

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**February 20, 2020**

1 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting was held February 20, 2020 at the  
2 Parks and Recreation Administrative Office Conference Room, 1501 E. Hadley, Las  
3 Cruces, NM.

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5 **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

6 Eli Guzman  
7 Cassie McClure  
8 Stan Engle  
9 Robert Harrison

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11 **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

12 Megan Schuller  
13 Maryln Zahler  
14 Eric Montgomery

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16 **OTHERS PRESENT:**

17 Tony Trevino, CLC Public Works  
18 Sreedevi Bhathala Mohanraj, CLC Public Works  
19 Paul **Dugie**, Souder Miller & Associates  
20 Joseph Fuemmeler, Desert Peaks Architecture  
21 Miguel **Cheng-Gu**ajardo, ECM International, Inc.  
22 Arturo Gonzalez, ECM International, Inc.  
23 Gregory Shervanick, Resident  
24 James Woods, CLC KLCB  
25 Alexis Ruiz, FC Grande  
26 Gerry & Kathy **Rittenberry**, Citizen  
27 Rich & Dorothy Robinson, Citizen  
28 Loretta M. Reyes, Las Cruces Tennis Players Association  
29 Ed Carnathan, Visit Las Cruces  
30 Mike Heard, Highland Enterprise  
31 Mark Hettinga Highland Enterprise  
32 Ruben Contreras, Desert Peaks Architecture  
33 Anniz Barva, Las Cruces Tennis Players Association  
34 Ceci Vasconcellos, CLC Community Engagement  
35 Rebecca Courtney, City Art Board  
36 Lorenzo Zepeda, Quality of Life, Public Art  
37 Hazel Nevarez, CLC Parks and Recreation  
38 Wilfred Martinez, CLC, Parks & Recreation  
39 Robert Nunez, CLC, Parks & Recreation  
40 Franco Granillo, CLC, Parks & Recreation  
41 Cathy Mathews, CLC, Parks & Recreation  
42 Sonya Delgado, CLC, Parks & Recreation  
43 David Maestas, CLC Public Works

1 The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Harrison and recognized as having  
2 a legal quorum.

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4 **1. Introductions**

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

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9 **2. Conflict of Interest**

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11 No Conflict of Interest.

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13 **3. Approval of Agenda**

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15 Mr. Engle moved to move action item 7.1 to come after Public Participation, and  
16 discussion item 8.2 to follow the moved item 7.1, seconded by Ms. McClure. No  
17 discussion, motion carried unanimously.

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20 **4. Approval of Minutes**

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22 Ms. McClure moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2020 as presented, seconded  
23 by Mr. Guzman. Motion carried unanimously.

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25 **5. Public Participation**

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27 Mr. Samuel Ramos introduced himself and said he was present to inform the Board he  
28 filed a complaint December 2018 with Parks and Recreation Director Ms. Sonya Delgado  
29 because the Las Cruces Youth Baseball Association (LCYBA) failed to address a  
30 discrimination issue that took place against his daughter, who had placed two years t-  
31 ball, moved up to coach pitch baseball, and was removed from that team by the coaches.  
32 He said he filed a complaint with LCYBA, and they didn't address it. He said later on,  
33 LCYBA said they have no jurisdiction as to what teams do between the end of summer  
34 baseball and beginning of fall (season) ball. With that noted by the league, and Ms.  
35 Delgado knew about that, Ms. Delgado said she had a new agreement that would solve  
36 that loophole in which LCYBA didn't have jurisdiction over what players happened or  
37 what coaches can do. September 1, 2019, came to a meeting, the agreement was going  
38 to be given to the Board, Ms. Delgado tabled that discussion stating she needed to  
39 conduct more research. January 2020, Mr. Ramos received another copy of the  
40 agreement, same copy that he got September 1, 2019, no changes were made after his  
41 review. Since no changes were made, he asked Ms. Delgado how she was going to fix  
42 the loophole of the discrimination issue, also to mention it could be a discrimination  
43 against a boy with a disability where the team can get rid of a boy with a disability issue.  
44 Ms. Delgado said once the agreement comes back from legal, she would address it with  
45 the league. Mr. Ramos said his issue is if LYCBA didn't address the issue two years ago  
46 with him or with her, so why leave it up to the league to address an issue she can fix via

1 the agreement. The loophole is very clear, and Ms. Delgado knows what the loophole is.  
2 LCYBA stated as to what the loophole is which is the no jurisdiction clause. Mr. Ramos  
3 said he feels Parks and Recreation and Ms. Delgado needs to step up and fix the  
4 loophole so it doesn't happen anymore in the future. It's been a year and a half and who  
5 knows if it has happened to another little girl or a boy with a disability. Mr. Ramos  
6 thanked the Board for their time.

