PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
March 21, 2019

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was held on March 21, 2019 at the
Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, NM.

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Cassie McClure
Stan Engle
Robert Harrison
Megan Schuller
Eli Guzman

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Maryln Zahler
Eric Montgomery

OTHERS PRESENT:
Hazel Nevarez, Senior Office Manager & Recording Secretary
Franco Granillo, Acting Park Administrator
Claudia Chavez, Recreation Manager
Margarita Paz-Pedro, ALMA
Ron Nestle, Las Cruces Youth Soccer
Emma Christiano, Las Cruces Youth Board
Ceci Vasconcellos, Marketing & Event Coordinator
Stacie Christiano
Robert Nunez, Recreation & Youth Services Administrator
Greg Shervanick
Phil Catanach, Recreation & Youth Services Administrator
Sonya Delgado, Director of Parks & Recreation

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by 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. Delgado requested two amendments to Board meeting agenda and asked Mr. Robert Nunez to explain the added items. Mr. Nunez advised the Board the first item would be 2019-2020 Parks and Recreation Youth Board application process – the current term goes through July 2019 and would like to start the application process, and have it closed the end of May 2019. Mr. Nunez advised the Board the second item is Public Libraries in Parks recommended by the Parks and Recreation Youth Board.

Ms. Schuller moved to add the two recommended agenda items to new business on the agenda, seconded by Ms. McClure. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Engle moved to approve agenda as amended, seconded by Ms. McClure. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Schuller moved to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. McClure. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Comment

Mr. Ron Nestle introduced himself as the interim President for the Las Cruces Youth Soccer League since January 2019. He informed the Board he knows there have been email blasts and negative comments towards Parks and Recreation by the league. He said he has tried to explain to the past league Board for seven years the Las Cruces Public School fields don’t belong to the City. Mr. Nestle said he has a great relationship with Parks and Recreation and informed the Board he will do his best to end the negativity. He said he know Parks and Recreation is doing their best and the league appreciates that. Mr. Nestle said he wants to be part of the future of moving away from the Las Cruces Public School fields and getting their own youth soccer complex. He said there has been good discussion with Ms. Delgado on creating Friends of Soccer fund that would go to Parks and Recreation strictly for soccer. Mr. Nestle apologized for past indiscretions of past league board members and thanked the Board for allowing him to speak. He said he will be a voice of positive reason moving forward.

Mr. Engle asked if there is currently a big split in the soccer community. Mr. Nestle said initially there was a split, but there is a new Board and new by-laws have been created and he believes they are moving toward positive change. He said there will always be an issue regarding the High Noon Soccer complex because there are people still coaching on their league who still think those fields belong to the city. Mr. Nestle said moving forward, when positive changes are seen, this will bring more positive vibe towards the city from the soccer league.

Chair Harrison asked if the league is still with Mr. Hanson’s group. Mr. Nestle said Mr. Hanson was the Vice-President of the previous league Board but resigned. He said Mr. Hanson is still a soccer community member.
Mr. Engle said he understood some of the issues were communication resulting from non-attendance of soccer meetings and asked if Mr. Nestle would make every attempt to be in attendance. Mr. Nestle said he would be at every single meeting.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Youth Board (Informational) – Emma Christiano

Ms. Emma Christiano, Parks & Recreation Youth Board member, was present to inform the Board of the Youth Board ideas and what they are pushing forward to the future. Ms. Christiano informed the Board they would like to present their ideas on feminine health issues and healthy decisions about sex to the Student Advisory Council to see if this could be added to their agenda. The Youth Board will be partnering with the Department of Health to get educated on this topic and partner with La Pinon to get involved to get educated to the age of their choice. The Youth Board would like to continue their monthly service projects, i.e. attending the National Crime Victims Week at Youngs Park on April 6, Team Up to Clean Up with the Great American Clean Up and district cleanups. The Youth Board would also like to place little free libraries around Las Cruces.

