

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
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6. NEW BUSINESS:

A.) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "EL GRITO", AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2018; AND WAIVING ALL ASSOCIATED FEES.

Mr. Thompson presented the Resolution to the members for review. (see packet)

MOTION: Ms. Cardona moved to approve the Resolution with a second from Mr. Foreback which passed by voice vote.

B.) PARK WITH NO NAME (VISTAS NUEVAS PARK)

a.) More parks on the Southside

Mr. Thompson discussed a park that was never accepted by the City. It is a 1.2 acre park bounded by residences and located in a subdivision. It has no off street parking there are some parking spots but not many.

Mr. Terrance states he read about the park in some letters to the editor.

Mr. Lodes asked who owns the land where the park is located. Mr. Thompson states the land was foreclosed on the bank still owns it.

b.) Cost/benefit

Mr. Thompson states the costs are more for restoring the trees and the connection will be a sizable cost. The park backs up to Country Club Estates. There are some residents that would likely use it. They would like to work on it and then add it to the City's inventory.

c.) Water connection

Mr. Thompson explained the water connection is what the cost mostly consists of.

C.) SLACKLINING IN PARKS

a.) Park Feature/Outdoor Recreation Opportunity/Revenue

Mr. Thompson explained the sign Ms. Esparza created to display. (see packet) The sign cites Chapter 10-1 of the City Code. The organizer understands that they cannot compress the tree or attach anything to it. Mr. Thompson explained the mobile set up. The Parks Department would provide the materials and the organizer would set it up on weekends and select weekdays.

Mr. Thompson explained there will be some attention to the slacklining as well as other activities.

D.) CRICKET PITCH

a.) MRC/League with Reservations/Revenue

Mr. Thompson explained an accounting firm would like to offer the cricket pitch activity to the community. (see packet) The group states there is a league of 400 individuals from Albuquerque to Denver who compete often. This would increase GRT.

Mr. Lodes states he saw a television show that featuring Cricket Pitch in Colorado Springs and it showed how they travel to Albuquerque often.

Mr. Thompson explained that item is not up for approval however the Parks Department would appreciate input from PARC if they would like to pursue it.

Mr. Foreback asked about the no name park, in the master plan there was comments on the parks and the number of parks the City should have.

Mr. Thompson explained this is a pocket park, it is to be done away with when they have too many to manage. Neighborhood parks are meant to have many activities and used to by many.

Mr. Thompson gave examples of pocket parks. There is a lack of parks in District 3. This park would be a good investment for that district. Due to the size it is inexpensive to maintain.

Mr. Foreback asked out slacklining, he has seen it for years. One issue is wrapping on the trees. Are there any other problems and was there a complaint and was it related to the trees?

Mr. Thompson states they spoke to the Risk Management Department and after researching they haven't seen any issues with accidents. There are members in the nearby communities that feel there are outsiders in the park. Those were the only type of complaints they received.

Ms. Cardona asked about the equipment is it mobile? Mr. Thompson explained they are portable. Mr. Thompson states the individual would be responsible for the equipment. The Parks department relies on the citizens to organize their own leagues and groups.

Chair Bruneni asked if this individual purchased his own equipment. Mr. Thompson states he offered but because of liability they didn't allow it.

Ms. Cardona asked if the trees can hold weight. It is assumed are there older youth and adults heavier in weight. Will that will affect the tree? Chair Bruneni explained the equipment is to prevent using the tree. Mr. Thompson explained they can help them find a large grassy area.

Chair Bruneni states they are both very good ideas and activities for the City. She will leave it up to the Parks Department to pursue.

Mr. Thompson explained there are funds for maintenance operations in budget. Mr. Sidebottom asked if it can be used to take care of it. Mr. Thompson explained it would cover it, there are also impact funds that may not be rolled in. The Governing Body would make a final decision.

Ms. Vasquez asked about hooking into the effluent line for watering. Mr. Thompson states they would eventually like to see it moved there.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Cardona discussed building a nature related garden and set ups that have a cultural theme. She has a landscape architect in mind that specializes in that. Can they be on the next agenda?

Chair Bruneni stated there are two vacancies on the board. If they are interested in serving they are welcome to join due to their background.

Mr. Thompson explained there are some great parks that could serve that purpose.

Ms. Cardona they can come and present their ideas. Mr. Thompson explained they would need to clarify if they were to donate a design.

Ms. Cardona she will clarify with them. Mr. Thompson they can meet and then present through Park Department.

Mr. Foreback suggested the ethnic botanical garden here in town. There is a fee and there is free admission for students. If the City believes they can do it, there is a place nearby where the structure uses street water and stops erosion and treats the water.

Mr. Thompson introduced Lora Lee Freilich a supporter of Zia Road medians who is interested in serving on the board. Chair Bruneni states she will make the recommendation to the Mayor. (see packet)

Ms. Cardona asked who owns the water history museum. Mr. Thompson states it belongs to the City but they rent the building.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jim Lodes asked about the schedule on completion on the Ft. Marcy Pool. Mr. Thompson is not in recreation but can find out. The gym floor is being worked on now. The dressing rooms are also being worked on now. Mr. Thompson will get an update.

Mr. Lodes asked about the maintenance of the roads and medians and weed issues.

Mr. Thompson explained that it started to be part of Keep Santa Fe Beautiful and they are grant funded which has slowed down.

Mr. Lodes asked if they have any decision making in the designs of them and the planting.

Mr. Thompson they do have authority they do not replant on medians much. Mr. Lodes asked again when they rebuild an area do they input and review the designs.

Mr. Thompson explained they do review the plans and the plant materials. Mr. Lodes states there is an issue of the mulch. Mr. Thompson asked that they do not use the plastic barrier and they asked for pine bark and the NMDOT mix but they did not use them on the Cerrillos Road project. Mr. Thompson explained there is a mediation remediation CIP but they needed more information and it has now moved down the list.

Mr. Lodes suggests they leave a few inches or mulch.

9. CONFIRM DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING (TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018)

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

SIGNATURES

Victoria Bruneni, Chair



Linda Vigil, Stenographer