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8 **7.1 Action Item GO Bond Projects/Sports Courts – David Maestas and Tony**  
9 **Trevino/Public Works Department**

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11 Mr. David Maestas of the Public Works Department informed the Board being  
12 presented to them as a result of the GO Bond project voted on by voters in August  
13 2018, is a preliminary idea of what is going to take place with the Parks and Sports  
14 Courts and will then ask the Board for their approval to move forward with what is  
15 presented after input and comments received at this meeting.

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17 Mr. Maestas introduced Mr. Tony Trevino, Engineer and Architect Program Manager  
18 overseeing all of the GO Bond projects, Ms. Sreedevi Mohanraj, City Architect working  
19 closely with Mr. Trevino on the projects, ECM International, Inc. was hired as Program  
20 Manager to oversee each of the Go Bond projects - Mr. Arturo Gonzalez and Mr. Miguel  
21 Cheng-Guajardo, Mr. Paul Dugie of Souder Miller & Associates – design portion of the  
22 firm, Mr. Mark Hettinga of Highland Enterprise, contractor who is taking care of the  
23 construction part (design build) of this project.

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25 Mr. Tony Trevino began the presentation with some background on GO Bond and what  
26 progressed to the present.

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28 Mr. Paul Dugie presented on:

- 29 • Hillrise Basketball Court - the court is in good condition. Proposal is to repair  
30 the cracks (milling and filling in the cracks or remove and replace – the crack  
31 goes all the way thru and there is a big differential), sand it all down to make it  
32 nice and smooth, and then restripe the basketball court.
- 33 • Metro Verde – this park has a ponding problem. Proposal is to remove existing  
34 surface, add some height and some drainage to stop water from ponding on the  
35 court, put sport surfacing back down and restripe the court.
- 36 • Four Hills area – basketball court in good condition but has a ponding problem.  
37 Proposal is to repair cracks, remove and replace an area where the concrete is  
38 crumbling, and restripe the court.
- 39 • Apodaca Park – on northwest side of the park, there is a playground that is out  
40 in the sun all the time - proposal is to put a shade over that area. Proposal for  
41 the pickleball courts is to increase the size of the court adding concrete onto the  
42 sides to allow for the creation of eight pickleball courts, remove and relocate  
43 fence, remove and relocate light post, repair cracks, resurface and restripe.
- 44 • Benavidez Community Center basketball court – all cracks were measured.  
45 Recommending totally removing and replacing with a five to six-inch slab

1 reinforcing rebars inside if funding is available. If no funding, will repair cracks  
2 as best as possible and restripe.

- 3 • Lions Park – will repair cracks, repaint (match existing) and restripe.
- 4 • El Cardon basketball court – recommendation is to remove and replace but if  
5 no funds, will repair cracks and restripe.
- 6 • Klein Park basketball court – a lot of cracks so recommend to remove and  
7 replace, if not, repair and restripe.
- 8 • Young Park – propose to remove and replace big group shelter and replace as  
9 many of the single shelters as possible - removing the concrete slab so starting  
10 from the ground up with a good structure. For the tennis courts, propose to  
11 remove the existing surface, repair the cracks, resurface, and restripe.
- 12 • Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center – basketball has a little bit of cracking  
13 but looks like it has other problems. Recommending to remove and replace if  
14 funds are available – if not, will repair cracks and restripe.

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16 Ms. Kathy Rittenberry said after the bond passed, at an initial meeting, they were  
17 proposing that Apodaca and Frenger would be changed to pickleball courts. Mr. Maestas  
18 said Frenger was never included in the verbiage for GO Bond so this would have to be  
19 done separately from this project. Ms. Rittenberry added when they were trying to divide  
20 up the tennis courts and the pickleball courts at that time, the reason Young stayed as a  
21 tennis court park was because Frenger was in the picture and so now, why wouldn't  
22 Young be for pickleball. Ms. Delgado responded Frenger was discussed as a possibility  
23 for pickleball courts if there was enough money, but right now there isn't. She said there  
24 is a possibility to add Frenger now, because Parks and Recreation was approached by  
25 a group who wants to put on a basketball tournament at one of Parks and Recreation's  
26 facilities that has an outdoor basketball court, and part of that would be that they would  
27 redo the court. Ms. Delgado said staff is in the process to see whether they can make  
28 that happen. If it happens, Frenger can be added back online in place of one of the  
29 basketball courts. Ms. Rittenberry said wouldn't it be better to use Young Park as  
30 pickleball. Ms. Delgado said Young Park was never discussed in the initial conversation  
31 as being pickleball. Ms. Rittenberry said Young Park wasn't discussed because Frenger  
32 was in the picture. Ms. Delgado reiterated that because Young Park wasn't in the initial  
33 conversation, it can't be added. Ms. Delgado said she is fairly confident to make it work  
34 with this other organization, and in saying that, then that money would be able to go to  
35 Frenger. To clarify what was chosen and not, Mr. Maestas added that they are going  
36 off of the breakdown that was provided as part of the GO Bond packet before it was  
37 voted on and need to stick to that because that is what the citizens of Las Cruces voted  
38 and approved. The main focus is to put in place those items that were approved by the  
39 voters in August of 2018. Mr. Maestas said one thing that can be done, and the reason  
40 for these types of meetings, is to get input from the crowd to find out what people would  
41 like to see. This is done for two reasons: 1) For the construction of this, Klein and Young  
42 will be pushed back towards the end of construction if possible so if Sonya can get Klein  
43 taken care of through other funding sources, this would allow opportunity to put in  
44 something different. 2) A couple of years from now, there is another opportunity for  
45 another bonding cycle, which means can go back to the voters to see what else they  
46 would like to see. Ms. Rittenberry says it looks like a tennis court is being left at Apodaca.

