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The Parks, Recreation & Beautification Committee met in regular session on Monday, April 24, 2017 in the North Annex, 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  
Commissioner Gary Elliott  
Mayor Pro Tem Juan Garza  
Ms. Eva Wheeler-Sagio, District 1  
Ms. Wilma Fulgham, District 3  
Mr. Cliff Kuchta, District 4  
Mr. Carlos Molina, Disc Golf

ABSENT:                               Ms. Patsy Delk, Curry County Representative  
  Mr. Jamal Williams, District 2  
  Mr. Dale Fullerton, Clovis Schools

ALSO PRESENT:                       Mr. Mark Dayhoff, Parks Director  
  Mr. Larry Fry, City Manager  
  Mr. Tom Phelps, Interim City Manager  
  Ms. Vicki Reyes, Administration  
  Mr. Bill Adams  
  Mr. Brad Harris  
  News Media

Commissioner Madrid called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

**Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of minutes of March 27, 2017**

Mayor Pro Tem Garza made a motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 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. Brad Harris stated they have done the improvements they can with the money they have. Chris Moreno is a dealer for stadium lights and came back with quotes but they are the same as the previous quotes. They are a sister track with Lubbock Motor Speedway and both tracks run off of points. They race on Friday and Clovis races on Saturdays. Commissioner Madrid asked how many people they get in attendance. Mr. Harris stated they had about 90 cars in the pits, 3,000 people in the stands and 1500 people in the pits last weekend. He stated if they have bad lighting they won't have racers and this track is very dark. They've taken the lights from the go car track to replace their lights.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked what time their races start. Mr. Harris stated they start at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Wheeler-Sagio asked what kind of income was there before. Mr. Harris stated when he took over there

was \$1800 in the account and there is about \$6,000 now. They want to switch to LED to cut down on costs as well. Commissioner Madrid asked how much the lights cost. Mr. Harris stated it would be 45 fixtures total and they are \$800 a piece with \$1,000 setup. May 6<sup>th</sup> is opening night and they race through October. Total price for 45 lights would be \$45,000 or \$30,000 for 30 lights and bleachers would be \$26,713. Commissioner Madrid asked if they could use the bleachers that Parks had. Mr. Harris stated they do not sit up high enough. Commissioner Elliott asked if they could get by with \$30,000 for the track only. Mr. Harris stated they could. Commissioner Elliott asked if they could refurbish the bleachers. Mr. Harris stated they have wooden bleachers now and their insurance is higher because of that as well. That is why they are looking at aluminum bleachers. One set will seat 409.

Ms. Wheeler-Sagio asked how long it would take to get the money back. Mr. Harris stated it was hard to say because most of their money goes into maintenance. He stated they could get their money back in maybe 5 years. Commissioner Martin asked if they could get a spreadsheet with numbers and projections that would be helpful.

Commissioner Madrid asked if the bleachers or the lights were more important. Mr. Harris stated the lights would be more important because of the racers. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated they need to remember that this is a city owned property and they will be liable. He stated the finance committee had a meeting and they can do a one-time thing for \$50,000 and help them get going. Mr. Fry stated the special parks fund has \$200,000. Commissioner Madrid stated they spoke more about the bleachers. Commissioner Elliott asked if there was a possibility to come up with another \$6,000 for part of the lights. Mr. Harris stated they won't need any more power if they get the LED lights. Mr. Fry stated it is a possibility. He stated if the city makes the investment but Ned Houk Motorsports realizes the savings then there isn't a payback. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated they would be better off with the minimum than no lighting at all. Ms. Wheeler-Sagio asked if they could help with the \$6,000 they have in their account. Mr. Harris stated that money is for the payout.

Commissioner Madrid asked if the drivers from Lubbock stay the night. Mr. Harris stated some of them do. Commissioner Elliott asked if the bleachers are on hand. Mr. Harris stated they have them on hand and the shipping is \$3,000, but he could pick them up if necessary.

Mr. Dayhoff stated he did not mind them helping but they have an issue with the old irrigation system at Hillcrest and he'll be asking for money for that on the wish list which could come out of the Parks Improvement Fund. Commissioner Madrid asked what other account they spoke about. Mr. Fry stated they talked about lodger's tax. Mr. Dayhoff stated they could pay for the bleachers out of parks, but he doesn't want the account to get too low. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated if they keep going into the lodger's tax fund that takes away from the expansion of the civic center. If they do this now then they will have other groups coming to ask for money from that account too.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked if they had anything in the general fund. Mr. Fry stated it would be up to the commission to decide on significant needs. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated they don't work much with the softball association and the soccer groups because they are all self sufficient. They need to work on an agreement with Mr. Richards for a one time agreement.

