

**MARFA PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING**

November 16, 2023

Members Present:

Trey Gerfers – Board President
Mark Morrison – Council Member
Mark Cash – Council Member
Michael Camacho
Joe Cashiola

Members Absent:

Florcita Zubia

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

- Mr. Gerfers called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and established a quorum with Mrs. Zubia absent.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. DISCUSSION WITH ACTION AS APPROPRIATE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

- Mr. Camacho made a motion to approve the minutes from October 19, 2023, as presented. Council Member Morrison seconded the motion. Motion carried. All in favor.

IV. DISCUSSION WITH ACTION AS APPROPRIATE TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT

- Council Member Morrison made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Council Member Cash seconded the motion. Motion carried. All in favor.

V. DISCUSSION WITH ACTION AS APPROPRIATE TO SELECT TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

- Letters of Interest were received from Cameron McClintock, Katie Inglis, and Natalie Axton. Cameron McClintock was not present for the meeting,

but Ms. Inglis and Ms. Axton were.

- Each woman stood to introduce themselves and share their reasoning for wanting to join the board.
- Mr. Cashiola made a motion to select Katie Inglis and Natalie Axton to serve as members on the board. Council Member Cash seconded the motion. Motion carried. All in favor.

VI. DISCUSSION WITH ACTION AS APPROPRIATE TO SELECT NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

- Mr. Cashiola made a motion to nominate Mr. Camacho to serve as the President of the board. Motion died for lack of a second.
- Mr. Camacho asked if the board could have two presidents or have a split leadership role. Mr. Gerfers explained that the board used to have a President and Secretary who split duties but after several failed attempts to keep a member in the Secretary role, the “President only” form has been the easiest. However, switching back to the previous or even having a President and Vice president was a possibility.
- Council Member Cash made a motion to nominate Mr. Cashiola to serve as the President. Mr. Cashiola expressed that he didn’t feel comfortable taking on the President role since he knows he will have to miss several meetings throughout the year due to work. Motion died for lack of a second.
- Mr. Gerfers made a motion to nominate Mr. Camacho to serve as the President and Mr. Cashiola to serve as the Vice President of the board. Council Member Cash seconded the motion. Motion carried. All in favor.

VII. DISCUSSION WITH ACTION AS APPROPRIATE CONCERNING RESOLUTION TO REMOVE TREY GERFERS AS SIGNATORY FROM MARFA PARKS AND RECREATION BANK ACCOUNT

- Council Member Morrison made a motion to approve the Resolution removing Trey Gerfers as a signatory from the Marfa Parks & Recreation bank account. Council Member Cash seconded the motion. Motion carried. All in favor.

VIII. DISCUSSION WITH ACTION AS APPROPRIATE CONCERNING NEW SKATE

PARK

- Bobby King of Skate EcoSystems was present to discuss the proposed skate park installation at Coffield Park. He said that his company would assist in planning and holding local fundraiser event(s) and assist in grant writing to cover the incurred costs as they come via Phases. Council Member Morrison asked Mr. King for a rough estimate on how much a skate park for Coffield would run. Mr. King said it could run from \$40-\$50 /sqft to \$60= /sqft.
- Mr. King asked the board if they would at least commit to designating a portion of the park to this project so that he & his company could begin researching. The board agreed that they would prefer that commitment to be made at the next regular meeting in January of 2024.
- No action.

IX. DISCUSSION WITH ACTION AS APPROPRIATE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A DEDICATIONAL PLAQUE FOR SUNSET PARK

- Mr. Gerfers presented the board with a quote for a small plaque that could be ordered, engraved, and installed at Sunset Park.
- Council Member Morrison made a motion to approve a \$250 budget for Mr. Gerfers to go ahead with the ordering of this plaque. Mr. Cashiola seconded the motion. Motion carried. All in favor.

X. DISCUSSION WITH ACTION AS APPROPRIATE CONCERNING SHADE STRUCTURE IN SUNSET PARK

- Mr. Cashiola stated the polygon shaped structure that was previously discussed and agreed upon would cost roughly \$165,000 and that the board/city might be eligible for discounts. However, he mentioned that he'd rather see other bigger projects completed. He suggested that the board focus on Coffield Park (bathrooms, gazebo, and splash pad) first before tackling this structure.
- Mr. Camacho made a motion to reallocate the \$100,000 that was previously allocated in the budget to the Shade Structure to General Use under Capital Projects. Council Member Cash seconded the motion. Motion carried. All in favor.

XI. DISCUSSION WITH ACTION AS APPROPRIATE CONCERNING SPLASHPAD

- Mr. Camacho said that he'd met again with the representatives from Vortex and that they are still talking through design concepts. There will be a 12,000 gal. tank that would need to be installed underground. Mr. Camacho stated that if the Marfa Gas Dept could assist in digging the space needed, the cost of the project could be lower.
- No action.

XII. DISCUSSION WITH ACTION AS APPROPRIATE CONCERNING COFFIELD PARK

- Council Member Morrison said that the current hold-up at the project is finding a plumber who has time to do the work. The current plumbing contractor is very busy and hasn't had time to work on the park. All next level trades are now on hold until a plumber finishes. Mr. Cashiola suggested moving on to a new plumbing contractor. Mr. Morrison will start calling other providers.

XIII. DISCUSSION WITH ACTION AS APPROPRIATE CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF VIZCAINO PARK

- Mr. Gerfers read an excerpt from Local Government Code Ch. 272 referencing *The Sale or Lease of Properties by Municipalities, Counties, and certain other Local Governments*. Council Member Cash mentioned concern over the city police not being able to monitor that area since its outside of the city limits.
- Mr. Gerfers suggested waiting until the *time is right* to push the City or County for any further movement on this subject.

XIV. UPDATES CONCERNING SHADE SAIL IN TRAVIS SELF PARK

- Mr. Cashiola said that he has the hardware and sail ready to install but since winter is almost here and early spring brings very windy days, he suggested waiting until mid-late spring to install.

XV. UPDATES CONCERNING SCOREBOARD IN COFFIELD PARK

- Council Member Cash said that the contractor hired to take out the old poles and install new ones will begin work next week. Mr. Cash will contact the scoreboard company as soon as the poles are installed and ready.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SALES TAX WORKSHOP**

- Mr. Gerfers announced that all current board members needed to complete the Sales Tax Workshop before December 31, 2023.
- Council Member Cash and Mr. Camacho have signed up to take the class in Austin on December 1, 2023 and Mr. Cashiola said he has signed up to take the Online course in mid-December.

XVII. ADJOURN

- Council Member Cash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Morrison seconded the motion. Motion carried. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.