1 She was advised that is what is there now; there will be sixteen pickleball courts there.  
2 Mr. Maestas said there is also going to be pickleball courts at the East Mesa Recreation  
3 Complex as part of this GO Bond. Ms. Delgado clarified there will be eight total pickleball  
4 courts at Apodaca. Ms. Rittenberry said what they were told at the last meeting, was that  
5 when the court was resurfaced, it would be resurfaced as a sports court and not paint  
6 with grit on it. It was said the surface would be sports court surface recommended by the  
7 USTA. Mr. Maestas said it will not be a concrete surface with paint on it. Ms. Rittenberry  
8 asked if the information on the surface be sent to her and she was told the USTA manual  
9 would be sent to her. Mr. Trevino said to keep in mind, as Mr. Dugie said, a lot of these  
10 courts will be repair or total reconstruction based on funding. The amount of sport  
11 cushion for all these projects will be determined by the budget across all the projects.  
12 Ms. Rittenberry asked if the design, the architects, if they have done other pickleball  
13 court facilities. (Not sure who was spoke) but he said he built tennis courts before.  
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15 Ms. Loretta Reyes, representing Las Cruces Tennis Players Association, expressed their  
16 concern over converting any other tennis courts to pickleball courts considering that  
17 there will be new pickleball courts at the East Mesa Complex. She said this was decided,  
18 discussed early in the process with the two groups together. She said she wanted to  
19 make sure that they maintain the twelve courts at Lions and the two courts at Young for  
20 the purpose of having their leagues and things like that. Her other concerns are, listed  
21 for Lions are repair cracks, restripe – she asked if there would be any resurfacing  
22 because they were led to believe there would be complete resurfacing. She said there  
23 are dead spots, there are areas where the water sits. She said five, six, seven years ago,  
24 cracks were repaired, and courts were restriped, but they are coming apart now, are  
25 unsafe. She doesn't think that repairing a crack is going to do it. Her concern is that if  
26 another band aid is put on, how long is it going to last. It isn't the proper way to deal with  
27 what is out there. They were led to believe the courts would be resurfaced. Not sure  
28 who responded, but response was the original estimate for these GO Bond projects, the  
29 four different projects that are in this question, was split up equally among the projects.  
30 Based on the estimates before, need to see how to adequately improve all these courts.  
31 Ms. Reyes said she understands budget, but if there was some kind of priority on some  
32 of these projects – the tennis community has waited a long time to have a nice facility.  
33 She doesn't understand the priority, to repair cracks is just putting another band aid. Mr.  
34 Maestas said because of her point being brought up, this is what helps with the  
35 prioritization. Mr. Maestas said this is the initial proposal, not the final proposal. There is  
36 opportunity now to look based on comments received, based on fact there may be other  
37 money from other places to help out to see how to move forward. Ms. Reyes was also  
38 wondering if there are plans to further address the birds on the light covers, if this would  
39 be taken care before the courts are done, or will heavy machinery be brought on courts  
40 to address after they are done.  
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42 Ms. Briana Ramos asked on Youngs Park the pond will be refilled with water. Ms.  
43 Delgado said the pond was filled over the summer. Mr. Ramos said he doesn't mean to  
44 offend anybody, he comes from a community of soccer, baseball, and softball. He said  
45 the discussion in the families is what is pickleball, how does that help the youth in Las  
46 Cruces, is that traditionally an adult sport or a youth sport? Because in the City, we need

