

COUNTY OF CURRY)
CITY OF CLOVIS) ss.

The Parks, Recreation & Beautification Committee met in regular session on Monday, March 27th, 2017 in the Ingram Room, Clovis-Carver Library, 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. Jamal Williams, District 2
Commissioner Gary Elliott
Mayor Pro Tem Juan Garza
Ms. Eva Wheeler-Sagio, District 1
Mr. Cliff Kuchta, District 4
Ms. Wilma Fulgham, District 3
Mr. Dale Fullerton, Clovis Schools

ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Trask, AYSO

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Mark Dayhoff, Parks Director
Ms. Claire Burroughes, Administration
Ms. Vicki Reyes, Administration
Members of the public
News Media

Commissioner Madrid called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of minutes of March 6, 2017

Ms. Wheeler-Sagio made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017 as presented; Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Discussion and action regarding High Plains Motor Speedway improvements

Mr. Dayhoff stated currently they have approximately \$13,000 that could be used for the archery range. They have additional funding but that is emergency savings. Mr. Adams stated when the shotgun range goes in Ned Houk Motor Speedway will get power from that. Mr. Harris with High Plains Motor Speedway stated the lights they have now are obsolete. Ms. Burroughes asked how many lights High Plains Motor Speedway have there now. Mr. Harris stated they have 45 fixtures.

Ms. Burroughes asked how many sets of bleachers they were looking for. Mr. Harris stated they were looking at 2 and they are \$24,000 each. Ms. Burroughes asked if there were any spare bleachers at Parks. Mr. Dayhoff stated they do not have any extras and the ones they do have are not up to code and should have railings on the sides.

Mr. Harris stated the ones they have at Ned Houk Park are functional but his concern is the lighting on the track. Commissioner Elliott asked if the Parks bleachers that are not up to code were going to be discarded. If they are going to be discarded they could have improvements done to them for High Plains Motor Speedway, and side rails welded on. Ms. Burroughes asked Mr. Dayhoff if he was planning on putting new bleachers on their wish list this year. Mr. Dayhoff stated they were and put 6-8 sets on the list last year as a request. Ms. Burroughes suggested they look to see if the welding shop could do any repairs.

Commissioner Martin asked how long the track had been at Ned Houk Park. Mr. Harris stated it has been there 27 years. Commissioner Martin asked what obligation the City had to the racetrack. When he was on the Lodger's Tax Advisory Board Ned Houk Motorsports would ask for money each time. He wondered if the city should get in or get out of the racetrack business. They need a ton of help and he didn't know if the City was willing or able to provide that. Mr. Dayhoff stated the City has no obligation to make improvements at the race track. They let them utilize the road grader and do some mowing. Commissioner Martin asked if the city provides bathrooms, lighting, etc. for other entities. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated recently they built some bathrooms at the little league fields, but that was part of the total package for Potter Park. When the civic center came in the lodging tax money went to pay for this. The City is not responsible for the race track. They have a lot of agreements with other organizations and they are not responsible for those facilities. Commissioner Madrid stated the bathrooms that were put in were put in the parks and not for the individual organizations.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated the Finance Committee has not met yet to discuss any funding for this. He felt they needed to do something to help them, but they are not sure how much.

Commissioner Madrid asked if they had welders to repair the bleachers if they were to get the ones from parks. Mr. Harris stated they do have someone that can do the welding. Commissioner Madrid stated they will meet with the Finance Committee in about 3 weeks and should know more. Commissioner Martin asked if they could find out what monies the city has expended for the racetrack. Mr. Dayhoff stated the bathrooms were installed by the City many years ago. Commissioner Martin felt if this has been going this long and is part of the City, then they need to do something.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to table until they can discuss this at the Finance Committee meeting; Mayor Pro Tem Garza seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Discussion and action regarding Ned Houk Park archery range

Mr. Dayhoff stated they met with the Bow Hunters who decided not to include any improvements on the proposed federal & state grant application for their current area, for several reasons including the cost of the environmental assessment for the 100 acres at their current location. The grant would also reduce the amount given for the improvements because archery committed to being open 2 days a week for the public. They cannot apply for two indoor archery facilities on one grant application.

Mr. Adams stated the archery range needs electrical work, material for the fence, t-posts, structural repair and enclose the west side for the office which is a cost of \$13,000. The bow hunters would also like to have the other 40 acres that were discussed at the last meeting. If they can fund this out of City funds then they can proceed with the shotgun range. Archery would be responsible for their own bathrooms at this price.

Commissioner Elliott stated archery is agreeable and that would get the building usable. Ms. Burroughes stated archery thought they could find some money by May from their program to help with the cost of repairs to their current area. Mr. Kuchta asked if they discussed electrical and water. Mr. Adams stated they discussed electrical. Commissioner Elliott moved for approval of the \$13,000 plus the 40 acres; Mr. Kuchta seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 6 - For the good of the order

Update on projects

Mr. Dayhoff stated the pickleball court was completed last week. Nick Griego and Sons started the walking trails in Hillcrest Park today. The signage and extra benches were ordered as well.

He is still trying to get proposals for the Colonial Park pool area. Public Works has removed most of the concrete which will save the city some money.

Ms. Delk stated they are running into some problems with the Pappy Museum. The problem is getting people interested in the museum. They are putting together a business to plan to bring to the city. It is going to take a lot of money and work to get this going.

Ms. Fulgham stated Lexi Myers and herself met with Ms. Burroughes and Mr. Dayhoff regarding the Pioneer Days Parade. They would like to bring the activities to Hillcrest Park instead of going to the Fairgrounds. They have come up with an idea of having a Rodeo Tailgate. They will have vendors after the parade and have the floats on display at the park. They don't want to lose the chuckwagon aspect and will work on having 2-3 there as well. The chamber wants to emphasize that this is the 10th year for Special Ops at Cannon as well. Ms. Burroughes stated they will be in the area where the Ethnic Fair is usually set up. They will come to the commission to ask for a waiver of the YRB and charging \$1 entry fee for the zoo. Mr. Dayhoff stated also soccer will be over by then. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated music would be a good part of this as well. Ms. Fulgham stated that is part of the planning as well.

Next meeting date and time

Commissioner Madrid advised the next meeting would be at 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 24th.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.