PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2019

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was held on January 17, 2019 at the Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, NM.

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Cassie McClure
Marilyn Zahler
Robert Harrison
Eric Montgomery
Stanley Engle
Megan Schuller
Eli Guzman

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:
Greg Shervanick
Hazel Nevarez, Office Manager
Sonya Delgado, Parks and Recreation Director
Phil Catanach, Recreation Administrator
Robert Nunez, Youth Services Administrator
Franco Granillo, Parks Administrator
Cathy Mathews, Landscape Architect
Cecil Vasconcellos, Community Outreach

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Harrison and recognized as having a legal quorum.

I. Introductions

Board members introduced themselves and stated the district they represent. Staff introduced themselves and stated their position. Public members present introduced themselves.

II. Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest.

III. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Zahler moved to approve the agenda as presented seconded by Ms. McClure. Motion carried unanimously.
IV. Approval of Minutes

From page 4 of the November 15, 2018 minutes regarding surveys, Ms. Zahler (because she was not present at the last meeting) recommended survey be shorter because the amount of time a person spends on surveys is maybe three minutes at the most. She also commented that since dog parks was not mentioned in the survey and the minutes reflect the “Other” section could be used for this, most people who do surveys either do not reply on “Other” or don’t normally think about dog parks.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Zahler. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Comment

Mr. Gregory Shervanick informed the Board on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, a resolution/ordinance will be presented to City Council, #19-098 – the purchase of vacant property at 1700 E. Nevada Ave. for the purpose of tactical urbanism. It will be purchased with public money and he feels since Parks and Recreation will be working on this property, the Board should know about it; it is their tax money. He said this is being asked for by one single councilor based on, according to the councilor, the residents of the neighborhood desire him to do this. Mr. Shervanick said the document is available on line under Agendas of the City Council open meetings for January 22, 2019 on the Las Cruces city website.

Mr. Guzman asked Ms. Delgado what she knows on this. Ms. Delgado confirmed the City is trying to purchase this property and is going to Council. She said there has been conversation to have Parks and Recreation do something with this property and staff has offered other alternatives. A decision has not been made. She said Economic Development and Public Works is involved. Parks and Recreation is not involved, park funds are not being used for the purchase, and Parks and Recreation is not an advocate for this purchase.

Mr. Shervanick said the reason he has brought this up to Parks and Recreation is because, eventually, the connection for this purchase is going to be part of what Parks and Recreation does in terms of the maintenance of 21 chicanes along the Nevada Corridor, per the public meeting held by Parks and Recreation, which the residents do not want. He said this is long term and will have to be maintained no matter what it becomes. He said they are pushing all kinds of oddities which he would be happy to furnish a list of what a particular non-profit has decided they would like to do. Those are also records which are available as public documents.

Vice-Chair Harrison asked, what appears to be a quick walk to Young Park, would it be a park entity the non-profit wants to do with it in the park aspect. Mr. Shervanick responded the non-profit is an oration group that says they speak for the neighborhood. Mr. Shervanick said he is an engaged member of the community in this area and has gone to every single meeting and no residents actually want this and residents that
surround the property have never been informed, either in writing or directly by the City Councilor. He said it becomes the responsibility of the citizens, in fact, in perpetuity.

Ms. Zahler asked if the group is a 501C3 to which Mr. Shervanick said no. Ms. Zahler said then they are not a not for profit. Mr. Shervanick said to his knowledge they are not but he is calling them this so he doesn’t have to use their actual name. Ms. Zahler wanted to know who this group is and Mr. Shervanick said he needs to be careful in not expressing their name in terms of liability.

Ms. Delgado said she will get information of the Nevada corridor to see who is attached to it. She said this project did come before this Board as a discussion item several months back. She said this purchase is not a Parks and Recreation function, but Parks and Recreation will be responsible for the maintenance once it is complete. Ms. Delgado added that any time the city acquires property, maintenance cleaning comes to Parks and Recreation. She said Keep Las Cruces Beautiful is under Parks and Recreation, sometimes staff has volunteers, individuals who do community service, and lastly staff to do this maintenance. Parks and Recreation is not running the program and Parks and Recreation funds are not being used to purchase this property.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Board Elections (Action) – Vice Chair Harrison

Vice-Chair Harrison opened the floor for nominations of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Ms. Zahler nominated Ms. Cassie McClure for Vice-Chair, seconded by Mr. Engle. Ms. Zahler said she had previously asked Ms. McClure if she would accept and she did. There were no other nominations for Vice-Chair.

