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## Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 8Ordinance/Resolution # 10-271Council District: ALL

For Meeting of May 3, 2010  
(Adoption Date)

### TITLE:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STIPEND POLICY FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF STIPENDS TO LOCAL YOUTH LEAGUES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF A PORTION OF THE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE 2010 SEASON AND FUTURE SEASONS.

### PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To approve the Stipend Policy and Criteria for disbursement of future league and organization stipends utilized to reimburse a portion of the operational costs to providers of recreational youth sports and activities. The stipends are an integral part of the operational budgets for each of the leagues and organizations.

<b>Name of Drafter:</b> Mark Johnston, <i>MJL</i> Parks & Rec. Administrator		<b>Department:</b> Facilities / Parks & Recreation		<b>Phone:</b> 541-2550/541-2553	
<b>Department</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Facilities	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2651	Budget	<i>[Signature]</i>	2300
			Assistant City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2271
Legal	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2126	City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2271

### BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

For years the City has subsidized a portion of the operational expenses associated with the provision of programs by local youth athletic leagues and organizations through the disbursement of stipends. On a yearly basis, staff brings forward funding requests to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board who then develops a recommendation for City Council action.

At the meeting of April 5, 2010, City Council approved the disbursement of 2009 season stipends and directed staff to work with the Board, general public, and league and organization representatives, to create a policy and develop criteria to govern the issuance and funding levels requested by the local organizations for the 2010 season and future allocations.

Leagues and organizations were invited to provide input on the new draft Stipend Policy at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting held on March 18, 2010. Staff compiled comments, suggestions, and amended the draft Policy. At their regular meeting of April 15, 2010, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the draft Policy and sent the recommendation forward for City Council action. Staff and the Board are seeking approval of the Policy to provide partial funding (stipends) to local City of Las Cruces and Dona Ana County recreational youth leagues and organizations to assist with operational costs. Leagues and organizations will provide proof of financial need and community benefit to youth to determine eligibility for stipends. Well established, financially sound youth leagues and organizations, adult leagues, tournament teams, and non-local residents will not qualify for stipends.

Staff and the Board are bringing forward this Resolution and Stipend Policy and Criteria, attached as Exhibit "A", to City Council to establish guidelines and criteria for distribution of City funds/stipends to leagues and organizations that are in need of reimbursement for operational expenses in order to lower costs of participation for local youth.

It was further recommended by the Board that PAL boxing be removed from the Policy and governed by a separate agreement administered through the Police Department.

#### **SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

<b>Fund Name / Account Number</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit "A" Stipend Policy and Criteria
3. Exhibit "B" Excerpts from the draft Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings of March 18, and April 15, 2010

#### **OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Vote "YES" and approve the Resolution approving the Stipend Policy and Criteria(s).
2. Vote "NO" and not approve the Resolution. Denial of the Resolution may delay the distribution of stipend requests for 2010 operations.
3. Modify the Resolution and provide staff with further direction.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-271**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STIPEND POLICY FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF STIPENDS TO LOCAL YOUTH LEAGUES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF A PORTION OF THE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE 2010 SEASON AND FUTURE SEASONS.**

The City Council is informed that:

**WHEREAS**, for a number of years the City of Las Cruces has been assisting youth sports programs and activities that benefit the citizens of Las Cruces; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the City's best interest to continue supporting leagues and organizations that offer services and/or recreational opportunities for youth; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council directed staff to work with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, general public, and leagues and organizations in an effort to create a policy and criteria governing stipend disbursements; and

**WHEREAS**, staff held two public meetings soliciting input from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, general public, and leagues and organizations developing the policy and criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, at their meeting of April 15, 2010, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed and approved the Stipend Policy and Criteria, attached as Exhibit "A", 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 Stipend Policy and Criteria, Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.

(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.

