

COUNTY OF CURRY)
CITY OF CLOVIS) ss.

The Parks, Recreation & Beautification Committee met in regular session Monday, March 6, 2017 in the Assembly Room, Bert Cabiness City Government Center, 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
Commissioner Gary Elliott
Mayor Pro Tem Juan Garza
Ms. Eva Wheeler-Sagio, District 1
Mr. Cliff Kuchta, District 4

ABSENT:

Ms. Wilma Fulgham, District 3
Mr. Dale Fullerton, Clovis Schools

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Mark Dayhoff, Parks Director
Mr. Larry Fry, City Manager
Ms. Claire Burroughes, Administration
Ms. Vicki Reyes, Administration
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 January 30, 2017

Commissioner Madrid advised he would like to move Item Number 5 up one on the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza made a motion to approve the minutes of January 30, 2017 as presented; Mr. Kuchta seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Discussion and action regarding Christmas Nites at the Zoo

Ms. Delk stated she had several people approach her about the Christmas Nites and asked how much money it was costing the city. Mr. Vince Romero, zoo director, stated it doesn't cost the city anything but comp hours. It is all done through donations. There were about 3,500 people last year. The support groups provide all of the coco and candy and the city purchases lights. They spent about \$3,500 for lights and the CATS bus didn't run this year. Ms. Delk asked if it was worth putting this on. Mr. Romero stated people do appreciate it. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated the lights utilized are coming from the Lodger's Tax funds as well so the city is not using tax payers money. Ms. Delk thanked Mr. Romero and the zoo staff for the job they do.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Discussion and action regarding High Plains Motor Speedway improvements

Mr. Brad Harris, general manager High Plains Motor Speedway, stated they had a lighting issue on the race track last season and they are basically out of power. They would also like to update the bleachers. The cost of the lights is \$47,000 for 45 1,000 watt LED, the bleachers are 73 feet long with 400 capacity seating and they need at least 800 capacity. They are \$24,900 apiece. The grandstands haven't been updated in 25 years. He stated he understood there was easement money. Mr. Dayhoff stated the easement money from Xcel and Tres Amigas was around \$160,000. The MADS group was displaced because of the powerlines and the cost to move them was \$147,000 so that leaves \$13,000 left in the fund. Mr. Harris stated it would help if they could get half for the bleachers and half for the lights.

Mr. Harris stated they run May through October every weekend. They also run motocross, but he isn't sure of their schedule. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated he would like to see what else they can do to help this group. He stated they have not identified a funding source. Mayor Pro Tem Garza made a motion to table.

Mr. Kuchta asked if the money from Lodger's Tax has been disbursed. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated there will be another meeting in April but that money cannot be used for improvements. Mr. Kuchta asked if they draw a lot of revenue from the fans and racers. Mr. Harris stated they have been doing more advertising and they have cars coming from out of town. He stated they generate revenue but not enough for this. If they switch to LED lights it could reduce their electric bill.

Commissioner Elliott asked where the prize money came from. Mr. Harris stated they come from entry fees. They try to pay the insurance and utilities through the fan base.

Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 6 - Discussion and action regarding the Archery & Winged Shooting Training Center

Mr. Dayhoff stated after many meetings and changes they have completed a preliminary plan. It will be located on CR 17. The estimated price does not allow any cost for the archery range to move because they decided to stay where there. That estimated cost is \$862,623.

Mr. Adams stated they are going to put barbed wire fencing around the perimeter. They put in a kitchen, but it is the same size. He stated the state might fund half of the project. Ms. Burroughes stated there is state and federal funding. They have to do an environmental assessment which Mr. Dayhoff is working on. Mr. Dayhoff stated he has not received a quote for that. Ms. Burroughes stated once that is done they will send the application to the state. She stated a group of them met with Game & Fish two weeks and they went over what else the city would need to apply for funding. The city will have to contribute to this as well. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated any improvements that the shooters will do can be used as in-kind.

Commissioner Elliott asked how many acres it would be. Mr. Adams stated it is 82 acres. Ms. Burroughes stated the appraisal of the property can be used as a match as well.

Mr. Adams stated the management would include a president, vice president, directors from archery, trap and skeet, Olympics, ROTC, city and a secretary/treasurer. There will also be a membership rate and a day use plus paying for the rounds of trap. Commissioner Madrid stated this facility will be open to the public. Mr. Adams stated if trap or archery wants the range then the public will not be able to utilize

it, but for four days a week from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. it will be open to the public. Ms. Wheeler- Sagio asked how many employees they would have. Mr. Adams stated there would be one full time person and they will have volunteers to assist as well. Ms. Wheeler-Sagio asked how many volunteers they would have. Mr. Adams stated they don't have anything set yet, but thought they could have at least 3 volunteers at all times.

Ms. Wheeler-Sagio asked if this was different than the project that was turned down last year. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated it was different.

Ms. JoAnne Winslow, Clovis Bowhunters, stated they talked about the city possibly being able to contribute \$100,000 to fix the facility they have now. Commissioner Madrid stated the \$100,000 was when everything was included, but that's only if the archery range will agree to open to the public four days a week. Federal money cannot be used if it is a private membership. Mr. Bill Coburn asked if they could find volunteers to be there four days a week, but still allow their members 24 hour access, would they be able to apply for federal funds. Commissioner Madrid stated they could include it in the application then. Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked what their hours of operation were. Mr. Coburn stated their members are allowed any time. Ms. Burroughes stated she could ask if it would be allowable to have the facility open to the public for four days and then open only to members the remaining.