Ms. Schuller moved to vote by acclamation to elect Ms. Cassie McClure as Vice-Chair, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Zahler nominated Mr. Robert Harrison as Chair, seconded by Mr. Engle. Mr. Harrison accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Chair.

Ms. Schuller moved to accept Mr. Robert Harrison as Chair by acclamation, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Motion carried unanimously.

B. War/Service Dog Memorial (Update) – Ms. Zahler

Ms. Zahler provided the Board with a picture of what the war/service dog statue would look like along with size parameters and price quote. Ms. Zahler said funds for this memorial, which she thinks will run between $35,000.00 to $38,000.00, will be coming from state funds. Ms. Zahler said she would like recommendations from the Board whether there be one plaque or two that says for war dogs or for services dogs. Ms. Zahler said Ms. Lena Toritch is the sculptures who will make the war dog.
Ms. Zahler added Ms. Delgado will be working on the letter that will go to the legislators. The letter will also go to the Board, and will have the name of the Board Chair, Ms. Zahler, and Ms. Delgado. Ms. Zahler asked the Board if they know any legislators, to please talk to them and gain their support. She said she already has a commitment from Jeff Steinborn and Joanne Ferrary. She said this memorial will be the only one of its kind in all of New Mexico. She added we will have this in the newspapers and televised and hopes it could be done by 2020 if not sooner.

Chair Harrison asked on aspect of funding and when it would go to the legislature. Ms. Delgado said legislation is up in the spring and open for 90 days. A decision could be made this round and usually if get funding, it takes another six months or so, so wouldn’t see it until the fall and will be very specific in how it is to be used. The funds will go to the City and the City will take it to City Council to be accepted and amend the budget. From there, it will tell us how long staff has to spend it. If it isn’t spent, then it would go back to the state.

Chair Harrison asked if would have to wait for money to be approved before deciding where the statue would go. Ms. Delgado said decision can be made where the statue would go before funds are here to have an idea. She said a plan is going to the Veteran’s Board to talk about the masterplan for the park, to make sure how the monuments keep flowing. This is going to the Veteran’s Board in February and then come back through this Board. Nothing can be done for this War/Service Dog monument until funds have been received.

Mr. Engle asked, for clarification, a masterplan wasn’t going forward just because of this monument, the idea for placement of the monument can be worked on, but no money would be spent yet towards this memorial until it’s actually here. Ms. Delgado responded an update to the masterplan has been in the works for a while because so many monuments are coming and staff wants to be able to lay them out so it flows, to make sure walkway is there, make sure there are restrooms, that monuments are not bunched up, and that there is a clean line of sight.

Ms. Zahler asked if the Veteran’s Board has a say in where the monument would go? Ms. Delgado said that is the purpose of the masterplan to show direction going forward.

C. Therapeutic Programs (Informational) – Phil Catanach

Mr. Phil Catanach informed the Board he wasn’t present at the last Board meeting when Therapeutic programming was brought up but would like to give the Board some history of Parks and Recreation’s Therapeutic Program. He said the program began in 1993 geared for people with and without disabilities to offer social, recreational, artistic opportunities, and facilities. Mr. Catanach provided the Board with a calendar of this month’s program activities held at the Frank O’Brien Papen Community Center (FOP) and in the community. He said in 1993, this therapeutic program was set up differently
than others. Our program requests a caregiver be present with participants of our activities.

Currently, the program has a little over 400 participants registered. Activities offered flow.
Currently, a summer program for youth is not offered due to staffing levels. From 2001 to about 2014, the program was housed at the ARC Life Center until the facility was sold. The program is now housed at FOP. Activities vary from karaoke to dances to cooking classes, volleyball, sports, exercise classes, swimming, movies and going to restaurants.

Mr. Catanach said the state has given warning to care providing agencies that they need to provide activities out in the community and this is what the Parks and Recreation program offers. Any activity offered is open to anyone who wants to participate. Inclusion programming is not provided but a way is found for anyone who wants to participate.

Ms. Zahler asked in regards to State, what department? Mr. Catanach responded it is actually federal government – Medicaid – DD Waiver.

Chair Harrison asked if Parks and Recreation or the City is paid by the agencies. Mr. Catanach responded no.

Chair Harrison asked with care services with care takers facing possibility of losing their funding, what has Parks and Recreation or the City looked at in this aspect. Mr. Catanach said there is a lot of paperwork and red tape involved so staff would have to decide if our staffing levels could handle this and whether this would be something staff would want to take on. Mr. Catanach said a lot of money is not invested in this program because most of the activities are things our staff along with the care providers can provide at the hourly rate without having to get a contract employee or specialty instructor and have the expertise in the Parks and Recreation department to offer activities.