1 to gravitate to the youth instead of them not having facilities to go to and use so they  
2 don't gravitate to the other side, crime and other juvenile delinquent hacks. How can it  
3 help the youth in the City? Meerscheidt Recreation Center is the only indoor facility for  
4 our children. He said this is just a comment, look at how are facilities going to help our  
5 community with our youth, a place to go. Even having tournaments, basketball and  
6 soccer, brings in revenue to the City. We don't have big soccer tournaments; we don't  
7 have the facilities yet. We don't have basketball tournaments because we don't have the  
8 facilities yet. A lot of our organizations go out of town for these tournaments and provide  
9 those communities with our money. Mr. Maestas said the voters agreed with Mr. Ramos  
10 so the Bond in place, some of that is for the East Mesa Recreation complex to have  
11 soccer fields and multiuse fields. There will also be baseball fields put in as part of the  
12 project. There have been some public meeting and will be some more.

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14 Ms. Reyes said it was mentioned that the budget is still being looked at to see how far it  
15 will go and asked if that information will be brought back to the public. Mr. Maestas said  
16 it is the intention if there are comments brought forth that are very different than what  
17 is in the design, to give people the information back as to modifications, if there can be  
18 any, or if there can't be any. Whether it be done in a meeting depends on how simple  
19 it is. If response is just yes, it will be resurfaced instead of cracks, then an email  
20 notification would be sent.

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22 Ms. Reyes said it is important to know when design and construction happens in advance  
23 as affects their tournaments, there are USTA rules. Response was schedule can be  
24 provided and can be sent to and obtained from Ms. Delgado.

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26 Mr. Arturo Gonzalez said an idea just surfaced. On surfacing of tennis courts and  
27 pickleball, there is ultimate surfacing, which is cushioned, there is professional surfacing  
28 which is less cushion, and there is paint with grip. He asked what would be preferred,  
29 four courts with good surfacing or eight courts with less surfacing.

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31 Mr. Maestas thanked everyone for their input and referred to the Board for action to move  
32 forward with the project based on the discussion of potential review and modifications  
33 that might be had.

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35 Ms. McClure asked if the Board would review modifications? Chair Harrison said or can  
36 table. Chair Harrison noted and doesn't think question was answered, but was it listed  
37 in the priority or was it just listed as went thru and put them all down. Don't know who  
38 spoke, but response was all was received in request for proposal was list of projects and  
39 have not heard any priorities.

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41 Chair Harrison said the two groups here tonight is the most heartfelt and need to be  
42 listened to in the aspect of funding. He asked if in previous public meetings, if basketball  
43 groups were there as well. Mr. Maestas said the listing of the projects or the locations  
44 for the work were what was part of the GO Bond package. He said with respect to having  
45 the meetings after and getting it to here, this is the first meeting on these courts so the  
46 participation that is seen at this meeting is where the priority is. Mr. Engle clarified, in

1 this case, it seems basketball would get almost no priority considering public input was  
2 heavily stacked towards tennis and pickleball. Ms. Rittenberry asked how many  
3 basketball courts are in the City. Mr. Granillo said 18 to 20 courts are maintained  
4 throughout the City, spread out thru different parks, and are not in a facility. Ms.  
5 Rittenberry asked if they are in the schools too. Mr. Maestas said there are basketball  
6 courts in schools, but the City doesn't have any jurisdiction, and tennis courts as well.  
7 They are not open for public use.

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9 Ms. Anniz Barva, tennis player, previous Las Cruces Tennis Player's Board member,  
10 and involved in youth tennis programs, said they have a series of things coming up and  
11 asked for general ball park idea of when the repair and repainting of Lions Park might  
12 happen so they have a general idea for future planning. Mr. Maestas asked her to turn  
13 her schedule in to Ms. Delgado so can plan around her schedule.

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15 Mr. Engle asked, for clarification, action is being asked so City can begin to prioritize and  
16 start the work or will staff come back to the Board with priorities that need action. Mr.  
17 Maestas deferred back to the Board, if Board wants staff to come back with options  
18 based on input received.