Mr. Adams stated the archery range asked for an additional 40 acres and they would build their own fence. Commissioner Martin stated he understood that it had to be open to the public, but does it have to be manned. Ms. Winslow stated it would because of their insurance. Ms. Burroughes stated she could ask Game & Fish. Commissioner Madrid stated the only problem would be with the t-posts. Mr. Coburn stated there is an existing fence. He asked if they would have a problem with them moving those. Mr. Dayhoff stated he had no problem with that.

Mr. Williams asked if there was an estimated cost of admission to the public. Mr. Adams stated trap is \$8 per person and archery is \$6-\$7 per person per day. That is just range use. On trap they would have to pay a certain amount for every round they shoot. Mr. Williams asked what a membership fee was. Mr. Adams stated they are planning to charge \$100 a year for a group or membership fee. Ms. Delk asked what the other charges would be. Mr. Adams stated they would pay for each round that they shoot. These numbers are close to what they will charge. Ms. Burroughes asked what they were going to sell. Mr. Adams stated they would not sell ammunition and the clays go through the trap machine. They will either use cards or tokens for the rounds.

Ms. Burroughes asked if the building would be available to rent. Mr. Adams stated as long as the group is associated with one of the groups or associated with guns or archery. Ms. Burroughes asked if there would be hunter education in the facility. Mr. Adams stated there would be.

Mr. Kuchta asked if they have any amounts on what the feds or state will contribute. Commissioner Madrid stated they won't know anything until they turn in the application. Ms. Burroughes stated it would be a 3-1 match and some of the city's match could be in-kind. The city would have entered into an intergovernmental agreement to dedicate this land for a period of time to utilize this facility. It wouldn't impact the city's rights to put anything else on the property. Mr. Kuchta asked if the commission would want dollar figures. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated they are only doing preliminary planning. All they are doing is approving the plan to go to the state. Ms. Burroughes stated they will be asking the commission for approval to apply for funding.

Mr. Trask asked what the point of the barbed wire fence was. Mr. Adams stated the state will not spend that much on a fence but can fund a barbed wire fence. If it warrants them to add chain link they will do down the road. He stated it would be five feet tall.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to take this item to the city commission; Mayor Pro Tem Garza seconded the motion. Commissioner Madrid asked if they were going to include the money for the archery range. Ms. Burroughes stated she would have to get clarification from the state regarding whether or not they can include it and if they say yes then it will be included, but if not they will have to discuss this at another meeting. She stated she will ask whether or not they are allowed to have it open for four days a week, whether it has to be manned and whether the other three days can be utilized for private use. She asked for this to be included in the motion. Commissioner Elliott amended his motion; Mayor Pro Tem Garza seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Mr. Adams stated once they get this through the city commission and go to the federal government then they can start canvassing. Ms. Burroughes stated they can work on a budget. Commissioner Madrid stated most of the shortage was going to be when the city was going to manage it.

Commissioner Madrid asked when the archery group needed the 40 acres. Mr. Coburn stated they are trying to do joint shoots with Portales. Ms. Winslow stated their field can hold 50 targets and they would like put up 100. Commissioner Madrid stated they could place this on the next agenda. Mr. Coburn stated the only thing they would need is line to know where they can mark it off. Ms. Burroughes stated they would need to speak with the city attorney to put together an agreement.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Discussion regarding swimming pool at Colonial Park Golf Course

Mr. Dayhoff stated the concrete needs to be completely torn out. He would like to look at the cost of an outdoor fireplace. He has had problems getting an estimate on the landscaping. To tear out the concrete and repave it would cost \$50,000 which was the lowest bid. They will also install a 16-foot gate on the east side of the lot. To tear out stucco and place the gate would be \$26,400. He also wanted to get a price for solar lighting.

Commissioner Martin asked if something in the middle would help. Mr. Dayhoff stated he thought about putting something in the middle. Mr. Burroughes asked if they could put some planters or something that is moveable. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated he mentioned putting benches in the area.

Agenda Item No. 8 - For the good of the order

Great American Cleanup

Ms. Burroughes stated the Great American Cleanup will begin at 8:00 a.m. at 500 Sycamore on May 6th.

Update on projects

Mr. Dayhoff stated they just completed the windows at Colonial Park and painted the ballroom. MADS completed the concrete runways and they need to move the boxcar and run electricity. The basketball court and pickle ball court were completed last week. Hillcrest walking trails should be started in the next couple weeks by Griego and Sons. The ponds will be filled this week for the reuse system.

Commissioner Martin stated there were several things that Colonial Park wanted taken care of. Mr. Dayhoff stated the painting and windows were completed. The south side of the building will have to be

looked at because of funding. Commissioner Martin stated there were several things they pointed out with regards to the windows. Mr. Dayhoff stated it was more of a cosmetic issue and the contractor filled in the windows and covered it with wood trim.

Ms. Burroughes stated the anchor coming from the US History and Heritage Command will be here on March 13. It will be painted and restored by the Eagle Scouts. ROTC has volunteered to paint F111 at Veterans Park during spring break.

Next meeting date and time

Ms. Burroughes stated the next meeting would be at 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 27th.

Agenda Item No. 9 - Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.