan Consultant Firm staff Julian Salas Porras, Planner, and Ylda Capriccioso, Project Manager, gave a presentation to the Board on the updates to date from the community meetings being held as preparation for the Parks Master Plan. Board Members had questions and comments for the consultant firm staff.

- 5. Information and Discussion:** Overview of the City of El Paso Unified Bylaws - Roberto Aguinaga, Assistant City Attorney II

Roberto Aguinaga, Assistant City Attorney II, gave a presentation to the Board on the new City of El Paso Unified Bylaws for boards and commissions. Board Members had questions and comments for Mr. Aguinaga.

- **Adjournment:** 5:28 p.m.