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The Parks, Recreation & Beautification Committee met in regular session on Monday, June 26, 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  
Commissioner Gary Elliott  
Mayor Pro Tem Juan Garza  
Ms. Eva Wheeler-Sagio, District 1  
Ms. Wilma Fulgham, District 3  
Ms. Patsy Delk, Curry County Representative  
Mr. Cliff Kuchta, District 4  
Mr. Carlos Molina, Disc Golf

ABSENT:

Mr. Jamal Williams, District 2  
Mr. Dale Fullerton, Clovis Schools

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Mark Dayhoff, Parks Director  
Ms. Claire Burroughes, Assistant City Manager  
Ms. Vicki Reyes, Assistant City Clerk  
Mr. Bill Adams  
Mr. Steve Aikens, Ned Houk Motorsports  
Ms. Laurie Perkins, 4-P Gun Club  
Mr. George Alvarado  
Mr. Vince Romero, Zoo Director

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 April 24, 2017**

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2017 as presented; Mr. Kuchta seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

**Agenda Item No. 4 - Discussion and action for 4-P Gun Club to host a sporting clay shoot to benefit the Ronald McDonald House at Ned Houk Park on September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2017**

Ms. Laurie Perkins stated they have been asked to hold this shoot to help give back to the community. They are proposing to do this on CR 17, which is where the proposed shooting range will be. There could be 30-125 participants. Target Sports will provide the machines and their insurance as well as the 4-P Gun Club's insurance will cover the event. The gun club will be responsible for cleanup before and after. One of the instructors is a former law enforcement officer. They will rope off the area so people are only allowed in specific areas. The reason they picked this place is because the terrain is good for sporting clays.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked what 4-P stood for. Ms. Perkins stated there four Perkins. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated this was a good idea and a good test for what they want at the range. Commissioner Elliott asked if the environmental impact study had been done. Mr. Dayoff stated it had not. Commissioner Elliott stated that would have to be done fore this could happen and there are also no guns allowed at Ned Houk. Mr. Dayhoff stated they would have to get a waiver for the guns. Commissioner Elliott asked if this would have any effect on their application process. Ms. Burroughes stated they would have to ask the commission for a waiver. The concern about the environmental is a good concern and something they would have to clarify with game and fish.

Commissioner Madrid asked when they are going to get the EPA. Mr. Adams stated they are waiting on the plans. Mr. Dayhoff stated when Bohannan Huston gets the final draft then they will proceed.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked how soon they need an answer. Ms. Perkins stated as soon as possible. They haven't advertised yet, but need to know whether or not they need to find a new location. Commissioner Elliott stated they were told it could be up to a year before they find out if they had the 3-1 match. Commissioner Madrid asked what the timeline was for the EPA. Ms. Burroughes stated they could not do anything until they hear from Bohannan Huston. Commissioner Elliott stated they don't know how many acres they have.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked if they have asked anyone else to use their land. Ms. Perkins stated she was not aware of him asking anyone else. Commissioner Elliott asked if the new plan that was sent to Bohannan Huston had some type of buffer zone. Ms. Burroughes stated they revised the drawings which were sent to Bohannan Huston. They want to put a 10 foot metal fence and have asked Jessica Fisher if this is possible.

Mr. Kuchta asked if they need a sloping terrain. Ms. Perkins stated it would be better. Mr. Kuchta stated the area where the archery group is might be a good space. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated they need to get some answers from the city attorney and Jessica Fisher.

Commissioner Martin stated Commissioner Elliott brought up some excellent points. He stated this was an excellent idea, but he is concerned about jumping the gun.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to table; Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation. Ms. Burroughes stated this would come back to the parks board on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item No. 5 - Discussion and action for Mr. George Alvarado to operate a concession stand at the zoo**

Mr. Romero stated the zoo has not had anyone in the concession area in 2 years. Mr. Alvarado stated he would like to sell snow cones, ice cream, drinks, fresh fruit, candy, etc. He stated he is going to start a food truck and can bring that in too. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated this would have to go through the environment department. This is a good idea for someone to be in there. Mr. Romero stated he is the only one that has come to the zoo to ask to do this.