APPROVED

(SEAL)

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

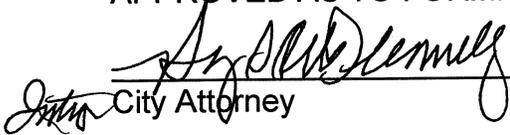
Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima:	_____
Councillor Silva:	_____
Councillor Connor:	_____
Councillor Pedroza:	_____
Councillor Small:	_____
Councillor Sorg:	_____
Councillor Thomas:	_____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES PARKS AND RECREATION SECTION POLICY****SUBJECT: LEAGUES AND ORGANIZATIONS CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR  
THE DISTRIBUTION OF CITY FUNDS/STIPENDS****PURPOSE:**

Provide partial funding (stipends) to local City of Las Cruces and Dona Ana County recreational (non-select) youth leagues and organizations to assist with the operational costs of the league or association. The youth leagues and organizations must provide proof of financial need and community benefit to youth. Well established, financially sound youth leagues or organizations will not qualify. Adult leagues or organizations, select leagues or organizations, tournament teams and non-local residents will not qualify.

**OBJECTIVE:**

To provide guidelines and criteria for the distribution of City funding/stipend(s) to local recreational youth leagues or associations. The funding is intended to be used to lower the cost of participation for local youth participants.

**PROCEDURE:**

Local youth leagues and organizations may request monetary assistance for the operation of (non-select) recreational youth programs through the Parks and Recreation Section. All requests must directly benefit local youth participants (18 years old and younger), be made in writing, and received no later than July 1, of each calendar year. The funding request(s) will be based on the City's Fiscal Year (July 1 – June 30). Requesting leagues and organizations will be invited to speak before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their August or September meeting. The Board will develop funding recommendation(s) based on the criteria and forward a recommendation for City Council action at the October or November meeting. City Council has final approval of the amount of funding and will determine which leagues and organizations receive funding.

**Leagues and Organizations Responsibilities:**

In order to qualify for City funding, leagues and organizations must meet the following:

**Requesting Leagues or Associations will:**

- a. Provide program administration with emphasis on local recreational youth participation.
- b. Provide a detailed financial statement on an annual basis, within 30 days after conclusion of league activities and/or special event(s), tournaments or fund raising activities that utilize public space/facilities. The financial statement(s) will detail all funds received and expended for all league operations to include local, state, regional, or national tournaments for the previous year's program. The City of Las Cruces may also require an audit of the organization's expenses and of revenues in cases where the City of Las Cruces provides funding, direct support of or use of City facilities.
- c. Provide proof of insurance listing the City of Las Cruces as additionally insured, on an annual basis, or 30 days prior to the start of league play or special event. If for any reason the insurance expires prior to the conclusion of the calendar year, the league will provide proof of up-to-date information. League/tournament play or activities will not be authorized without proof of insurance listing the City of Las Cruces as additionally insured.
- d. Provide proof of 501c3 (or equivalent) non-profit corporation status with the State of New Mexico Public Regulation Commission on an annual basis, stating the league is in good standing. If for any reason, status expires prior to conclusion of the calendar year, the organization will provide proof of up-to-date information or return all City provided funding.
- e. Provide a prior-year copy of Form 990 or equivalent Tax Exempt Report, filed with the Internal Revenue Service, within 30 days of taxable year end date.
- f. Provide the City of Las Cruces with a letter of request for operating expenses stating the amount of the funding request; and outline how the funds will be utilized.
- g. Provide to the City the number of participants, teams, games, tournament games, coaches, volunteers, and any paid positions with the funding request.
- h. Procure and maintain a Policy of Worker's Compensation Insurance of its employees, and a policy of general liability insurance, with limits of coverage as specified in the New Mexico Tort Claims Act with the City named as an additional

insured on such liability policy. The League will not undertake any activities until the City is provided proof of such insurance.