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20 Mr. Guzman asked if the only organizations here are pickleball and tennis. His thing is  
21 that if organizations really want to see change, they should be brought to the Board  
22 meeting. Mr. Gerry Rittenberry said this is the sixth or seventh meeting on these issues  
23 and there were other meetings so is wondering how this is new news to the Board. Mr.  
24 Guzman just clarified the Board meets every month, and the organizations aren't present  
25 to discuss these issues. Ms. Rittenberry said if Mr. Guzman is asking to see these people  
26 at the Board meetings, let her know. Mr. Maestas clarified there are two different  
27 meetings. The meetings being referred to are specific to the East Mesa Recreation  
28 Complex and those type of items, not the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting  
29 This is the first-time staff was ready to come to the Board with the project. Mr. Rittenberry  
30 said pickleball and tennis was talked about along the stream, and notes are taken and  
31 wonders who reads those notes. He referred to different meetings that were held and  
32 votes were taken, and said his curiosity is who talks to whom. Mr. Maestas clarified that  
33 is the reason for coming to the Board at this meeting, because now have the magnitude  
34 with the projects coming forward and the groups that are interested. Chair Harrison said  
35 in specifics, the previous meetings were specific to all the GO Bond, and tonight is  
36 specific to courts, and the groups tonight are the people who would be willing to moving  
37 this forward. Ms. Rittenberry said tonight's presentation is different than what was  
38 proposed before and that is the problem. Ms. Reyes said the last meeting she recalls  
39 attending was at the library and this is the first time presenting to a Board that has some  
40 decision making authority and is hearing for the first time, that only cracks will be filled  
41 in, and coming to a Board to move forward. For her, this is disappointing. Ms. Delgado  
42 said the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members know when there are meetings,  
43 they can't come to all of them. When it comes to the Parks and Recreation Advisory  
44 Board, it comes as information for them to absorb, and then comes back for action. Her  
45 suggestion is to take the information received tonight back to the program manager for

1 review, and then bring it back to the Board, with specific information, addressing the  
2 tennis and pickleball concerns, and for action.

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4 Mr. Rich Robinson said there was a consultant from El Paso at one of the meetings and  
5 said these courts were going to be professional grade courts. Mr. Sedillo said it appears  
6 to be some confusion on the different meetings being held. When professional courts  
7 were discussed, it was for the East Mesa Recreation Sports Complex. There was an  
8 immediate disagreement response. Mr. Sedillo informed the Board, the previous  
9 meetings held was for informational input from the public – the project is called a sports  
10 court rehabilitation. After input was gathered from all the projects, the design team went  
11 to the courts to see what could be fixed, what could be adjusted, to make the courts  
12 playable. It was never agreed upon as to what kind of surfacing, what kind of  
13 construction, or any of that in the meetings. This is the first time coming together to see  
14 what can be done to accomplish the goal. Mr. Robinson said he wasn't quite finished  
15 with his comment, and said to the Board, if they want to see the support for pickleball in  
16 this retirement community, hold the next meeting in a gym. There is a huge pickleball  
17 community in this town and in the state. Mr. Robinson referred back to the consultant  
18 from El Paso. Mr. Gonzales spoke up saying he was the consultant from El Paso. He  
19 said in tonight's presentation, the fences are moving out, they are adding surface. The  
20 main issue that was brought in the meeting being referred to is that those courts were  
21 too small, recreational size. The next step is what they call professional – which means  
22 they add two more feet. The ones at East Mesa, two courts will be championship size  
23 and the other ones will be pro. The budget is very tight. There is only \$1.5 million to do  
24 the construction for all the projects. This meeting is to find which direction to go.

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26 Chair Harrison thanked everyone for the presentation and input.

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28 Ms. McClure moved to table the action of the sports courts until the next meeting to see  
29 two different revisions that include as much as possible with profession grade options  
30 and one to see what would be done with the money that we have, seconded by Mr.  
31 Guzman.

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33 Mr. Maestas asked if this could be tabled to a special meeting, don't know date or time,  
34 it would be dependent on review of the two specific situations, but once have that, can  
35 get back to the Board with a date.

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37 Ms. McClure moved to amend her motion to table the action of the sports courts to a  
38 special meeting, with date and time publicized to the public and those present, to see  
39 two different revisions that include as much as possible with profession grade options  
40 and one to see what would be done with the money that we have, seconded by Mr.  
41 Guzman.

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43 Mr. Engle said we aren't going to magically have more money the next time the Board  
44 meets and understands a priority isn't known yet and Board is just being informed of a  
45 general priority. Mr. Sedillo's response was they will come back and define what will be  
46 removed to accommodate some stuff. Mr. Engle clarified, if this is tabled, then there



1 would be a more specific outline of how to proceed with the rehabilitation. Mr. Maestas  
2 there will be a specific outline to address the concerns that were brought forward. He  
3 added there will be opportunity to know status of Klein being paid for which would allow  
4 for additional funding.

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6 Motion carried unanimously.

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8 **8.2 GO Bond Project/Hadley Complex – Tony Trevino/Public Works**  
9 **Department (Informational)**

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11 Mr. Tony Trevino informed the Board the Hadley Sports Courts Complex (Hadley, Maag,  
12 Hardy and Paz) are also to be rehabilitated as part of the GO Bond project, design build.

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14 Joseph Fuemmeler, Desert Peak Architects introduced himself and Ruben Contreras,  
15 project manager as being part of the design build team along with Highland Enterprises  
16 as the prime. He said today is the first public meeting. Today will talk about site  
17 conditions and ask about priorities from the public. He said the lighting has been received  
18 from the City as the major priority and everything else falls under that as a possible. First  
19 thing is to decide on cost and get input from the public.