Mr. Nunez added Board Members, Mr. Engle and Ms. McClure, attended the Youth Board meeting and provided great information in guiding the Youth Board a little bit better. Mr. Nunez said he is hoping Advisory Board members attend the monthly Youth Board meetings to help the youth and vice-versa. He said the Youth Board has discussed having a special event, movies, open mic, food trucks – a gathering point for teenagers. Mr. Nunez said the Youth Board is also looking into stipends and other opportunities to help other organizations for the youth about the youth in our community to boost their activities.

Ms. Schuller asked Ms. Christiano what her number one priority is. Ms. Christiano said her number one priority was the little free library and with further Youth Board discussion, the little free library and where to put them for more access.

Chair Harrison asked for more information regarding feminine health issues and healthy decisions about sex. Ms. Christiano said the committee person who was pushing this idea was not in attendance of the Youth Board meeting and so doesn’t know much about this concept. Ms. Schuller asked if this is something that maybe isn’t happening in the schools. Mr. Nunez informed the Board the individual who brought this forward was because young women in the schools have difficulty being able to get products, the embarrassment, cost and safety of it. He added another important topic was teen homelessness.

Chair Harrison asked if sex education is done in school. Ms. Christiano said it is offered in the seventh grade with parent permission, one hour a week for eight weeks.

Ms. McClure offered an introduction to the Department of Health should the Youth Board need one.
B. Customer Service Survey (Informational/Action) – Ceci Vasconcellos

Ms. Vasconcellos informed the Board the customer service survey presented to the Board at a previous Board meeting has been shortened and revised to be more customer service based by taking out service related, or program related questions already covered in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan surveys. She said the customer service survey will serve as a baseline so if this is done every year, the same questions will be asked and maybe add supplemental questions that have to do with a specific program.

Ms. McClure asked how this survey will be disseminated? Ms. Vasconcellos responded the survey would be sent out through direct distribution lists, survey money, email blasts, social media, press releases, theater.

Ms. Schuller asked if it would be applicable to point out specific department or staff member under part 2 of the survey. Ms. Delgado informed the Board in this same section after the Courtesy selection, there is a question to add additional comments related to customer experience with Park and Recreation staff.

Chair Harrison asked how feedback for a specific service would be pinpointed. Ms. Vasconcellos said if someone participates in a program, an evaluation could be given to customer at that time to fill out.

Ms. Schuller pointed out a typo under the Demographics section, the first selection choice which just says: years. Ms. Vasconcellos said it should say one year or less.

Ms. McClure moved to approve the Customer Service Survey draft, seconded by Ms. Schuller. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Go Bond / Maps (Informational) – Cathy Mathews

Ms. Mathews informed the Board there were four questions in the General Bond election, two of which were building projects and the other two questions relate directly to parks. She said one was specifically about park improvements – dog parks and sports courts. She said regarding sports courts, one of the projects is at the Hadley Ave. recreation complex. She said the idea is to upgrade the existing lighting to bring it into upgraded condition – LED lights for energy savings, better functionality, less overspill, better coverage of lighting the fields, and a maintenance program for those lights which will allow them to function better and be available for more people to use. She added there will also be irrigation upgrades to each of the irrigation systems to save water and still maintain high quality turf.

Ms. Mathews said facility rehabilitation is also being looked at, mainly restrooms and concession stands at each of the fields. They would be upgraded to the extent possible allowed by the budget. Crows nests will be eliminated from the top of the buildings and the scoring areas will be brought down to surface so as to not worry about ADA
compliance. Ms. Mathews said the idea is to bring the restrooms to better condition at the greatest extent possible.

Ms. Mathews said Unidad playground is also being looked at for upgrades and bringing in a splash pad.

Ms. Mathews said sports courts rehabilitations are being looked at for upgrades – tennis courts, basketball courts, pickleball courts. She said there have been two public meetings with tennis players and pickleball players with a general consensus of doing the tennis courts at Lions Park, pickleball courts at Apodaca Park and Frenger Park, basketball courts at Metro Verde, Four Hills, Hillrise, Cardon Park, Benavidez Community Center, Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, and Klein Park – restriped and resurfaced.