Commissioner Martin asked if there was any equipment there. Mr. Romero stated there is a Pepsi fountain, freezer and slushie machine. Commissioner Martin asked Mr. Alvarado if he was prepared to put in his own equipment. Mr. Alvarado stated he was. Commissioner Martin stated the environment

department are the ones that will decide what he can and can't serve. Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked if he would be doing this himself. Mr. Alvarado stated his son and brother would be helping him.

Ms. Delk stated the appearance of being professional is important to her. Mr. Alvarado stated he could have signs made. Mr. Dayhoff asked if this committee would determine the percentage of sales that goes back to the city. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated they could use the same agreement as Baby J's. Mr. Dayhoff stated it was 5% up to \$15,000. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated he is representing the city so it should be presentable.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved for approval; Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated this would go before the commission for approval and they still need to look over the agreement.

**Agenda Item No. 6 - Continuation of discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of additional lighting at Ned Houk Motorsports**

Mr. Dayhoff stated Mr. Steve Aikens was sitting in for Mr. Brad Harris. Mr. Phelps and Mr. Harris came up with race fees and expense, revenue and possible user fees along with the payback period. He stated the payout for the last race was \$8,400. He would prefer the \$200 per race user fee which would take over 13 years to pay back.

Mr. Aikens stated the difference in the race track now compared to last year is incredible. They have gotten half of the new bleachers installed and the rest will be installed in the next week. They have also redone the new track. They are attracting cars from Ft. Worth, Amarillo, Lubbock, etc. They had 46 cars at their last race. The revenues that the track receives from word of mouth racers is significant. He spoke with a number of racers that came from out of town and prefer this track to Amarillo. The concession stand is now a money making concession as well.

Mr. Aikens stated the problem they have now is that they don't have any lights. Mr. Harris readjusted the lights that they have, but they are not bright enough and they are expensive to run. They could cover a larger area with the new LED lights.

Commissioner Martin asked what the length of the track was. Mr. Aikens stated he was not sure since they increased it. Commissioner Martin stated he had never been out there until the last race. He stated when the races started at 7:45 p.m. there wasn't an open seat. He stated he was very impressed.

Commissioner Elliott asked if they are looking at 13 years and \$200 a race. Mr. Dayhoff stated that was based off of \$30,000. Commissioner Elliott stated if they had some way to come up with the money it looks like a win win situation for the racers and the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated they collect user fees from the soccer fields so he did not see why they couldn't do this for them. Ms. Burroughes asked if the city would own the lights. Mr. Aikens stated he did not know. Ms. Burroughes asked who would maintain the lighting. Mr. Aikens stated the track could take care of them. Mr. Dayhoff stated they could outline all of that in the agreement.

Commissioner Martin stated he was not pleased about going out 13 years, but if the city maintains the ownership. Ms. Burroughes stated they could have an annual inspection done by parks.

Ms. Wheeler-Sagio stated when Mr. Harris presented this there was an idea that it would reduce the electricity cost. She asked if they could put that towards the refund to make it faster than the 13 years. Mr. Dayhoff stated if they have a good year he did not see why they couldn't pay more to get this paid off sooner. Mr. Aikens stated he did not see why Mr. Harris wouldn't want to do that.

Commissioner Martin stated he thought they were going to buy the lights back, but if the city is maintaining the ownership then it is more of them paying the city to "rent" them. In that case then there is no payoff period. If something were to happen to the track in that 13.64 years then the city could use them for something else. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated whoever runs the facility in the future will have to go through the same user fee. Ms. Burroughes stated it would be a lighting user fee.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to enter into an agreement with High Plains Motor Speedway for a user fee of \$200 per race for 150 concurrent races; Ms. Delk seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation. Ms. Burroughes asked Mr. Dayhoff if the lights would be under the city's insurance. Mr. Dayhoff stated it would be.