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21 Mr. Ruben Contreras provided information on the conditions of Maag ballfield complex,  
22 Jim Hardy, Ron Galla T-Ball complex, and Paz ballfield complex.

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- 25 • Maag dugouts – water damage to sheeting, structure shows signs of rust,  
26 missing covers on some of the receptacles. Foul ball protection is chicken  
27 wire with holes in some locations and rusted. Spectator shade in good  
28 condition. Restroom facilities well maintained but accessibility issues.  
29 Concession facilities a bit dated and cramped, non-accessible, need for  
30 floor drains, point of sales dated. Exterior conditions fair to poor. Wood  
31 siding starting to exhibit cracks in the paint with signs of rot, stucco failing  
32 in various locations, water soaking up into wall. There are some drainage  
33 issues.
  - 34 • Jim Hardy dugouts – fencing minimal rusting. Some wood sheeting exhibits  
35 water damage. Structure shows rusting. Foul ball protection is non-  
36 existent. Shade structure – variation in color to the fabrics, fabric is fair to  
37 good condition with some small holes, minimal rusting. Facilities – worst of  
38 all complexes. Bathrooms well maintained, issues to exhaust fans,  
39 hardware on doors starting to fall off. Room to make these bathrooms  
40 accessible with exception to women’s restroom, which would require quite  
41 a bit of rearranging. Concession facilities – worst of all the ball fields.  
42 Structure has some corrosion, water infiltration from the ceiling caused by  
43 the evaporative cooler, shows a lot of calcium deposits dripping to floor.  
44 There is limited space in the concession, point of sale is boarded up and  
45 unusable. Exterior conditions – staining water on top floor which is what is  
causing the rust on the sealed deck. Paint on ceiling block is starting to

1 chip, not bonding quite well. Stucco is failing in various locations. Light  
2 fixtures are dated.

- 3 • Paz – fairly good condition. On Dugouts, there is some rusting in the steel  
4 structure, very minimal on the fence. Chicken wire foul ball protection  
5 appearing to rust. Spectator shade had a few areas with rips, some water  
6 pooling. Structure could use some paint touchup to fix some of the rusting  
7 issues. There was one bent pole. Restroom facilities need to comply with  
8 accessibility standards, missing exhaust fan, some openings in the ceiling.  
9 Concession facilities had some failures in some of the finished – holes in  
10 the ceiling, limited space, some minor discoloration in the paint. Exterior  
11 has a few instances of stucco failure around the corners and some  
12 penetrations within the stucco. Trim around the openings are a bit dated  
13 and could be replaced.
- 14 • Ron Gall T-Ball – dugout steel structure is exhibiting rust in some locations.  
15 Chain link fence post has some rust around the wells. Spectator shading  
16 good to fair with some small holes. Steel structure could use some paint  
17 touchups. Restroom facilities could use a few minor adjustments to make  
18 them accessible.

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20 In summary, Maag ballfield complex is in fair condition but concessions are inadequate,  
21 restrooms with minor accessibility issues. Exterior conditions were not good. For the Jim  
22 Hardy ballfield complex would take extensive work to make restrooms accessible,  
23 concessions were in poor condition. Paz ballfield complex needs some minor exterior  
24 improvements, restroom facilities need to comply with accessibility standards,  
25 concessions were in fairly good condition, spectator shade only has a few areas that  
26 could use some improvement. Ron Galla t-ball fields, restroom fields well maintained,  
27 spectator shade could use some improvement.

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29 Mr. Contreras opened the floor for discussion.

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31 Mr. Maestas emphasized lighting is the biggest thing for all four complexes, which will  
32 take a big chunk of the money. He said the improvements of those lights will be  
33 substantial.

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35 Chair Harrison asked if there would be any architectural design to see what this will look  
36 like in the future. Mr. Trevino said next step is to do a feasibility.