Ms. Mathews said other park improvements in the Go Bond question are erosion control at Desert Trails Community Park, and picnic and playground improvements at Young Park and Apodaca Park. She said two dog parks are included, one at the Animal Services Center and Burns Lake is being looked at for the second dog park.

Ms. Mathews informed the Board as part of the Go Bond project, at the East Mesa Public Recreation Complex, there is a 350-acre parcel of land which the City has leased from the Bureau of Land Management. She said a traditional park plus sports courts and sports fields are part of the plan of development for this property.

Ms. Mathews said there has been progress made on walking, jogging, biking, and recreational trail improvements – developing the trails along the Elephant Butte Irrigation District. She said the idea is to complete a whole loop around the city.

Mr. Engle asked, regarding erosion control at Desert Trails Community Park, if there are issues where Parks and Recreation would have to spend a lot of money to repair that area and is there a dollar value to associate with improvements as far as maintenance goes. Ms. Mathews said numbers haven’t been run to know how much is being spent but there is a significant cost with regards to maintenance. She said the Mano y Mano program has been invaluable for this area. Mr. Franco Granillo added there is a lot of time and hand labor that goes into this area. He said the biggest cost pertains to man hours.

The Board was provided a handout in their packet listing the Go Bond projects with budget and projected costs. Mr. Guzman asked how these numbers were arrived at. Ms. Mathews said the Go Bond process was lengthy with a lot of public input which played a large role in which projects were selected. She said after the public input process, a consultant was hired to put the projects together in a way that made sense from a construction perspective and they took some of the City estimated figures of how much it would cost, and they applied their own figures.
Ms. Schuller asked what the priority is, what would be cut if funds get close. Ms. Mathews said Hadley Ave. has a lot of things to cover and the top priority is lighting, then irrigation, then reconstruction of the restrooms and concession stands.

Chair Harrison asked on upgrading the lights and additional lights, where are those to be located. Ms. Mathews said additional lights would be on Soldados.

Chair Harrison asked with traditional parks and other sports courts at East Mesa, what are the other sports courts. Ms. Mathews said eight pickleball courts and multiuse fields. Mr. Engle asked how many soccer fields. Ms. Mathews said it isn’t known as still in the early planning processes.

D. 50 Meter Pool (Update) – Phil Catanach

Mr. Catanach informed the Board the 50-meter community, competition ready, pool is moving forward. He said it will be located on the north side of the Regional Aquatic Center, connected to the Center by a plaza. ASA Architects is getting ready to begin on design. There is $18 million secured for the project. The pool will be enclosed. Mr. Catanach said diving options were presented to City Council and they chose no diving.

Ms. McClure asked why City Council chose no diving. Mr. Catanach said diving options could cost up to $9 million more but there is opportunity to add diving options later.

Mr. Engle asked if cost overruns are anticipated and what happens if there are. Ms. Delgado said she has no idea, funds probably would come from general funds; contingencies are usually planned for.

E. Parks & Recreation Master Plan/Park Impact Fees (Update) – Sonya Delgado

The Board was provided the first chapter of the Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Ms. Delgado asked the Board to review the chapter, look at its layout, make any recommendation and let her know any questions they have. Ms. Delgado said the Board should have the next two chapters before the next Board Meeting via email. Ms. Delgado informed the Board Halff Associates will be back in April to discuss the three chapters with the Board. She said Tischler and Bise will also be at the April board meeting to give their final update on the Park Impact Fee. Ms. Delgado informed the Board there will a City Council work session May 28, 2019 to go over the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Chair Harrison asked if covenants with contractor on building new parks was brought up with City Council. Ms. Delgado said options will be given to consider, as well as option to go with Go Bond.

VII. New Business

Amended Agenda Items:
- Youth Board Application

Mr. Nunez informed the Board he would like to have the Youth Board application process advertised by March 31, 2019 and closed by May 31, 2019. He said 16 positions will be recruited, two per district and four at large.

Mr. Engle asked how recruitment will be advertised. Mr. Nunez said by social media, radio, school televisions.