Ms. Schuller asked if there is opportunity for job shadowing and some other activities that are not real intensive but maybe get them in other aspects of the community. Mr. Catanach responded there is but almost every agency has job shadowing and job training that they do already. Our program offers the activities and is a great program.

Ms. Zahler expressed she understands that Parks and Recreation or the City do not get funds but the state demands the programs. Mr. Catanach responded programs are not demanded but state encourages care providing agencies to get out and about in the community. Mr. Catanach said Park and Recreation decided back in 1993 that there was a population in need of these services and the City stepped up.

Chair Harrison added regarding the aspect of inclusion, there are different basketball, baseball and other groups that offer inclusion. Mr. Catanach also added Parks and Recreation has Dream League Soccer, Dream League Baseball and in these programs, staff brings in the Aggies, sports teams, coaches and players to offer interaction with the participants.
Mr. Guzman asked how the minimum wage increase affect staffing, budgeting. Ms.
Delgado said it is good for the staff, the increase took care of entry level staff but
compressed mid-level. Staff knew this was coming and tried to be proactive. In regards
to the budget, the change is absorbed in the budget.

Mr. Montgomery asked if there are any conflicts with grant funded programs such as the
Juvenile Citation Program (JCP) where wage level is restricted for a particular period.
Ms. Delgado said in the case of JCP, there is opportunity to offer money from the general
fund to offset this.

Ms. Zahler asked for explanation of the minimum wage rate change as she understood
it to be for all employees, and not selective. Ms. Delgado said it was minimum wage
that was changed and entry level employees come in at minimum wage. Ms. Zahler
asked. Ms. Zahler asked if the city has Unions. Ms. Delgado said blue collar is union.

D. Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Update) – Ms. Sonya Delgado

Ms. Delgado informed the Board that as of January 16, 2019, 798 surveys have been
completed. HALFF Associates will be here the week of January 22-24, 2019 to hold
stakeholder meetings during the day and individual stake holders have been invited to
those. In the evening are the public input meetings and one during the day at the
Farmers Market to gather input from individuals. Ms. Delgado provided Board members
a flyer with dates and times. She said the information has also been on bill boards, in
back packs at the schools, on a sticker in the newspaper, post cards have been made.
Ziggly has been out and about handing out post cards at Walmart and he will be at
Sprouts January 19, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The information is in the city
website and advertised in the movie theaters. The information is also out on Facebook.
Ms. Delgado asked Board members if they haven’t already taken the survey, to be sure
and do so.

Ms. Schuller asked if stakeholder’s meetings are separate or are they all together. Ms.
Delgado reported there were five stakeholder meetings and individual meetings with all
the councilors to include the mayor and city managers.

Chair Harrison asked for definition of a stakeholder. Ms. Delgado responded
stakeholders could be for Hadley Complex – anybody who uses the swimming pool,
Sports fields (all the sports leagues) and what they may want to see. Anybody who is
Economic Development such as land use, community character, infrastructure,
homebuilder associations, land developers. All the City Advisory Boards are
stakeholders.

E. Go Bond (Update) – Ms. Sonya Delgado

Ms. Delgado informed the Board the first scheduled Go Bond meeting is January 30,
2019, 6:00 pm at City Hall Council Chambers on sports court rehabilitations. This is one
of many to come. Go Bond passed so a portion of that is to rehab all our sports courts –
tennis courts, basketball courts, all existing courts, which will need to be prioritized and
let public know what we are thinking. The Project Manager is on board. Cathy Mathews
is the point of contact.

VII. New Business

A. Fees and Charges (Action) – Ms. Sonya Delgado

The Board was provided with a red-lined copy of proposed changes for the 2019/2020
Parks and Recreation Department Fees and Charges/Facility Use Policy. Ms. Delgado
reported on the proposed changes, page per page, of what’s been added, deleted, or
changed, in the policy.

Questions asked by the Board:

On page three, Ms. Zahler said from the list of facilities that were listed didn’t mention
anything about fees for dog parks. She asked if two more dog parks are added, who will
take care of those dog parks and will there be a fee attached. Ms. Delgado said the list
on page three are just examples of facilities that belong in Parks and Recreation, but is
not all inclusive. Ms. Delgado said there is no fee for cleaning city parks. If someone
wants to rent a park, then there is a fee.