## 37 38 **6. Old Business**

### 39 40 **6.1 Parks and Recreation Overview Work Session (Date) – Chair Harrison**

### 41 42 43 **6.2 Future Board Meeting Dates, Times and Locations – Chair Harrison**

1 Ms. McClure moved to table Parks and Recreation Overview Work Session and Future  
2 Board Meeting Dates, Times and Locations to the March 19 Board meeting, seconded  
3 by Mr. Engle. Motion carried unanimously.  
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5 **7. Action Items**  
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7 ~~**7.1 Go Bond Project/Sports Courts – Tony Trevino/Public Works**~~  
8 ~~**Department**~~  
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10 **7.2 Public Art Master Plan – Lorenzo Zepeda/Quality of Life Department**  
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12 Mr. Lorenzo Zepeda presented to the Board the Public Art Master regarding how it would  
13 affect Parks and Recreation. He said there is a considerable amount of overlap between  
14 what this new program intends to do and what Parks has currently been doing. He  
15 provided the Board with a handout, Standard Commissioning Process Chart. He said  
16 there is an extensive collection of current City owned public art pieces which were  
17 completely maintained by Parks and Recreation, installed in park locations. With the  
18 establishment of the Las Cruces Public Art has and the Master Plan going toward  
19 resolution, he is here to share the Public Art Master Plan with the Board. He informed  
20 the Board most of their initiatives will be driven by the City Art Board, with their goal to  
21 commission art. The way the Public Art Program should be functioning is they take the  
22 space that needs art into account and create something that integrates with that space.  
23 How the commissioning process will work was outlined in the handout provided,  
24 Standard Commissioning Process Chart. Mr. Zepeda said the main thing about the  
25 Public Art Program is that it will no longer be required to be maintained by Parks and  
26 Recreation. He said after the Resolution for the Master Plan, they will be going to  
27 Ordinance and when this happens, they will have their own budget to maintain existing  
28 art works as well as upcoming artwork. The relationship with Parks and Recreation will  
29 continue because their goal is to put art in public property which happens to be in parks  
30 most of the time. Mr. Zepeda said he extent of the relationship with parks will be vetting  
31 projects thru parks, making sure that everything they are recommending is viable, the  
32 funding will come from Las Cruces Public Art.  
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34 Mr. Engle clarified, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board’s role would be just if a  
35 public art piece would be going in a park property. Response was yes.  
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37 Chair Harrison asked if any of the art projects were on the GO Bonds going thru. Ms.  
38 Delgado said the art projects with regard to GO Bond are for buildings, i.e. the new  
39 animal shelter, the new aquatics facility. Mr. Zepeda said as far as funding goes, they  
40 are looking at a Capital Improvement Program (CIP), 2%, but it still needs to go to  
41 Ordinance. They are also hoping that includes all vertical structures in additional to public  
42 safety impact fees and park impact fees.  
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44 Mr. Zepeda said a huge goal of the Public Art Program is place making, creating a visual  
45 identity for the City of Las Cruces, as well as making it more visually easier to navigate.  
46 That will include opportunities for art like landmark pieces. Mr. Zepeda said they also

1 want to find other opportunities thru community collaboration and partnerships. They  
2 want to consider a problematic element – educating in the arts, creating community  
3 engagement art projects. They want to help make these programs are more long  
4 standing, more established, and create opportunities for local artists to have work. The  
5 last component of the Master Plan is to professionalize our local pool of artists.

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7 Ms. McClure asked how the selection committee would be picked. Mr. Zepeda said the  
8 selection is an Ad Hoc group, separate from the Art Board. Depending on project, they  
9 want to include an owner, a user, an once Art Board member - the Committee would be  
10 made up of the actual stakeholders. He said they also hope to add some public input  
11 sessions.

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13 Mr. Zepeda introduced Ms. Rebecca Courtney, Vice Chair for the City Art Board.

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15 Chair Harrison asked if this had already been approved by the Art Board. Ms. Courtney  
16 said it had and was taken to council who made several recommendations about art  
17 selection committees and about the Art Board itself, they wanted to make sure a diverse  
18 population was included. Ms. Courtney said wording was changed in the category of  
19 City Art Board duties and art selection committees to address Council's concerns.

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21 Ms. McClure moved to approve the Public Art Master Plan to go to City Council,  
22 seconded by Mr. Engle. Motion carried unanimously.

### 23 24 **7.3 Special Meeting/East Mesa Recreational Complex (March 9) – Sonya** 25 **Delgado**

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27 Ms. Delgado asked the Board to have a special meeting for the East Mesa Recreational  
28 Complex and the dog park to allow the Board to view concepts. This will be informational,  
29 not for action. Ms. Delgado said there will also be a public input meeting March 17, and  
30 when the concept is refined, will come back to the Board for action in April.

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32 Ms. McClure moved to approve the special meeting for March 9, 2020, seconded by Mr.  
33 Engle. Motion carried unanimously.

