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The Parks, Recreation & Beautification Committee met in regular session Monday, January 30th, 2017 in the Assembly Room, Bert Cabiness City Government Center, 321 N. Connelly, in full conformity with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the ordinances and resolutions of said city with the following members present:

Commissioner Fidel Madrid, Chairman  
Commissioner Tom Martin  
Ms. Patsy Delk, Curry County Representative  
Mr. Richard Trask, AYSO  
Mr. Jamall Williams, District 2  
Ms. Wilma Fulgham, District 3  
Mr. Dale Fullerton, Clovis Schools

ABSENT:

Commissioner Gary Elliott  
Mayor Pro Tem Juan Garza  
Ms. Eva Wheeler-Sagio, District 1  
Mr. Cliff Kuchta, District 4

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Mark Dayhoff, Parks Director  
Mr. Larry Fry, City Manager  
Ms. Claire Burroughes, Administration  
Ms. Vicki Reyes, Administration  
Ms. Lisa Pellegrino-Spear, MainStreet  
Ms. Gayla Brumfield  
Commissioner Helen Casaus  
Members of the public  
News Media

Commissioner Madrid called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

**Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of minutes of November 28, 2016**

Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2016 as presented; Commissioner Martin seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

**Agenda Item No. 4 - Discussion and action regarding proposed park design for Historic Railroad Park**

Ms. Lisa Pellegrino-Spear, MainStreet Director, stated they received a NM MainStreet Capital Outlay Grant. They wanted to make the Railroad Park a friendly park as well as a usable park. The train depot has sold and with this park it will increase the desire for the district. She handed out two designs for the park. They would prefer to have sidewalks going around the entire locomotive, but are awaiting ADA requirements. The goal is to have as low maintenance of a park as possible so that the parks department will not have to maintain it on a daily basis. They would like to incorporate a border that has minimum maintenance, would be about 1 ½ to 2 feet tall and would be on the street side of the

highway. The one major request is to not put a fence around the locomotive. They would also like to add a 15 x 50 waiting station. The only electricity in the park will be for lighting purposes. The landscaping will be all natural and require little water.

They would like to have a monument in the park in the shape of a railroad spike. The monument would have a plaque with Phil and Verna Williams name on it because they are the ones that donated the land. They would also have a brick project so that people could purchase bricks and have their names put on them. The wall that faces cheapos depo would have additional plants and metal art.

Ms. Fulgham asked about the Harvey House. Ms. Pellegrino-Spear stated they do not have anything lined up right now but hope this will make it a more desirable area. Ms. Brumfield stated they are trying to provide beautification in the downtown area. They have worked with Mr. Dayhoff to keep this low maintenance. Ms. Pellegrino-Spear stated this required a 20% match from the city but they were able to get \$80,000 from the state.

Commissioner Martin asked who the Williams are. Ms. Pellegrino-Spear stated Phil and Verna Williams owned the railroad park. Commissioner Martin asked if \$100,000 would be enough to do this project. Ms. Pellegrino-Spear they have budgeted it so that it will be enough. Commissioner Martin stated it would be wonderful to have this and need something beautiful come in. He asked about the fence around the train. Ms. Pellegrino-Spear stated it had a chain link fence around it at Hillcrest Park and there is no real reason to lock it up. Their objective is to not have fencing to make it more inviting.

Commissioner Madrid asked about the gages. Ms. Pellegrino-Spear stated they would have plexiglass installed so that people couldn't bother the gages. Commissioner Martin asked if this would be an attractive nuisance. Mr. Dayhoff stated that area of town doesn't get a lot of foot traffic so they shouldn't have near as much. Ms. Brumfield stated the railroad is there and it is pretty well lit. Commissioner Madrid stated the railroad has security there as well.

Commissioner Martin asked what was being asked of the committee. Ms. Pellegrino-Spear stated approval of the design. Ms. Burroughes asked if there was going to be any lighting. Ms. Pellegrino-Spear stated there will be lighting at the base of the locomotive, at the waiting station and will work with Mr. Dayhoff and Mr. Wilt to see how close they can get to the highway. Ms. Burroughes asked if the walking path was okay. Mr. Dayhoff stated he was not a 100% sure. Ms. Pellegrino-Spear stated she also sent an email to Mr. Wilt asking if it was compliant.