- i. Not discriminate against any person regarding access to, or participation in any program, or any facility used in connection therewith, on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age or disability.
- j. Ensure that all programs, services, and activities are accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Including but not limited to, equal opportunity to participate and benefit, equally effective communication for persons with speech, hearing and other impairments, integrated seating, and the provision of reasonable modifications and/or accommodations adhering to the City of Las Cruces Communication Policy. If portable toilets are going to be provided, accessible units must also be provided at each bank of standard units.
- k. Provide an established written appeals procedure for players, parents, coaches, managers, and board members.
- l. Provide a written established corrective action policy to be followed by league officials dealing with the consumption of alcohol by coaches, managers, or participants prior to, during, or after practices or games and corrective action taken by league officials on reports of mistreatment of players.
- m. Provide a written, established refund policy.
- n. Have designated officials attend financial training provided by the City of Las Cruces Finance Department.
- o. Conduct a minimum of one Public Meeting open to the public on an annual basis. The meeting shall include the election of the board of directors for the league and shall be held prior to the start of the season(s). Additionally, the meeting shall be held to discuss and formally approve any changes in rules or regulations and/or formal action to be considered by the league. The league shall notify the City of the meeting place, date and time; and shall also advertise the same a minimum of one week in advance through a newspaper of general circulation. The minutes of this meeting shall be recorded, transcribed, and forwarded to the City Parks and Recreation Section along with a copy of the public notice. Failure to conform to this section may be grounds to deny any award of City funds to the league.

- p. Provide program registration at a non-City facility(s) and provide location information, contact name, and number, to the Parks and Recreation Section Administrative Office at least two weeks prior to registration date.
- q. Provide all league schedules, including tournament schedules to the Parks and Recreation Section Administrative Office a minimum of two weeks prior to start of season.

**FUNDING REQUESTS WILL BE PRIORITIZED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

- a. All funds will be utilized for local youth 18 and under.
- b. New or start-up leagues vs. well established leagues.
- c. Leagues and organizations have developed a plan to lower the cost of participation.
- d. Leagues and organizations do not have paid positions; on the Board or running operations.
- e. Number of youth benefiting from the stipend/funding.
- f. Stipend request equates to what percentage of league resources?
- g. League willing to run a tournament with profit going to City of Las Cruces.
- h. League utilizes other fund raising efforts to reduce costs to participate.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will recommend funding levels to the City Council for final action.

**FUND DISBURSEMENT:**

Local youth leagues and organizations that meet the criteria and receive City Council approval for funding may submit requests for payment to the Parks and Recreation Section Administrative Office.

**PAL BOXING**

PAL Boxing will not be covered by this Policy; funding options will be considered through a different process and Resolution. PAL Boxing will be administered through the Las Cruces Police Department.

**EXCERPTS  
DRAFT**

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2010**

1 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was held on March 18, 2010, at the  
2 WIA Building at 340 N. Reymond Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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

5 Mr. Isaac Chavez, Board Chair, Mr. Frank Carril, Board Vice-  
6 Chair, Ms. Alice Ward, Mr. Mark O'Neill, and Mr. Ron  
7 Camunez

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9 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Eli Guzman, Mr. Gerald Saige

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11 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Mark Johnston, Parks and Recreation Administrator, Mr.  
12 Phillip Catanach, Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor, Ms.  
13 Sonya Delgado, Aquatics Facility Manager, Ms. Debbie  
14 Jackson and Ms. Tania Wooton representing Las Cruces  
15 Inline Hockey; Mr. Lorenzo Saiz, Ms. Alma Cortez, Mr.  
16 Rocky Burke, Mr. Louie Burke, and Mr. Sly Aguirre  
17 representing PAL Boxing; Mr. Shorty Chavez and Mr. Ben  
18 Padilla representing the Old Timer's League; Mr. Jack Welch  
19 representing Senior Olympics; Ms. Cindy Pollock  
20 representing the Picacho Gun Club; Mr. Michael Cox  
21 representing the Las Cruces Youth Softball Association; Mr.  
22 Tim Hall representing the Las Cruces Bantam Weight  
23 Sports Association; Mr. Rick Crespín representing ASA  
24 Softball, Ms. Alisa Tafoya representing Southwest Youth  
25 Sports (BMX); Ms. Lamara Vaughn representing Pioneer  
26 Women's Park and Alameda Neighborhood Association; Ms.  
27 Deanna Nibbe representing the Silver Sneakers Program;  
28 and Ms. Barbara Gomez, Parks and Recreation  
29 Administrative Assistant/P&R Advisory Board Recording  
30 Secretary

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32 Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

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34 **I. Introductions**

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36 **A.** Board Members introduced themselves and stated the district they represent.  
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1 **II. Approval of Minutes**

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3 **A.** The February 23, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Notes were  
4 approved with corrections. Mr. Camunez motioned to approve and Ms. Ward  
5 seconded the motion.