## 34 35 **8. Discussion Items**

### 36 **8.1 Keep Las Cruces Beautiful (KLCB) – James Woods**

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38 Mr. James Woods informed the Board on a few KLCB highlights from 2019:

- 39 • Mr. Woods received for the fifth consecutive year the Presidents Circle Award.  
40 There are about 30 affiliates in the State of New Mexico and only seven programs  
41 throughout the state received this award.
- 42 • With all the cleanup groups (Team Up to Clean Up, Great American Clean Up,  
43 Toss No Mas, Adopt a Spot, Youth Cleanups, other various community service  
44 clean ups), they have over 4,000 volunteers, and have collected over 53 tons of  
45 trash (from boots on the ground and roll off containers).
- 46 • Education Elements:

- 1,100 presentations to third graders – Libby presentations educating on recycling, litter, graffiti, illegal dumping.
- Activities with over 400 students in the City’s After School Program educating them about the environment.
- Graffiti crew abated over 400 locations, from dumpsters to light poles, walls.
- Upcoming events for 2020:
  - March 21, Team Up To Clean Up, District 6.
  - April 11, Great American Clean Up
  - April 16, Water Festival
  - April 18, Earth Day, Recycle Reuse Fashion Show
  - April 25, Volunteer Fair

~~**8.2GO Bond Project Hadley Complex – Tony Trevino/Public Works Department**~~

**9. Staff Member Comments**

Mr. Phil Catanach invited the Board to the Chaos Collaboration Art show February 21 and 22, 2020 at the Frank O’Brien Papen Community Center.

Mr. Phil Catanach informed the Board, Saturday, February 29, 2020 is the first Father Daughter dance at the Frank O’Brien Papen Community Center.

Mr. Robert Nunez informed the Board spring semester is in full swing with their Out of School time program and will be meeting with the Las Cruces Public Schools the first week of March to solidify sites for summer programs. He said things are going very well with Youth Services.

Mr. Franco Granillo said Parks section are wrapping up their winter projects list. He informed the Board the IPM Ad Hoc committee has met twice now and is going very well, with communications open. Should have a good IPM document in June to present to City Council.

Ms. Cathy Mathews mentioned two projects:

- Play equipment for Benavidez Community Center – now have a contract on board and will be having a preconstruction conference beginning in March, construction to start mid-March. Should have new play equipment end of March, beginning of April.
- Metro Verde on Saracco Road near intersection with Sonoma Ranch Blvd. – there is a brand new park (working title called The Tower Park) has reached substantial completion, have gone thru punch list, have a couple of more items to address and then the park will be open to the public.

Ms. Delgado informed the Board regarding the Klein Park basketball court, a gentleman has come forward who wants to have a tournament at Klein Park. He is working with a sponsor to redo the entire basketball court (tear it all apart and put a brand new one

1 down that is regulation), to include new goals. If this happens, will shift dollars to another  
2 project in the GO Bond. He wants to have the tournament in August.

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4 Ms. Delgado informed the Board we have an agreement with Beck's Coffee. Mr. Nunez  
5 informed the Board a sponsorship was created with Beck's Coffee and our Youth  
6 programs. The students from our youth programs created the art work and allowed them  
7 to be involved with the writeup regarding A. Fielder Memorial Safe Haven – A. Fielder  
8 Memorial Safe Haven will get \$5 from every coffee bag sold to go towards our youth  
9 program.

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11 Ms. Delgado informed the Board two monuments are coming into Veteran's Park, the  
12 Gold Star Memorial and the Wall of Honor. The Wall of Honor is first and The Gold Star  
13 Memorial will be in May. There is a vendor that will take care of the slab for the Wall of  
14 Honor and park staff will do the one for the Gold Star Memorial.

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16 Ms. Delgado informed the Board there is a Unidad Park Go Bond meeting February 22,  
17 10 a.m. to noon at Unidad Park. Parks and Recreation sent out an email to all program  
18 participants, this was also put in newspaper, and signage at the park. Ms. Delgado said  
19 this will be the first input meeting for that park. She said there will be a couple of other  
20 meetings, and as it gets close to the end and read to role out, it will come thru this Board.  
21 Ms. McClure added it is on social media and said the phrasing was good.

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23 Ms. Delgado recapped, she said talked to the Public Works team, and staff is going to  
24 take the lead to set up a meeting with he pickleball players and the tennis players, to set  
25 up a mini charette with them.

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27 Ms. Delgado informed the Board league agreements are still with Legal. She did email  
28 the Board, there is language in the Fees & Charges saying the Board will have authority  
29 over the leagues. This will be going to Council soon.

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31 Ms. Nevarez asked the Board that when she sends them the Agenda for the Board  
32 meeting, if they could please notify her at that time if they will be in attendance so she  
33 knows if there will be a quorum.

### 34 35 **10. Board Member Comments**

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37 Ms. McClure asked if there was any way to put seating (bench) at Meerscheidt in the  
38 back hallway where the practice rooms are. Ms. Delgado said she will check on this.

### 39 40 **11. Adjournment**

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42 Ms. McClure moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Engle. Motion carried  
43 unanimously. Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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Hazel Nevarez, Recording Secretary

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Robert Harrison, Chair