Ms. Schuller asked if the Youth Board was limited to 15 students. Mr. Nunez said this was the number decided upon after speaking with other communities of similar size with a youth board.

Ms. Schuller asked if the date could be pushed to March 29 or April 1st since March 31st is a Sunday. Mr. Nunez said the advertisement could be March 29, but application has been updated with dates.

Ms. Schuller moved to make the Youth Board application process, 6th grade to 12th grade, available March 31st, closing May 31st, seconded by Ms. McClure. Motion carried unanimously.

- Public Libraries in Parks Proposed by Youth Board

Mr. Nunez informed the Board there are currently 17 free libraries listed on Little Free Libraries website within Las Cruces city limits and one in Picacho Hills. The Youth Board had the idea of creating two to three outdoor accessible Little Free Libraries. The locations chosen for these Little Free Libraries are East Mesa Park, Sagecrest Park, and Klein Park in partnership with Las Esperanza for this location.

Ms. McClure asked where the books would come from. Mr. Nunez said Ms. Christiano suggested doing a book drive. Ms. McClure said the Friends at NMSU Library have a huge collection of children’s books. Mr. Nunez said Branigan Library also recycles books. Mr. Catonach said when libraries are first recognized, Little Free Libraries will send four or five cases of books.

Chair Harrison asked if staff would oversee replacing books. Mr. Nunez said Youth Board would be asked to get involved as well as staff.

Ms. McClure moved to allow the Youth Board to pursue the three locations for the Little Free Library, seconded by Mr. Engle. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Spring Break Art Mural Camp (Action) – Claudia Chavez
Mr. Catanach informed the Board any time Parks and Recreation partakes in an art project, the projects will be presented to the Board. He said Ms. Claudia Chavez will provide information of the Spring Break Art Mural Camp and Ms. Margarita Paz-Pedro will provide information on the Tile Art Project at City Hall.

Ms. Claudia Chavez informed the Board the Spring Break Art Mural Camp is scheduled for March 25-29, 2019 when the youth are off from school. She said it is a full day camp offered to teens, 13-17 years old, with the project being a landscaped theme on the east and west side of the storage unit across the street from the dog park; there is currently a mural on the north and south end of this unit. The program is bringing a guest artist, Sean Carpentier from Taos, NM. Ms. Chavez asked for Board approval to offer this camp and continue offering it every year.

B. Tile Art Project/City Hall (Action) – Claudia Chavez/Margarita Paz-Pedro of ALMA

Ms. Margarita Paz-Pedro informed the Board she is with ALMA which stands for Apprenticeships for Leaders in the Mosaic Arts. A brochure was provided to the Board providing the history of ALMA along with their design concept for Acequia Madre, EBID property for which Ms. Paz-Pedro is asking Board’s approval. Ms. Paz-Pedro said ALMA does have approval from EBID to work on this location and EBID specified a water theme. She said they have a contract for eight square feet of tile and the rest would be paint. Ms. Paz-Pedro said the Art Board at their meeting made a motion to request more tile, so there may be eight more feet of tile or the whole thing could be tiled. Ms. Paz-Pedro provided some sample tile shapes and colors for the Board to see.

Ms. Schuller asked if ALMA works with the youth and community in our area? Ms. Paz-Pedro said on the last project, ALMA recruited from this area and would like to do the same but will be less youth as she would like to bring some youth from Albuquerque.

Ms. McClure moved to approve the Spring Break Art Mural Camp and the Tile Art Project at City Hall, seconded by Ms. Schuller. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Veteran’s Park Master Plan (Action) – Cathy Mathews

Ms. Mathews informed the Board she has been working on a Veteran’s Memorial Park Master Plan and this came about because of one of the projects funded through the CIP to acquire land and build a parking lot adjacent to the Veteran’s Memorial Park. She said the idea was to put together a master plan so the parking lot could be incorporated as part of the park, and this would be an opportunity to plan for the expansion of the memorial walkway and designating specific locations for future memorials. Ms. Mathews advised she is bringing this master plan to the Veteran’s Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for approval. Ms. Mathew provided the Board with an aerial picture of the Veteran’s Memorial Park and explained the vision for the park.