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7 Motion passed 5-0.

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9 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES                      Mr. Frank Carril voted YES  
10 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES                      Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES  
11 Ms. Alice Ward voted YES

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13 **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

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16 **B. Leagues and Organizations Stipends – Discussion**

17  
18 Mr. Johnston said that \$55,500 per year is budgeted for stipends for leagues and  
19 organizations that need and request funds. The Criteria and Guidelines for Stipends  
20 Policy is in the packet in draft format. He wants to change the process and is asking the  
21 Board to approve a policy to go forth to City Council. Putting a policy in place will  
22 eliminate the need to have to take to Council every year.

23  
24 Mr. Johnston explained that he left the disbursement blank because he wants guidance  
25 from the Board on up to what ages can benefit from the stipends.

26  
27 Mr. Chavez asked how many years the stipends have been awarded. Mr. Cox  
28 answered about 40 years. Mr. Chavez asked if there was ever a time when there was  
29 no money. Mr. Cox answered no. Mr. Chavez asked when was the last time a new  
30 organization has been included for stipends.

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32 Mr. Johnston said that Southwest Youth Sports was the last one added in 2004.

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34 Mr. Hall said that as long as he can remember there has always been a written  
35 agreement between the City and the leagues that the City would pay out stipends if  
36 volunteers would run the leagues.

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38 Mr. Johnston said that he wants to be able to pay all at once. Example: If PAL gets  
39 \$14,000, then give it all to them at once if their paperwork is in place instead of \$3500  
40 per quarter.

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42 Mr. Carril said to make sure that organizations need to be a 501(C3) status and that it  
43 be written in the new policy.

44 Mr. Chavez asked why the age limit in the policy is 15. Mr. Johnston said he is asking  
45 for guidance from the Board on the age limit. The Board agreed that 18 and under  
46 should be written in the policy.

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2 Mr. Johnston explained that the Senior Olympics are being assisted by allowing building  
3 space at Mesilla Park Recreation Center for \$1 per year.

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5 Mr. Saenz said that he had a problem with the age limit because some of their boxers  
6 are over 18 but about 75% of participants are under 18. He stated that they have been  
7 using stipends for trips and tournaments and each participant pays \$75 to USA Boxing.

8  
9 Mr. Johnston added that the City pays all costs to maintain the Sammy Burke Boxing  
10 Building. The PAL by-laws do state that the ages of participants is 18 and under.

11  
12 Ms. Cortez said that the PAL Boxing Agreement says that they will operate a boxing  
13 program with no age discrimination.

14  
15 Mr. Camunez asked if PAL has their own Board of Directors. Ms. Cortez answered yes.  
16 She stated that PAL is national and made up of police, the community, and youth. She  
17 said that pro boxers are assisting with training.

18  
19 Mr. Johnston wants to bring back the stipend policy in April and address PAL  
20 separately. He said he would like to see the Police Department take PAL over all  
21 together.

22  
23 Ms. Pollack said that Senior Olympics is not asking for stipends but they are finding it  
24 hard to find space for their activities and that is what they need.

25  
26 Ms. Alice Tafoya said that BMX has about 280 members, 75% under the age of 18 and  
27 they are only receiving \$2000 a year. She would like to see a cap for organizations that  
28 are requesting funds and that funds are disbursed fairly.

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30 Ms. Wooton asked that meeting notification letters be sent out with more time.