#### **Agenda Item No. 7 - Discussion regarding a disc golf course at Hillcrest Park**

Mr. Dayhoff stated he was contacted by Mr. Patrick Kitten and they are still interested in a disc golf course at Hillcrest Park. They have been turned down for Hillcrest Park and Goodwin Lake Trails. The park has changed a lot in the last couple of years, but now everything is in place. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated his concern is that there are more people walking in the trail. He stated he has been to Ned Houk Park and they block off the area where they are going to play and he doesn't want that to happen at Hillcrest Park. Commissioner Madrid stated he is hesitant too because there are a lot of people at Hillcrest.

Commissioner Elliott asked if there was any chance of them using Goodwin Trail. Ms. Burroughes stated the agreement between the city commission precluded any kinds of park activities at the site. There is no possible way that it could happen with the agreement. She stated Ms. Nancy Jane Goodwin is not agreeing to this. Commissioner Martin stated he would like to do something somewhere. He asked if there was any park facility that they could use. Mr. Dayhoff stated they have brought up different areas, but they weren't very excited about any others. Commissioner Martin stated they need to look for something.

Mr. Molina stated when they were looking at Hillcrest a while back they knew that it wasn't an option because it is filling up. They know that anything in town is hard to find. They do have some ideas and would like to discuss this more next month. Commissioner Madrid asked if they looked at Spencer Field. Mr. Molina stated they have not. Ms. Burroughes advised they were told it was not big enough.

Ms. Wheeler-Sagio stated the parks are being used a lot more especially with the promotion of the prescription trails. It lists every single park in the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated another option would be using some of their playa lakes. Mr. Molina asked if he has any suggestions. Mayor Pro Tem Garza suggested he speak with Mr. Dayhoff to see which playa lakes they could use. Ms. Burroughes stated they have a grant agreement with Playa Lakes Joint Ventures for the 801 playa and the Preavy Playa. The only one they don't have an agreement with is the Goodwin Playa. The Sorgen Playa, which is the one by Walmart has some significant acreage there that

the city owns. Mr. Molina stated he has looked at that one. Commissioner Madrid suggested they speak with Mr. Dayhoff.

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

a. Update on projects

Mr. Dayhoff stated he would not be at the meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

The landscapers are starting July 10<sup>th</sup> and the concrete pad is completely laid in the Colonial entertainment area. They will be painting and installing gates and doors. The Hillcrest irrigation system will be rewired July 5<sup>th</sup>. The capital outlay money was used to install a sidewalk at Potter Park and the deteriorated concrete at Beachum Field. They repaired the bathrooms at Potter Pool and Beachum as well. They need to do the Potter Pool lighting and that should be started soon. The MADS location needs electricity to the boxcar.

Commissioner Elliott asked if there was any way to repair the sign at Veterans Park. Ms. Burroughes stated a group came together to cleanup the park. With the completion of the anchor project it was \$16,000 and they had remaining funds. They did discuss the potential to re-stucco the wall. They can reauthorize that during the next legislative session.

Commissioner Martin stated the brick marker at 21<sup>st</sup> and Mitchell at Greene Acres looks very bad. Mr. Dayhoff stated they would look into it.

b. Yard of the month, New Mexico Clean & Beautiful

Ms. Burroughes stated if anyone would like to nominate a property please do so. This is funded in part by an account that the city has called Clovis and New Mexico Clean and Beautiful. Lowes, Burns Do It All, Hamilton's and Guthals sponsor this. The first recognition should happen at the first meeting in July. This was to encourage people to take pride in their community and homes.

c. New Meeting date and time

Commissioner Madrid stated the next meeting would be at 5:30 p.m., July 24th

**Agenda Item No. 9 - Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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Chairman

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City Clerk