Ms. Fulgham asked if there was any future expansion to the west. Ms. Pellegrino-Spear stated they didn't feel any more than four parking spots would be needed, but there is room in the back to park as well. They don't want to put additional through the railroads property.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to move forward with the plans for the Railroad Park; Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation. Ms. Pellegrino-Spear stated she would incorporate Mr. Dayhoff in the plans before they finalize anything. Mr. Fry stated the plan was to approve in a conceptual fashion.

**Agenda Item No. 5 - Discussion and action regarding re-paving basketball the basketball court at Pat Sandoval Park**

Mr. Dayhoff stated he was approached by several members of the pickleball group and they had been looking at Greene Acres Park as a new location for them. This is one of the short-term improvements to repave the basketball court. To resurface it with asphalt was higher than using concrete. For \$24,600 Nick Griego can concrete the course. The advantage of the location is that if the weather got bad they could walk to Roy Walker.

Ms. Kelly Marshall, treasurer Clovis/Curry County Senior Olympics Board, gave a brief history of pickleball. They play at Roy Walker five times per week average from ages 12-20. Their proposal is to stripe the soon to be refinished outdoor basketball court for both basketball and pickleball. They already have the necessary equipment to play pickleball on the outdoor court.

Commissioner Madrid asked if they had the money to repave. Mr. Madrid stated they do have money in the reoccurring funds. Mr. Fry asked if it would only be used when Roy Walker is open. Ms. ??? stated three of the nets belong to their group. So they could check them out on a Friday and return them on Monday.

Commissioner Martin asked how many courts they were looking at. Ms.????? stated they walked out 2-3. Commissioner Martin asked if there would be a problem with it also being a basketball court. Ms. Marshall stated they both occupy the same place now in Roy Walker and have no problems. Mr. Fry stated it is unplayable right now. Commissioner Martin asked if the added expense would be striping only. Mr. Dayhoff stated it would.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to repave the basketball court at Pat Sandoval Park and add striping to the court to allow for 2-3 courts; Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation. Mr. Dayhoff stated this would be on the next commission agenda.

#### **Agenda Item No. 6 - Discussion and action regarding walking trails at Hillcrest Park**

Mr. Dayhoff stated after researching crusher fine is the best way to go for the walking trails. If they add an adhesive they will hold the crusher fine longer. Hamilton did some sample trails for them and it didn't make too big of a difference. They could utilize the old cart paths and would only have to install 1.6 miles of crusher fine. If they buy the materials and have the contractor do the labor it will cost \$61,000 without the adhesive. For an 8 foot trail it will cost \$74,200. They have \$100,000 designated from the commission. Other improvements to the trails would be more benches, possibly every quarter mile and more signage. The contractor recommended putting a ground sterilizer before they put the crusher fine down to prevent vegetation. The tax is included on the labor and should cost around \$80,000 with GRT.

Commissioner Martin stated the non-adhesive looked more like gravel. He asked how long the cart paths have been there without not having anything done to them. Mr. Dayhoff stated probably 5-6 years. Commissioner Martin stated there are areas of the path that don't have any problems. He did not think they needed the adhesive.

Ms. Delk asked if the price included the cost of the benches. Mr. Dayhoff stated it did. The cost was \$2800 for the benches. He stated they will have to get three bids for the material and the labor.

Ms. Burroughes asked if there would be any lighting. Mr. Dayhoff stated if they do they will look at the solar lighting, but they don't know that they want people there after dark. Ms. Pellegrino-Spear asked if

this would be on the same path as the ones they use for 5Ks. Mr. Dayhoff stated it is a popular path and could be used.