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32 **ADJOURNMENT**

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34 With no further business, Mr. Camunez motioned to adjourn and Mr. Carril seconded.  
35 Mr. Chavez adjourned the March 18, 2010 meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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37 Motion passed 5-0

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39 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES  
40 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES  
41 Ms. Alice Ward voted YES

Mr. Frank Carril voted YES  
Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES

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Barbara Gomez, Recording Secretary

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Isaac Chavez, Chair P&R Board

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2010**

1 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was held on April 15, 2010, at the  
2 WIA Building at 340 N. Reymond Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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

5 Mr. Isaac Chavez, Board Chair (via telephone), Mr. Frank  
6 Carril, Board Vice-Chair (chairing meeting), Mr. Mark O'Neill,  
7 Mr. Ron Camunez, and Mr. Eli Guzman  
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9 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Alice Ward

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11 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Mark Johnston, Parks and Recreation Administrator, Mr.  
12 Phillip Catanach, Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor, Ms.  
13 Sonya Delgado, Aquatics Facility Manager, Mr. Rudy  
14 Trevino, Parks Operations Supervisor, Mr. Michael Cox, Las  
15 Cruces Youth Softball Association, Mr. Donald Heizelman,  
16 Ms. Debbie Johnson, Las Cruces Inline Hockey Association,  
17 Ms. Deanna Nibbe, Silver Sneakers Program, and Ms.  
18 Barbara Gomez, Parks and Recreation Administrative  
19 Assistant/P&R Advisory Board Recording Secretary  
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21 Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.  
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23 **I. Introductions**

24  
25 **A.** Board Members introduced themselves and stated the district they represent.  
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27 **II. Approval of Minutes**

28  
29 **A.** The Parks and Recreation Board March 18, 2010 Meeting Notes were approved  
30 with a correction on page 3, line 11. Mr. Camunez motioned to approve and  
31 Mr. O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

32 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES  
33 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

Mr. Frank Carril voted YES  
Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES

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36 **III. New Business**

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38 **A. Public Hearing: Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges/Facilities Use**  
39 **Policy – Discussion/Action**  
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41 Mr. Johnston explained that the Public Hearing and the P&R Advisory Board  
42 Meeting were held in conjunction this month in order to allow the pubic input and

1 move forward to City Council for approval a new fee structure at their May  
2 Meeting.

3  
4 Mr. Donald Heizelman asked to address the Board. He thanked them for placing  
5 the meeting notification in the paper. He stated that his concerns were with the  
6 pool fees. He did some research on pool fees in other cities and he indicated  
7 what he had found: In El Paso fees for 0-17 \$1.00, 18-55 \$2.00, 55-up \$1.00;  
8 Tucson 0-17 \$.25, 17-up \$1.50, yearly senior swim pass \$50.00; Albuquerque  
9 5-under \$.25, 6-12 \$1.50, 13-19 \$2.00, 20-61 \$2.25, 62-plus \$.75; Santa Fe 7-  
10 under \$.30, 8-12 \$.75 13-18 \$1.50, day pass \$1.85, seniors \$.75; Farmington 3-  
11 under free, open swim \$3.50, lap swim \$2.50, seniors \$2.50, after 5pm \$2.50.

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13 Mr. Heizelman stated that he is also concerned that the present fees will prohibit  
14 parents from sending their kids to the pools and because there is no fund that  
15 goes directly to Parks and Recreation.

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17 Ms. Deanna Nibbe stated that the swim fees will be a problem for low income  
18 seniors. She said she understood the pool was all paid for with bonds and  
19 therefore, why is so much money needed for upkeep.

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21 With no further questions, Mr. Carril closed Public Comments at 6:17 p.m.

22  
23 Mr. Johnston stated that the City of Las Cruces has been dealing with these  
24 issues for sometime now and that City Council has set policies to achieve a 33%  
25 return on operating costs. The best return to-date has been 28% and with a \$1.5  
26 million estimated cost to operate the aquatic center this fee schedule was  
27 developed to meet the 33% return.

28  
29 Mr. Camunez said that he remembers when he was a kid it cost \$.25 to swim  
30 and that was many years ago so the increases have been minimal over the  
31 years. He also said that the population base is very different in the big cities.

32  
33 Mr. Heizelman said that the design and structure of the pool is going to be a  
34 problem and is going to require more lifeguards.

35  
36 Ms. Nibbe asked why Frenger Pool was closing when no other pools are open for  
37 swimming.

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39 Mr. Johnston responded that drains need repair, the decks are crumbling and the  
40 work does need to get done within this budget cycle.