Mr. Montgomery asked if the special events component was like a birthday party in the
park. Ms. Delgado responded a special event would be a large event like the
Renaissance Craft Fare.

On page four, Ms. Schuller asked if the age categories need to be lined up with how they
reflect in the scheduled fees on pages 19 and 20. Ms. Delgado concurred.

Ms. Zahler asked on page four under SENIORS, what kind of I.D. card is being asked
for. Mr. Catanach said with the eTrak registration system, with some form of
identification provided during one of the registrations, the system keeps track of age.

On changes on page 12 regarding sports fields requests, Mr. Granillo elaborated on why
changes were made. He explained because there is not a surplus of fields, a decision
had to be made on how to rent the fields out to leagues who are asking to use the same
fields. Changes were made to identify established, good standing leagues and non-
established/new organizations. Ms. Delgado added there were a lot of outside
organizations who would book several tournaments and block fields and then not use
some of the fields. Local organizations would notice and say they could have used the
field.

Ms. Schuller asked on some of the wording in this section - …a long period of time… –
what constitutes a long period of time. She said she was thinking three years, Chair
Harrison and Franco Granillo agreed.
Mr. Engle expressed he didn’t understand where tournaments are being defined but then also says it includes leagues. Mr. Granillo explained by example, saying a league will want to book all the fields to get the league over as quickly as possible so the league teams can participate in traveling tournaments. Mr. Granillo said if this was allowed, then other leagues would not have an opportunity to play. Mr. Granillo learned that the time was being booked as tournaments but was actually for league play. Ms. Delgado said this language will be cleaned up to make it understandable.

Ms. Zahler also added a grammatical correction to change the word and to an on fourth line of #1 in this section.

Ms. Zahler commented on page 16 under Pet Owner’s Responsibilities, regarding wording – service animals – could get argument from a new group who have therapy animals. Ms. Zahler recommended maybe have attorney check if wording is acceptable or not. She also said the problem with service animals is the ADA has taken off their responsibility for service animals, and individuals can now train their own animals as service animals and these people don’t know how to train a service animal.

Mr. Montgomery noted on page 18, there was a change in price for Spring/Winter Camp but wasn’t noted as a change. Hazel noted this should have been in red to show there was a change.

On page 18, Ms. Schuller asked if there should be an asterisk after Adult Volleyball to denote the 100 percent recovery. Ms. Delgado agreed. Mr. Montgomery also noted putting the double asterisks on Youth Sports Leagues as well. Ms. Delgado said she will have staff review where asterisks need to be placed as she noticed more areas where asterisks were needed.

Chair Harrison asked if these corrections will be presented to Council before the next Board meeting. Ms. Delgado responded they could possibly be presented to Council in March.

Mr. Engle moved to table action on Fees and Charges changes so can see corrections at the February Board meeting, seconded by Ms. Zahler. Mr. Montgomery expressed most of the changes are practical clean up and are understood and doesn’t think action should be tabled. Mr. Engle disagreed pointing out his confusion of league and tournament terminology. Mr. Guzman asked effect of tabling action. Ms. Delgado said as long as changes are approved in time for changes to be made by May when programming starts up, it would be ok.

Vote was called by name: Ms. McClure – no; Ms. Zahler – yes; Mr. Harrison – yes; Mr. Engle – yes; Mr. Montgomery – No; Ms. Schuller – no; Mr. Guzman – no. Four no’s, three yes’s. Motion to table action on Fees and Charges failed.

Ms. Schuller moved to accept document with proposed changes as discussed, seconded by Ms. McClure. Before continuing, Mr. Montgomery asked if review of all changes had
been completed. Ms. Zahler added, regarding First Aid on page 19, she is certified to

teach First Aid and CPR for animals, and offered to do this for free if this something

people would be interested in. Ms. Delgado said wording doesn’t specify if for humans

or animals so down the road, could be added. Ms. Delgado also said there is language

in the Fees and Charges that allows for new programs.

Chair Harrison called for vote. Motion to accept document with proposed changes as
discussed carried unanimously.