Commissioner Martin asked if in three years they could pay the city enough to repay those improvements. He stated it was tough for the city to front the money unless there was a way to work out a rental agreement. He asked if they could enter in to an agreement where they would make

payments to the city for 3 years. Mr. Harris stated they still have upkeep costs as well. Commissioner Martin stated whatever rent they would pay to the city would be less than what they would be saving. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated he did not think that was a possibility because they don't do that with other groups. Mr. Fry stated there are some savings to be realized. Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked if that money for Potter came from the state. Mr. Dayhoff stated it was. Commissioner Martin stated if they talked to Mr. Richards and it is a win win situation for everyone then he didn't see why they couldn't enter into one. Commissioner Madrid asked if softball and soccer were supposed to pay something back to the city. Mr. Dayhoff stated the league agreement is a fee per participant, \$2.00 for children and \$3.00 for adults.

Mr. Kuchta asked what the entry fee was per car. Mr. Harris stated \$25 per car, entry is \$5.00 and \$25.00 for everyone person they bring into the pit.

Mr. Phelps stated they could work with Mr. Harris and Mr. Richards to put together a business plan to bring back to this committee and they can work from there. Mayor Pro Tem Garza made a motion to table until they get more information. Mr. Kuchta asked if this could be done before the first race. Mr. Harris stated he is worried about that but their first race is May 6<sup>th</sup> and a big race on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Elliott asked how much the bleachers are. Mr. Harris stated the bleachers are \$26,730. Mr. Dayhoff stated they would have to do a budget change and have the commission approve it at the first meeting in May. Mr. Fry stated they would. They could not order until the budget transfer goes through. Mr. Adams asked Mr. Harris if he could pick up the lights. Mr. Harris stated the bleachers are in Connecticut, but he would go if he had to. Ms. Wheeler-Sagio asked if that was the only place he could find bleachers. Mr. Harris stated that was the only place he found with a good solid 18 gauge bleacher. Commissioner Madrid asked if they pay for the bleachers could they come up with a business plan for the lights. Mr. Phelps stated they could. Commissioner Elliott made a motion to approve \$27,000 for bleachers out of the parks fund; Mayor Pro Tem Garza seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

#### **Agenda Item No. 5 - Discussion and action regarding improvements to former Colonial Pool area**

Mr. Dayhoff stated this project is on the master plan medium term improvements. Public Works tore out most of the concrete and in the process they took out part of the wall so that will have to be replaced. The metal shelter was removed and that will be in reinstalled. They will do seven solar lamp posts, a gate on the east side and there will be a bubble rock feature. The cost of repairs will be \$77,864 with extra repairs (repair and color coat the south wall, install 1 metal door on the south wall and new LED fixtures for the parking lot) at \$11,277 with a total cost of \$89,141. Money for this project is designated for master plan improvements and there is \$200,000 in that fund for lighting.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked if they had a bid for the landscaping. Mr. Dayhoff stated they had one bid from Hamilton Landscaping. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated if they put the shelter on the corner they could possibly eliminate the landscaping in that area. He asked if the lighting was including a 220 outlet. Mr. Dayhoff stated it did not. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated they might need the 220 and he would like to see that there. Mr. Dayhoff stated they could add that. Ms. Wheeler-Sagio asked if they need the bubble rock feature. Mr. Dayhoff stated it is a nice feature, but they can change it. Commissioner Martin stated something in the middle would be nice and moving the shelter would be okay to do away with some landscaping.

Commissioner Martin asked about striping the parking lot. Mr. Dayhoff stated he was going to talk to public works because they can do that but parks will have to buy the paint. Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked if a bigger fountain would like nicer instead of something short. Mr. Dayhoff stated they were just going off of Hamilton's suggestion and maintenance. Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked what the height was. Mr. Dayhoff stated it would be about four feet.

Ms. Fulgham asked what the time frame is for this. Mr. Dayhoff stated he would like to have this done by July or beginning of August. Mr. Kuchta asked if the rock would be lit. Mr. Dayhoff stated it would be easy to put ground lights.

Commissioner Martin moved for approval contingent upon the addition of the 220 not exceeding \$2,000; Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Mr. Adams stated if they move it to the corner then they push everything in the center. Commissioner Martin stated they need to talk to the landscaper.

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

Update on projects

Mr. Dayhoff stated the hillcrest trails were completed last week and the signs will be out soon. The bathrooms at CYSA are still ongoing.

Mr. Harris asked if the walking trails were being maintained at Ned Houk Park. Mr. Dayhoff stated they try to smooth them once a year and they haven't been. He stated it gets washed out a lot.

Commissioner Madrid stated the next meeting would be at 5:30 p.m., May 22nd.

**Agenda Item No. 7 - Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.