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42 Mr. Camunez asked Mr. Johnston if he has seen a decrease in participation  
43 when fees have gone up in the past. Mr. Johnston answered that he has not  
44 since he has been here the last four years. He said he would like Mr. Johnston  
45 to bring numbers to the Board in a year so they can see if fees affect  
46 participation.

1 Mr. Johnston said that the Summer Recreation will go to sessions now. He said  
2 the Life Center brings in no return fees so staff is going to take a look at the  
3 current program. He stated that he had met with the Las Cruces Public Schools  
4 and they will help with maintenance of the High Noon Soccer Fields 1 through 5.

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6 Mr. Carril asked Mr. Johnston if leagues will be affected by the pro baseball team  
7 playing at Apodaca Park. Mr. Johnston replied no; they are being charged  
8 \$50.00 for every 4 hour rental and the City will also receive 10% of all proceeds.

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10 Mr. Camunez moved to approve the fee schedule but would like to see it cleaned  
11 up and the senior issues re-addressed next year. Mr. O'Neill seconded the  
12 motion.

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14 Mr. Chavez called from Canada at 6:45 to join the meeting by phone and was  
15 filled in on what had been covered.

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17 Mr. Carril called for a vote. Motion passed 5-0.

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19 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES Mr. Frank Carril voted YES  
20 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES  
21 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES

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23 **B. Aquatic Center and Public Pool Rules- Discussion**

24  
25 Mr. Johnston said that rules are general and customer friendly, height of child  
26 and not age will determine where children can participate. There will be signage  
27 put up. He stated that staff is looking at reimbursing lifeguards the \$150.00 for  
28 classes after being employed with the City for 90 days.

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30 **C. Regional Aquatic Center Naming Process - Action**

31  
32 Mr. Johnston said that there is a naming policy and he is asking for  
33 recommendations from the Board to take forward to City Council.

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35 Mr. Camunez asked that staff put it out there for ideas from the public or school  
36 children with a prize awarded for the name picked such as a swim pass for a  
37 year. The Board all agreed that they would not like for the pool to be named after  
38 an official.

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40 Mr. Camunez moved to approve going forward to City Council with a name  
41 picked by the public. Mr. O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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43 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES Mr. Frank Carril voted YES  
44 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES  
45 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES

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1 **D. Leagues and Organizations Stipends Criteria Finalization – Action**

2  
3 Mr. Johnson said that City Council had approved paying the 2009 stipends to  
4 qualifying leagues and organizations and now we are going to Council with new  
5 criteria for the 2010 seasons. He informed the Board that PAL was removed  
6 from the policy and staff is asking that the Las Cruces Police Department take it  
7 over.

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9 Mr. Carril asked how we can be sure organizations qualify. Mr. Johnston  
10 answered that we are requesting financial statements and the honor system.

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12 Mr. Camunez asked if staff had gotten any response from PAL. Mr. Johnston  
13 said that they were okay with the Police Department taking it over.

14  
15 Mr. Carril asked if PAL is moved over to the Police Department, will the funds  
16 that they have been receiving be moved to a Police Department account. Mr.  
17 Johnston responded that the Board can make a recommendation to City Council  
18 to leave the amount at \$54,000 but it will be a City Council decision.

19  
20 Mr. Cox said that leagues will need to take paperwork to the Recreation  
21 Administration Office if they want payment.

22  
23 Mr. Chavez stated that he was in total support of the Policy as written and  
24 motioned to accept.

25  
26 Mr. O'Neill stated that he would like to recommend that the \$14,000 stipend PAL  
27 was receiving stay in the Parks and Recreation budget.

28  
29 Mr. Camunez seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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31 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES  
32 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES  
33 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES

31 Mr. Frank Carril voted YES  
32 Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES

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35 **ADJOURNMENT**

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37 With no further business, Mr. Camunez motioned to adjourn and Mr. O'Neill  
38 seconded. Mr. Carril adjourned the April 15, 2010 meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion  
39 passed 5-0.

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41 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES  
42 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES  
43 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES

41 Mr. Frank Carril voted YES  
42 Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES

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Barbara Gomez, Recording Secretary

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Frank Carril, Vice-Chair P&R Board