B. Median Landscaping Policy (Action) – Ms. Cathy Mathews

Ms. Mathews informed the Board the Parks and Recreation Department has developed
a median landscaping policy in accordance with the strategic goals set by City Council.
She said the idea of the policy was to develop guidelines and definitions that will help in
the decision making process about which medians to landscape and how to landscape
them. The City of Las Cruces has design standards that require that newly constructed
medians be built at the time of road construction – when a subdivision is proposed,
accepted, permitted, and built, if the subdivision includes a road with medians in it, the
developer is required to landscape those medians. The Median Landscaping Policy is
to address existing medians which do not have a particular process, are more are
random, when funding is available, and have no particular policy regarding which
medians get landscaped and how they are landscaped. Ms. Mathews informed the
Board City Council has approved bond money for what is called City Bond Median
Landscape Phase I which is in the design process and will be landscaping medians
within each Council district. When Phase I is under construction, design will begin on
Phase II. Board members were provided a copy of the proposed Median Landscape
Policy. Ms. Mathews provided and explained to the Board a decision matrix outlining
existing non-landscaped medians and decision factors (items and issues that impact a
median or are characteristics of a median that can be ranked to help guide objective
decisions of prioritizing which medians to landscape next). She also provided and
explained another matrix which she called a landscape elements pallet designed to aid
in planning and design of median landscapes.

Ms. Schuller asked if the medians listed on the decision matrix were the only non-
landscaped medians or were there more. Ms. Mathews responded those were the only
ones.

Mr. Montgomery was impressed with the landscape elements pallet. He asked on the
decision matrix, how is that presented for scoring – will City Council provide some input
and guidance. Ms. Mathews said it is a decision matrix for staff. The decisions would be
concurred with Council.

Mr. Montgomery asked if there was a policy in place for future development and future
growth that addresses two different developers on the same side of the street as to who
would be responsible for the median. Ms. Delgado responded Community Development
drives this. She said currently they are going through the comp plan, once the comp plan
is completed and approved, next steps would be to address the ordinances and these
types of things.

Chair Harrison asked if the medians listed on the decision matrix in priority order. Ms.
Mathews said the listing is random, not in priority order.

Mr. Montgomery moved to accept the Median Landscaping Policy as presented and
written, seconded by Ms. McClure. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Parks Restroom Policy (Action) – Ms. Cathy Mathews

Ms. Mathews informed the Board Parks and Recreation has been requested to put
forward a Park Restroom Policy. The Board was provided with a copy of the proposed
Park Restroom Policy. Ms. Mathews explained the purpose of this policy is to define the
criteria used in designing and locating restrooms, and also to provide guidance in the
decision making process – a more defined process about where restrooms are placed
and when appropriate. Ms. Mathews said there is no current park restroom policy.
Decisions are made on a case by case basis with little to guide decision making factors.

Ms. McClure asked, in regards to amenities listed in the policy, what about Senior
Changing facilities. Ms. Mathews said she had not considered that and could add that.
Chair Harrison mentioned family restroom. Ms. Mathews said discussion hasn't been
held regarding single sex restrooms, family style restrooms, rules or regulations in
regards to use of restrooms, and so would limit this policy to talking about there might
be a need for senior changing facilities and be considered at time of design for inclusion
and discussion.

Ms. Zahler added that, being disabled, signage should be added outside the disabled
bathroom that says for disabled only. She also said the baby changing table should not
be in this bathroom either. She also asked how this would be addressed for the
homeless, and how would the bathrooms be handled for the transgender group. Ms.
Mathews said this policy doesn’t address these issues and have received guidance not
to address these issues. This policy was taken to the infrastructure and capital
improvements policy review committee and they did agree to not include those kind of
decisions not be included in this policy. Ms. Delgado added that having the policy read
the way it does allows for some fluidity.

Ms. Schuller moved to accept the Park Restroom Policy as presented, seconded by Ms.
McClure. Mr. Montgomery asked if this vote includes Ms. McClure’s suggest on the
changing stations. Ms. Mathews said she made a note to take out the word baby and
say all kinds of changing stations. The motion to accept the Park Restroom Policy as
presented carried unanimously.

D. Young Park Pond Cleaning and Repairs (Informational) – Franco Granillo
Mr. Granillo informed the Board the Young Park Pond cleaning has been on Parks and Recreation's radar for a while. He said a press release has gone out to say the work will begin January 28, but draining the pond will begin on January 24. Staff will scrape the area and remove anything that doesn't belong in the pond. Liner will be checked and cracks in the pond will be repaired. New aerators will be installed. Codes will help relocate the river turtles and gold fish with assistance from Game & Fish. Mr. Granillo emphasized to the Board the ducks really don't belong at the pond, but will have Codes assist with rounding up the ducks to relocate. Mr. Granillo added the water fountain on the south side of the pond may be worked on, but it is functioning properly.

Ms. Zahler asked what would be done with the ducks. Mr. Granillo said would try to relocate them somewhere else.