Ms. Schuller said something that was brought up at the stake holder’s meeting was that if there was going to be a second restroom, it was a huge issue with the veteran’s, i.e.
wheelchair access and she recommends highlighting this in the entry area. Ms. Mathews said there can be an opportunity to include a restroom in a specified area which she pointed out and requested by the veterans, but a lift station would have to be incorporated at some expense to bring the waste from the new restroom up to Roadrunner.

Chair Harrison asked about the future connection to open space with the dam and stuff below the dam with a long acting connection. Ms. Mathews said there is a walkway connection that connects Veteran’s Memorial Park to the rest of the recreation dam area. She said she has chosen not to emphasize this because the input she has received is to keep the park as its own separate space.

Mr. Engle asked how close the arroyo is. Ms. Mathews said the common design is to not offset the parking lot from the street and should be more coinciding. She said there is a stormwater entry to the north of the parking lot entry, and it will be a design issue to armor the edge of the parking lot against that waterway. She said her design sketches do include retaining walls.

Chair Harrison asked what the other options for the existing parking lot were. Ms. Mathews said the Veteran’s Advisory Board suggested making ADA and veteran’s only parking.

Mr. Engle asked how the retaining islands in the parking lot be irrigated until they are established. Ms. Mathews said would connect into the existing irrigation system that maintains the landscape in the park and potentially bring in its own water meter. Ms. Mathews said for longevity and ease of maintenance, she would recommend a hard pipe irrigation system.

Ms. Schuller moved to approve the Veteran’s Park Master Plan as presented, seconded by Mr. Guzman. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Parks & Recreation Projects (Informational) – Cathy Mathew

Ms. Mathews provided the Board with a list of Capital projects being worked on currently and presented a PowerPoint showing CIP and Non-CIP projects budget amount, budget source and the phase the projects are in.

Mr. Engle asked regarding the Nevada Cool Corridor project which he agrees with, if any more public input was taken into account after it was presented to the Board in a previous meeting. Ms. Mathews said adjustments were made after speaking with a number of the residents who attended that meeting and others. Adjustments were made regarding clear sight triangles, adjustments in the treatment of utility lines running underneath the chicanes to protect them from any potential intrusion by the roots of the trees, reduced the number of chicanes on Nevada near Young Park to accommodate event parking and make sure pedestrian crossing from Lynn Middle School across from Young Park remains clear and visible to drivers so pedestrians could cross safely.
Mr. Engle asked if the residents were happy with these changes. Ms. Mathews said one resident was happy with the changes of the clear sight triangles and relieved that her comments were taken seriously and understood her concerns.

Chair Harrison asked if there was another piece of property, an unused on Nevada if there was anything being done with that. Ms. Mathews said the city is in negotiations in purchasing 1700 Nevada through Economic Development, who will take the lead on the planning process.

Chair Harrison asked why park impact fees can't go toward maintenance and upkeep. Ms. Delgado reported park impact fees are only for new levels of service and can't be used for replacement, repair, or anything like that. She said park impact fees can be used on existing parks as long as the level of service has never been there before, i.e. ADA playground at Young Park.

Mr. Engle asked how the interchange work will affect Triviz Trail. Ms. Mathews said Triviz Trail interacts with University/I25 interchange. NMDOT is the owner and manager of this project. They have contracted with Molzen Corbin and have designed the interchange to bring Triviz Drive and Triviz Multiuse Trail under University, to have a direct connection with the university campus and the city side. There will be two bridges, the University bridge over I25 and a second bridge over Triviz. There will be direct connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Chair Harrison asked regarding soccer field lighting, if there are other ways to manipulate lighting. Ms. Mathews said the adult fields can be incrementally divided into fields sized appropriately for younger players – the two adult fields can be divided into four 12 and under and 12 and over and 8 and under fields. It was determined the lighting could cover two adult games or restripe and have the same space for an increased number of fields for younger.

