

COUNTY OF CURRY)
CITY OF CLOVIS) ss.

The Parks, Recreation & Beautification Committee met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 2018 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 Gary Elliott
Commissioner Rube Render
Wilma Fulgham, District 2
Mayor Pro Tem Juan Garza

ABSENT:

Lisa Pellegrino-Spear, District 1
Jamaal Williams, District 3
Cliff Kuchta, District 4
Joyce Gates, County

EX-OFFICIO Present:

Mark Dayhoff, Parks Director
Lonnie Baca, CMS Athletic Director

EX-OFFICIO Absent:

David Lansford, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT:

Claire Burroughes, Assistant City Manager
News Media

Commissioner Madrid called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of minutes of July 23, 2018

No quorum.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Update regarding Ned Houk Park shooting range

SWCA Environmental Consultants have completed their surveys and management plan. Bohannon Huston has completed a construction plan. Jessica Fisher has submitted the grant to U.S. Fish and Wildlife for approval. U.S. Fish and Wildlife are not reviewing grants at the moment as they are in a blackout period. The construction drawings will be completed no later than December 14th.

Commissioner Elliott asked if anything was stopping them due to the environmental. Mr. Dayhoff advised he had not heard anything negative from the environmental report.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Discussion and action regarding new park rule signs

Ms. Burroughes stated there had been a request to look at the parks signage to get some uniformity. Mr. Dayhoff was tasked to look at the park signs throughout the community and come up with some recommendations. Mr. Dayhoff stated they wanted consistency in the signage especially concerning the animal leash rules. He showed the committee pictures of their current signs. Ms. Burroughes asked if

there was an ordinance that said no defecating in the park. Mr. Dayhoff thought it was addressed. Ms. Burroughes stated it was Ordinance 1441-93.

Mr. Dayhoff stated they may also want to discuss softball fields. Those signs should say "No glass containers, graffiti or vandalism. No alcohol, firearms, drugs or weapons" and possibly a pet sign. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated nothing was enforced. He stated there has to be a restriction on how people handle their pets. The parks are not dog parks, especially the golf course. This is the only golf course he's seen where pets are running loose. They need to put their foot down because this could become a liability issue.

Ms. Burroughes asked what the rules were regarding alcohol. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated there were rules on the little league fields, but not on the softball fields. There is a small sign, but there is no control either. Ms. Burroughes advised the commission has never passed an ordinance regarding no alcohol in the parks, as it was addressed through liquor laws for the state and enforced by the police department.

Mr. Dayhoff asked if they could have separate park rules in the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated that was the problem as he felt they shouldn't have separate rules. Mr. Dayhoff stated they would have them the same.

Ms. Burroughes suggested they start at the beginning of the first sign, with "no swimming, no wading, no ice skating or boating". She asked if that was something that should be at all parks that have bodies of water. Mr. Dayhoff stated that was correct. Ms. Burroughes asked where the "do not disturb wildlife or habitat" would go. Mr. Dayhoff stated that was at Hillcrest, Dennis Chavez and Greene Acres. Ms. Burroughes asked if there was one at Goodwin Lake Trails. Mr. Dayhoff stated they were not supposed to get off the trails. If they were going to have this on a sign, Ms. Burroughes felt there should be one at Ned Houk as well.

Ms. Burroughes advised it states no overnight parking or camping at Greene Acres, but it wasn't listed anywhere else. Mr. Dayhoff stated that should be at all parks. Ms. Burroughes asked if the hours for all the parks were from sunrise to sunset. Mr. Dayhoff stated on the old signs it was 10:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked if camping could just be with the understanding that the city has given permission. He stated they had people camping at Guy Leeder during the last softball tournament. Ms. Burroughes suggested signage that said "Camping in designated areas only for organized events as approved by the City of Clovis". Ms. Fulgham stated there were still hookups at Ned Houk Park.

Commissioner Madrid asked about the metal detectors. Mr. Dayhoff stated people tend to dig in the park. He stated that wasn't a big issue.

Ms. Burroughes asked if they needed to have "safely carry out your coals and grease. Dumping of charcoal, grease or impure water is prohibited." Mr. Dayhoff stated it kills the grass if they throw it in the grass. Ms. Burroughes stated they need to add something saying when "burn ban is not in effect". Commissioner Render didn't think the burn ban in the county applied to the city. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated they are city parks and they have a say so on what goes on and what doesn't. Ms. Burroughes suggested looking at this more with the fire chief.

Ms. Burroughes asked about the "non authorized motor vehicles. Mr. Dayhoff stated they have had to ask individuals to leave because of that. Ms. Burroughes stated "no bouncy castles" would be included at all the parks. She stated they need to add no defecation and the fines related on all of the signs.

Ms. Burroughes asked if they wanted to list pets being on a leash or under the control of the owner at all the parks, including the golf course. Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated all pets should be on a leash except for the dog park. Ms. Burroughes stated they would put everything together and then could make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 6 - Update regarding security cameras at Hillcrest Park Zoo

Mr. Dayhoff stated Mr. Nelson, IT Department, ordered the camera's a month ago and they just came in Friday. They are set to start next week on that project and will take about 10 days. Ms. Burroughes asked who would have access to the video cameras. Mr. Dayhoff stated Mr. Nelson would have access, but they hadn't decided who else would. Commissioner Render asked if the function of the camera's was to record everything. Mr. Dayhoff stated they were motion sensitive and they will record when it picks up motion. Ms. Burroughes asked if they had microphones. Mr. Dayhoff didn't think they did.

Agenda Item No. 7 - For the good of the order

Commissioner Madrid stated at the last meeting they told Bonnie Cook that they would have golf carts at the zoo on the next agenda. Mr. Dayhoff stated he was going to speak to Mr. Richards first regarding this to check on liability. Then they would have to look at purchasing a golf cart. Commissioner Madrid stated he would like that on the next agenda. Ms. Burroughes stated she would like to see a train at the zoo. Mr. Dayhoff stated then they would need a volunteer to drive the train all day, but that he would check with Mr. Richards on liability for both.

Ms. Burroughs stated she spoke with Mr. Nelson and the video cameras do have microphones and they should store 90+ days of video.

Trek for Trash, October 13, 2018

Ms. Burroughes stated they had 185 people attend despite the weather. Commissioner Madrid stated they picked up more trash this time than they did at the last cleanup.

Update on projects

Mr. Dayhoff stated the 4-foot fence was completed at the first of the month. The tree trimming was also completed this weekend. Mayor Pro Tem Garza asked what the cost of the fence was. Mr. Dayhoff stated it cost \$39,000. The south side along 7th Street will be included in the road project.

Boo at the Zoo will be Sunday, October 28th, 2018.

Ms. Burroughes asked what funding they got on the Wish List. Mr. Dayhoff stated more tree trimming at the zoo and to continue with the golf course. Roy Walker will be painted as soon as the weather clears up.

Mr. Baca thanked the city for the cooperation for installing the new score board from Bank of Clovis at Bell Park. The tennis courts will be completed the week after Thanksgiving. The area will be open again and will be lit at night and open to the community. There will be 6 courts.

Problems with Leon Williams – defecation on the turf and someone tried to set it on fire. People have no respect for things.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated Apex Company offered money for a transmission line at Ned Houk Park for \$300,000 to the city.

Ms. Burroughes the next meeting would be December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. She stated she would make sure they would a quorum beforehand.

Agenda Item No. 8 - Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.