Mr. Montgomery asked how long the process to clean the pond would take. Mr. Granillo said about a month from actual work, with work beginning with the draining of the pond on January 24 and actual work on January 28.

Mr. Guzman asked if the pond will be refilled with fish. Mr. Granillo said yes.

VIII. Staff Member Comments

Mr. Granillo informed the Board a lot of projects are being worked on. Christmas decorations have gone up and come down. Staff is working on releveling fields which happens annually. Ballfield staff have done a lot of work on the warning tracks. More trail work is being done. Park staff has just finished working with leaf declutter. Everyone is on task. The construction crew is working on several projects, i.e. Calle Abuelo, Young Park Pond. Maintenance staff is on schedule on also take care of alleyways.

Mr. Catanach informed the Board the Grand Opening for the first outdoor gym is January 30, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., at the Hadley Complex, east of Hardy Fields. Invitation to the Board will be sent in form of news release. Mr. Catanach also reported Youth Basketball League team registration is underway with individual registration on January 26, 2019. January 28, 2019 is Youth Cheer registration. Mr. Catanach mentioned an initial meeting has been held for 4th of July and event will be held at Pat & Lou Sisbarro Park again, contracts are already in for the bands, and discussion is going on pertaining to set up.

Ms. Mathews informed the Board Go Bond projects are in high gear so there will be a lot of meetings coming up and new facilities and rehab facilities which will be brought forward to the Board as design decisions are made. She said will be continuing with regular schedule of projects and regular sources of projects with parking back fees and developer driven parks which she will present to the Board as they are approved.

Mr. Nunez informed the Board a lot of activities occurred over the winter break. The Youth Board participated in the tree lighting. They had a clothing, can good, toiletry drive of which they collected a total of six boxes that were taken to Community of Hope. They also volunteered at the Soup Kitchen. The Out of School Time Program held camps and
programs with over 120 youth participants. The grant application process is underway in
preparation for the upcoming fiscal year.

Ms. Delgado informed the Board there was a story in the Bulletin about a Western Yellow
Bat that was found when park staff was trimming up palms. Staff didn’t know what kind
of bat this was so our Community Forester sent a picture of this bat to a friend of his.
We learned this was a bat that no one ever thought would come to our area. Because of
this, an adjustment was made to the tree policy to not trim the palms when the bats could
be hibernating.

Ms. Delgado informed the Board Mr. Catanach has been really busy preparing for Music
in the Park to include the Mayor’s Jazz Fest and Movies in the Park.

Ms. Delgado reminded the Board Parks and Recreation will be coming to them a lot with
all that is going on with Go Bond, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and all Parks
and Recreation projects. She said if Board members have anything they want to
address, to vet them through Chair Harrison.

**IX. Board Member Comments**

Ms. McClure said she is officially a soccer mom and kudos to staff for assisting her and
entire team helping them with digital registration. She said she attended the Youth Board
meeting and was very impressed they know Roberts Rule of Order. Ms. McClure said
she is on the Superintendents Advisory Council and if the Youth Board wants to push
the health program through, she could be of assistance.

Ms. Zahler said she is going to try to make the next Youth Board Meeting. She wished
staff a Happy New Year. She said she is impressed with Ms. Delgado and her staff who
do a very fine job.

Ms. Zahler asked for update on the Apodaca Blue Print. Ms. Delgado said this was an
exercise on a concept of what could this area look like if people moved in, if businesses
came in, if there was funding available. She said this doesn’t necessarily mean it’s a
done deal. If there was funding and these things would come to fruition, there would be
another public meeting. This was just a concept.

Ms. Zahler said there are rumors about the animal shelter bond issue, that it may take
four to five years before it happens and if staff has any information. Ms. Delgado said
City has five years to spend the money. City Manager would like it done in less than four
years.

Mr. Engle wished staff and Board members a Happy New Year. He said the tree lighting
was great.

Mr. Montgomery said his children enjoyed the tree lighting and thanked staff for this
event.
Ms. Schuller said she enjoyed the Country Music Fest being held at Hadley Complex.

Mr. Guzman expressed to staff to keep up the good job. He enjoys and appreciates all they told. Chair Harrison concurred.

Chair Harrison thanked Ms. McClure for accepting to be Vice Chair. He informed the Board the easiest way for them to contact him to place items on agenda or discuss anything is by email or text.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Montgomery moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McClure. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Hazel Nevarez, Recording Secretary

Robert Harrison, P&R Board Chair