PARKS & RECREATION
CITY OF EL PASO

# PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

**WEDNESDAY, July 8th, 2026, AT 4:00 P.M.**
**City 3 – 801 Texas Ave., 79901 – Thorman Conference Room**

**Minutes**

*Members Present: (7)*
Mayor – Deborah Zuloaga
District 1 – Ben Wilbanks
District 2 – Daniel Collins
District 3 – Michael Adjemian
District 5 – Luis Terrazas
District 6 – Timothy Haddox
District 7 – Marcella Carrillo (Chair)

*Members Absent: (2)*
District 4 – Benjamin Avalos (Vice-Chair)
District 8 – Ricardo Bustamante

*City Staff Present*
Pablo Caballero, Director
Emigdio Gonzalez, Assistant Director
Alondra Navarrete, Office Manager
Brenda Romero, Recreation Programs Manager
Jesus Avila, Rec. & Sports Coordinator

*City Attorney – Legal*
Roberto Aguinaga, Assistant City Attorney

*Public Present*
Carlos Molina
Marisol Ramirez
Bertha Adjemian
Victor Macias

- **Call to Order**

  Marcella Carrillo, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:58 P.M.

  Marcella Carrillo, Board Chair, did a roll call.

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

No members of the public were present to discuss items not on this month's meeting agenda.

- **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 June 10th, 2026 – Marcella Carrillo, Board Chair

*Motion by Daniel Collins to accept the June 10th, 2026, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes as written, seconded by Michael Adjemian.*

*AYES: Deborah Zuloaga, Ben Wilbanks, Daniel Collins, Michael Adjemian, Luis Terrazas, Timothy Haddox, Marcella Carrillo*
*NAYS:*
*ABSENT: Benjamin Avalos, Ricardo Bustamante*

*Motion passes.*

2. **Presentation and discussion:** Regarding City-owned aquatic facility operations, programming, and public access

Brenda Romero, Recreation Programs Manager, spoke to the Board alongside a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Department's aquatic facility operations, programming, and public access.

Board members had questions and comments that were addressed by Ms. Romero.

Member of the public, Carlos Molina, spoke to the Board in opposition to the information provided to the Board regarding the City's aquatic facilities.

*Motion by Daniel Collins to accept the supporting documentation packet from Mr. Carlos Molina for their review and consideration, seconded by Deborah Zuloaga.*

*AYES: Deborah Zuloaga, Ben Wilbanks, Daniel Collins, Michael Adjemian, Luis Terrazas, Timothy Haddox, Marcella Carrillo*
*NAYS:*
*ABSENT: Benjamin Avalos, Ricardo Bustamante*

*Motion passes.*

Member of the public, Victor Macias from Border Swimming / Desert Sharks Swim Club, spoke in support of the information provided to the Board regarding the City's aquatic facilities.

3. **Update & Discussion:** On the proposed content to be included on the annual report of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to City Council - Alondra Navarrete, Office Manager

   Alondra Navarrete, Office Manager, provides an update to the Board regarding the items and topics that were proposed for the Board's annual report in conjunction with assigned Board Member Liaison Luis Terrazas.

   Board members discussed the proposed topics and had questions that were answered by Director Pablo Caballero, Assistant City Attorney Robert Aguinaga, and Ms. Navarrete.

   **Adjournment:** 5:07 p.m.