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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 7

Ordinance/Resolution # 10-270

Council District: ALL

For Meeting of May 3, 2010
(Adoption Date)

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAINTING OF A NEW ABSTRACT MURAL BY LOCAL ARTIST MR. MICHAEL GRAHAM ON THE NORTH FACING WALL OF THE LIONS PARK HANDBALL COURTS.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION: To approve the art concept, location, and completion of mural on the north wall facing Lions Park handball courts.

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| Name of Drafter: Mark Johnston, Parks & Rec. Administrator | | Department: Facilities / Parks & Recreation | | Phone: 541-2550/541-2553 | |
| Department | Signature | Phone | Department | Signature | Phone |
| Facilities | <i>[Signature]</i> | 541-2651 | Budget | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2300 |
| | | | Assistant City Manager | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2271 |
| Legal | <i>[Signature]</i> | 541-2128 | City Manager | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2271 |

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Michael Graham, a New Mexico State University Art Major Graduate, approached Craig Fenske, Keep Las Cruces Beautiful Coordinator, with the idea of creating a new mural on one of the walls at the Lions Park handball courts. Mr. Graham offered to donate his services for the project. The materials/paint will be purchased from existing Keep Las Cruces Beautiful funding. Mr. Graham has created a preliminary concept of the mural that is abstract in nature and free flowing; and is proposing to create the work of art as soon as the temperature increases this spring.

At their regular meeting of December 17, 2009, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted to approve the mural concept and forwarded a recommendation to the City Council. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended that the mural be painted on the north facing wall covering the current mural that has been defaced and vandalized over the years.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

| Fund Name / Account Number | Amount of Expenditure | Budget Amount |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Keep Las Cruces Beautiful 24147180 | \$500 | \$4300 |

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit "A" - Excerpts from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting held on December 17, 2009
3. Exhibit "B" - Memo from Craig Fenske on Mural at Lions Park
4. Exhibit "C" - Mural Concept

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Resolution. Approve the concept and location of the new mural.
2. Do not approve the Resolution. Denial of the Resolution will result in not completing the mural.
3. Modify the Resolution and provide staff with further direction.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-270

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAINTING OF A NEW ABSTRACT MURAL BY LOCAL ARTIST MR. MICHAEL GRAHAM ON THE NORTH FACING WALL OF THE LIONS PARK HANDBALL COURTS.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, local New Mexico State University Art Major Graduate, Michael Graham, approached City staff offering to donate his skills to create a new mural at Lions Park; and

WHEREAS, the funds to purchase paints and materials are identified in the current Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Keep Las Cruces Beautiful budget; and

WHEREAS, the current mural located on the north facing wall is failing due to age and vandalism; and

WHEREAS, at their regular meeting of December 17, 2009 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the concept and location and sent forward a recommendation for City Council action.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City of Las Cruces hereby approves the mural concept and location.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2010.

(SEAL)

APPROVED

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Moved By: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____

Councillor Silva: _____

Councillor Connor: _____

Councillor Pedroza: _____

Councillor Small: _____

Councillor Sorg: _____

Councillor Thomas: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]

City Attorney

Exhibit "A"

**EXCERPTS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
December 17, 2009**

1 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was held on December 17, 2009, at
2 the WIA Building at 340 N. Reymond Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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

5 Mr. Gerald Saige, Mr. Isaac Chavez, Mr. Eli Guzman,
6 Mr. Frank Carril

7 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Alice Ward

8 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Mark Johnston, Parks and Recreation Administrator, Mr.
9 Rudy Trevino, Athletic Fields District Supervisor, Ms.
10 Darlene Bag, Beloved Pets, Ms. Kevin Armstrong, Dog Park
11 Coalition, and Ms. Barbara Gomez, Parks and Recreation
12 Administrative Assistant/P&R Advisory Board Recording
13 Secretary

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15 Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

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17 **I. Introductions**

18 **A.** Board Members introduced themselves and stated the district they represent.

19 **B.** Mr. Guzman nominated Mr. Chavez to serve as Board Chair; Mr. Carril
20 seconded the motion for the nomination. A vote was taken and passed 4-0.

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22 Mr. Gerald Sage voted YES Mr. Frank Carril voted YES
23 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

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25 Mr. Chavez nominated Mr. Carril as Vice-Chair and Mr. Guzman seconded the
26 nomination. A vote was taken and passed 4-0.

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28 Mr. Gerald Sage voted YES Mr. Frank Carril voted YES
29 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

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31 **II. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from the July 28, 2009 were not approved
32 because they were left out of the Board Packet. They will be included in the
33 January Packet.

**City of Las Cruces**

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
FROM: Craig Fenske, Keep Las Cruces Beautiful Coordinator
DATE: November 17, 2009
SUBJECT: Mural for Wall at the Lions Park Handball Courts
FILE: P-09-012

I was approached by Mr. Michael Graham regarding a proposed mural for the handball courts at Lions Park. Attached is a draft of the piece Mr. Graham and his partner want to paint on the south wall of the handball courts building; however, Mr. Graham is flexible on the design. He is an art major graduate from NMSU and is willing to donate the artwork; I have offered to supply the paint.

Based on my meeting with him, I would recommend having him paint a mural; although, I am not sure this is the right location. I am asking the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approval to move forward and allow Mr. Graham to paint a mural for the City of Las Cruces and for recommendations on the location and design.

Attachments

cc: Brian Denmark
Mark Johnston