E. League/Organization & Specialty Agreements (Action) – Franco Granillo

Ms. Delgado informed the Board in the past, there used to be sports agreements with all the sports organizations that utilized city fields and they went away about 10 years ago. She said with recent events in the last six months, it was decided to bring the agreements back. As each agreement is completed and signed, they will be brought back to the Board for approval, then sent forward for City Manager signature, and they will be ratified for that year. Agreements will be brought back to the Board every year.

Mr. Granillo said the agreements allow clubs to use field space and provide camps for the youth, they provide structure and outline what Parks and Recreation will provide for the clubs and what they will provide to Parks and Recreation. The agreements give a good accounting of who is using Parks and Recreation facilities and what they are being used for. Mr. Granillo said there is a difference between a specialty field agreement and semi-pro agreements. Mr. Granillo reviewed with the Board the Mesilla Valley Model
Aircraft Club Agreement, FC Grande Soccer Team Agreement, and the La Muerte Women’s Football Agreement. The Board was provided a copy of these agreements.

Ms. Delgado added on some agreements, to offset costs of using city fields, the organization will offer something back, i.e. camps. Legal and Risk were consulted in putting the agreements together. Ms. Delgado said the next agreements that will come forward to the Board will be for baseball and soccer.

Ms. Schuller asked when the agreements are filled out, if a schedule has to be provided. Ms. Delgado said yes.

Ms. Schuller asked for more information on the levels of the contracts. Mr. Granillo said the contracts for the semi-pro clubs are a little less intense than the RC Airport contract because of the type of insurance needed and different requirements for park use. He said the specialty field agreements, i.e. Butterfield Shooting Range, Skeet & Trap Shotgun, are more detailed because of the danger of the park area.

Ms. Schuller asked if it is public knowledge on the database of scheduling, is there a shared calendar for the clubs and organizations. Mr. Granillo said a lot of events and scheduling goes out on a weekend events list. He said there isn’t anything publicly because this process isn’t fully completed.

Ms. Delgado added agreements are given to organizations that provide a service that Parks and Recreation can’t provide or that staff needs assistance with to make larger. She said there are other groups that are waiting to come in to put in an agreement for field use.

Ms. Delgado summarized the sports league/organization agreement which outlines what the leagues/organizations will do and what the city will do. The Board was provided a copy of this agreement. Ms. Delgado said she will bring signed agreements back to the Board for approval. Ms. Delgado had legal review the agreement for the legal language and her next step is to meet with the league/organization presidents.

Chair Harrison asked if there is a day or time of the year when these agreements are done. Ms. Delgado said agreements would come to the Board by January for action.

Chair Harrison asked if there is a date for all this to be set up. Ms. Delgado said she will start with baseball and soccer. She said this process may last a little over a year.

Ms. Schuller moved to accept the specialty agreements and the sport league/organization agreements as templates, seconded by Mr. Guzman. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Music in the Park (Informational) – Phil Catanach
Mr. Phil Catanach informed the Board it was announced today who the performers would be for this year's Music in the Park Series. Mr. Catanach said there will be 33 musical acts with 17 musical dates. Board members were provided a flyer with this information. Mr. Catanach said staff tries to ensure over 70% of the bands are from the Las Cruces area along with some national and regional acts. The Music in the Park series will begin May 26, 2019 with the Mayors Jazz Fest.

Ms. Schuler asked how these bands are paid for. Mr. Catanach said this is paid out of the general fund and is a program that has been going on since 1989.

Chair Harrison asked if food truck allegations have been solidified as to who can come when, where. Mr. Catanach said vendors know in the summer, hot food doesn't sell as good as the quick food, so the hot vendors have stayed away and there have been no complaints.

G. Adult & Youth Soccer Leagues (Informational) – Sonya Delgado

Ms. Delgado informed the Board additional information regarding soccer requested by Ms. McClure and Mr. Engle was provided to the Board via email. Information included agendas and attendance of monthly soccer meetings, and emails sent to Ms. Delgado or that she responded to, and yearly soccer meeting agendas and emails. Ms. Delgado asked for any questions and if Board hadn’t had opportunity to review the information, invited the Board to give her a call or send her questions via email and copying Chair Harrison.