Mr. Fullerton made a motion to approve the walking trails at Hillcrest Park at 8 feet; Ms. Delk seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

**Agenda Item No. 7 - Discussion and action regarding constructing a new bathroom in the CYSA area at Hillcrest Park**

Mr. Dayhoff stated this is an item that is on the short-term recommendation list. They tried to center it in the center of the soccer location. The only issue was trying to figure out sewage. In order to install septic tanks they would have to go by the number of parking spaces and they were going to make them build two large septic tanks. Two Horse Construction recommended a two-pump grinder that will grind and pump the sewage and allow them to connect to the Aquatic Center. The proposal for the restroom which would be the same as Dennis Chavez and Potter Park would be around \$61,000 but the double pump grinder will cost another \$20,000. They have \$114,000 designated from reoccurring funds for this.

Mr. Fry asked if the Parks department would have maintenance over the restrooms. Mr. Dayhoff stated they would maintain the bathroom. The bathroom at Potter Park has not been a problem, but Dennis Chavez has been a problem. It is currently closed because of vandalism. He asked the contractor to install a double gate for the bathrooms at the CYSA and prevents people from getting people to the metal door. This added another \$1,000 to the cost, but it would be worth it.

Mr. Trask if they were just approving the location. Mr. Dayoff stated the location and to begin construction. Mr. Williams asked if they could be any closer to the clubhouse. Mr. Dayhoff stated after visiting with contractors and Don Aragon they felt this was an ideal location, but he would be open to looking at putting it closer to the parking lot.

Ms. Delk made a motion to begin construction of bathrooms at CYSA; Mr. Trask seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

**Agenda Item No. 8 - Discussion and action regarding future use of former pool area at Colonial Park Golf Course**

Mr. Dayhoff stated he asked the committee to come up with ideas for the old pool area at Colonial Park Golf Course. Public Works is supposed to fill the pool and compact the area in the next couple of weeks. The concrete area is in poor shape and unlevel. Commissioner Madrid asked how much this would cost. Mr. Dayhoff stated it would depend on what they decide to do with the area.

Ms. Delk stated a sitting area would be nice. Commissioner Martin stated it would be nice to have some sort of landscaping with a sitting area. He asked if there were any other alternative uses. Mr. Dayhoff stated it would cost \$1 million to bring the pool up to code. Commissioner Martin stated having an outdoor area in conjunction with the clubhouse would add to it. Mr. Dayhoff stated he could come up with a design and a few estimates.

Commissioner Madrid asked how much it would cost to cement the area. Mr. Dayhoff stated he has not gone out for a proposal. He stated he would get quotes for a sitting area with landscaping.

Commissioner Martin stated landscaping on the edge could be an alternative to allow for tables and tenting.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to postpone this item until a future time; Mr. Trask seconded the motion which passed by acclamation.

**Agenda Item No. 9 - For the good of the order**

a. Update regarding Proposed Shooting Range

Ms. Burroughes stated Commissioner Madrid, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Bryant and her met with Game and Fish last week. One of the recommendations is for a private group to be the management group of the range. This facility would include a building, indoor archery, hunter education area, airgun and bathrooms. Bill Adams is spearheading this project at the moment and is coming up with a plan. Once the plan is complete they will send it to Game and Fish who will contract with Bohannon Houston. They will need to do an environmental impact study which is required for the grant. Clovis Archer and Wing Training Shooting Center will be the name of the facility. The board of directors will be a non-profit group and will consist of various groups as well as the City of Clovis.

b. Update regarding disc golf

Ms. Burroughes stated Mr. Richards legal opinion was that this developed the area into a park and they are not allowed to in the contract with Nancy Jane Goodwin. They have contacted the Disc Golf group and told them they would continue to work with them, but could not use the area legally. Commissioner Martin stated in effect they have a park there anyway. Mr. Fry stated he seemed to think the further development of it into a park is where they get into conflict of use.

c. Update on projects

Mr. Dayhoff stated Nick Griego got the MADS location graded and had to stop to continue a previous project. They will lay the concrete late next week. The windows will be installed in the Colonial Park banquet room.

d. Next meeting date and time

Ms. Reyes advised the next meeting would be February 27th.

**Agenda Item No. 10 - Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.