Mr. Engle asked how information of soccer league meetings provided in case there are issues such as defunct emails. Ms. Delgado said if email is defunct, staff tries to get a hold of someone else. Copies of defunct emails are kept, and in last meeting notification, no emails had come back. She said staff relies on organizations to keep their information up to date, i.e. emails, phone numbers and this is being included in the agreement.

Mr. Engle asked if notification of meetings broadcast on social media? Ms. Delgado said no. She said notice is sent to a specific email. She said staff will start providing a schedule of meetings on top of the agreement.

Chair Harrison asked who the contact point for the soccer league is. Ms. Delgado said Mr. Ron Nestle is the contact.

Mr. Granillo added league meeting notes aren’t covered at the monthly soccer meeting because it isn’t fair to other organizations who have a separate meeting on this from their regular meetings. He said it needs to be consistent across the board.

Ms. Delgado provided the Board a copy of the High Noon Soccer Complex map for the Field of Dreams. She pointed out marked items on the map that is Las Cruces Public Schools property and what is City property.
Mr. Engle moved to open the floor to public comment, seconded by Ms. Schuller. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hanson informed the Board High Noon One is the only lit soccer field in the whole City utilized by the entire soccer community until Burn Lake is revitalized and reopened. He questioned Go Bond funding regarding irrigation, restroom, and facility revitalization plans for Hadley. He said the PVD field complex is next door and he is curious if the irrigation would be improved at PVD and if a restroom would be added. He said while the lighting at PVD was brought up, he pointed out the City was communitive and cooperative, by changing an original lighting plan to that suggested by the soccer community. Mr. Hanson said monthly meetings are held and Mr. Granillo indicated not all league meeting stuff is covered but in the interest of stakeholder input, it would be useful to have some of this information at the meeting. He encouraged the Board to attend some of the soccer meetings. Mr. Hanson said another place where stakeholder input would be beneficial is on the contracts for the leagues, i.e. grievance procedure, scheduling.

Ms. Delgado said irrigation will go toward the entire strip of Hadley. Regarding restrooms, the Go Bond money is for rehabilitation. Staff had already spoken to the soccer organization about a restroom, and Ms. Delgado suggested using park impact fees because restrooms are a new level of service and there has never been a restroom in the PVD area. This wouldn't be able to be done right away. Ms. Delgado agreed with stakeholder input, this is why she will meet with the organization president on the agreement. As for the grievance process, the Board would only oversee a grievance if it isn't resolved at the regional or national level.

Mr. Hanson said the soccer teams will be very interested in the Go Bond. They understood it was a process that was meant to be driven by public input. He said public comments were tabulated on website, and pickleball was one ahead, and soccer and pickleball each had ten times the public input as baseball.

Ms. Delgado said project managers will be setting up meetings for public input on the Go Bond projects.

VIII. Staff Member Comments

Ms. Delgado informed the Board Parks and Recreation also takes care of alleyways and the GIS team put together an alleyway book which also has the schedules of when they are cleaned.

Ms. Delgado said staff is in the middle of the budget process and she will bring it to the Board as it nears the end and explain how it matches up with PEAK performance, and the Parks and Recreation and City Council strategic plan.
Mr. Nunez informed the Board the Team Up to Clean Up was snowed out on March 16. The next big event is the Great American Cleanup on April 13. Mr. Nunez asked the Board to let the Keep Las Cruces Coordinator know of any areas that need attention.

Mr. Nunez said the out of school time program has almost 40 youth signed up for spring break.

Mr. Nunez said the Juvenile Citation Program has just gone through a program audit through the state resulting in high marks. They are being looked at as a model program for the state.

IX. Board Member Comments

There were no Board comments.

X. Adjournment

Ms. Schuller moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Ms. McClure. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Hazel Nevarez, Recording Secretary

Cassandra McClure, P&R Board Vice-Chair