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## Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 9 Ordinance/Resolution# 13-064

For Meeting of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of November 5, 2012  
(Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL       LEGISLATIVE       ADMINISTRATIVE

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF STIPENDS TO LOCAL YOUTH LEAGUES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST WITH OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE 2012 SEASON, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500.

**PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:**

To approve stipends to local youth leagues/associations.

<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT:</b> All		
<b>Drafter/Staff Contact:</b> Mark Johnston <i>[Signature]</i>	<b>Department/Section:</b> Parks & Recreation	<b>Phone:</b> 541-2550
<b>City Manager Signature:</b> <i>[Signature]</i>		

**BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:**

For many years, the City of Las Cruces has subsidized a portion of the operational expenses associated with the provision of programs by local youth leagues and organizations through the disbursement of stipends.

On a yearly basis leagues and organizations that request stipends must adhere to the guidelines set forth in the Stipend Policy. The stipend requests are brought forward to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Board) for discussion and recommendation. At their regular meeting on September 20, 2012 the Board recommended the following stipend allocations:

Wild Chili BMX, Inc.	\$4,000
Las Cruces Running Club, Inc.	\$2,500

Upon receipt of these funds, it is additionally required that each organization receiving stipends provide a full accounting of fund expenditures as well as ensure that any assets purchased with said funds become jointly owned by the City and the organization. If an organization discontinues

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providing services any assets purchased with the stipend will become the property of the City of Las Cruces.

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

1. Resolution.
2. Exhibit "A", Stipend Policy and Criteria.
3. Exhibit "B", Excerpts from the draft meeting minutes from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting held September 20, 2012.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

<b>Is this action already budgeted?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	See fund summary below
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund.
<b>Does this action create any revenue?</b>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for FY _____.
	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

**BUDGET NARRATIVE**

Funding for league/organization stipends is identified in the FY 12/13 budget in Parks and Recreation A&G.

**FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:**

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
Parks and Recreation A&G	10383010 - 722190	\$6,500	\$442,319	\$241,747	Vector control, landscape maintenance, SER & other contracted services, etc.

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**OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Vote "Yes"; this will approve the distribution of \$6,500 in stipends for 2012 season to the organizations noted herein.
2. Vote "No"; this will result in no distribution of stipends.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this could include approving stipends in different amounts than those shown above.
4. Vote to "Table"; and provide staff with further direction.

**REFERENCE INFORMATION:**

The resolution(s) and/or ordinance(s) listed below are only for reference and are not included as attachments or exhibits.

N/A

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-064**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF STIPENDS TO LOCAL YOUTH LEAGUES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST WITH OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE 2012 SEASON, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500.**

The City Council is informed that:

**WHEREAS**, for many years the City of Las Cruces has subsidized a portion of the operational expenses associated with the provision of programs by local youth leagues and organizations through the disbursement of stipends in accordance with Stipend Policy and Criteria, Exhibit "A", attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, two local youth leagues/organizations requested funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board sent forward a recommendation for Council action at the regular meeting of September 20, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the allocation of the approved stipend amount of \$6,500 is identified in the current FY12/13 budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

**(I)**

**THAT** youth league stipends in the amount of \$6,500 are hereby approved, as cited in Exhibit "B", Excerpts from the draft meeting minutes from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting held September 20, 2012, attached hereto.

**(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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2012.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

VOTE:

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

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*By Allan Lemmly*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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.

**"DRAFT"**

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
September 20, 2012**

1 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was held on September 20, 2012,  
2 at City Hall, 700 Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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

5 Mr. Ron Camunez, Board Chair, Ms. Dawn Rue Board Vice-  
6 Chair, Mr. Eli Guzman, Ms. Elizabeth Brown, Mr. Mark  
7 O'Neill

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9 **ABSENT:** Mr. Wayne Hancock

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11 **OTHERS PRESENT:**

12 Mr. Mark Johnston, Director Parks & Recreation; Ms. Sonya  
13 Delgado, P&R Operations Analyst; Mr. Rudy Trevino, P&R  
14 Athletic Programs Manager; and Ms. Shelly Hernandez  
15 PRAB Recording Secretary & P&R EA; Mr. Scott Bannister,  
16 Mr. Jesse Brennan; Wild Chile BMX, Inc; Mr. Pedro Reyes,  
17 Wild Chile BMX, Mr. Lawrence Joy, Las Cruces Running  
18 Club

19 Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Mr. Camunez, and he recognized the  
20 meeting as having a legal quorum.

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22 **I. Introductions**

23 Board Members introduced themselves and stated the district they represent.

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26 **II. Conflict of Interest**

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28 No conflict of interest

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30 **III. Approval of Minutes**

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32 Mr. Camunez moved to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2012 Parks and  
33 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Ms. Dawn Rue motioned to approve as submitted  
34 with Mr. O'Neill motion to second. With no changes or updates needed, the Parks and  
35 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting minutes from August 16, 2012 were approved.  
36 Motion passed 5-0.

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38 Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES      Ms. Eli Guzman voted YES  
39 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES      Ms. Dawn Rue voted YES  
40 Ms. Elizabeth Brown voted YES

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42 **IV. Public Comment**

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**V. New Business**

*A. Stipends ----- Board Approval*

Ms. Johnston advised, "a few years ago, we developed a stipend policy that guides how this board recommends to city council how dollars can be used by different organizations which are youth services. You'll find in your packet a spreadsheet entitled 'Youth Sports League/Association Stipends (2012 Seasons)'. As is accustomed, we advised all the youth organizations that this is the time to get their paperwork in and/or requests in. This year we have received three requests; Las Cruces Youth Baseball, Wild Chili BMX, and a new program Las Cruces Running Club."

Each one of the organizations submitted a letter of why, which is in your packet. I will ask representatives to introduce themselves and explain in their own words why they had asked for a stipend and what they are going to use the stipend for. I will refresh the boards memory, last year during this process the board had great discussion about using the stipends for scholarships and/or new or start up organizations. The minutes of last years meeting are included for anyone's review as we go through this process. With that being said, representative from Las Cruces Youth Baseball? Here, no here.

Mr. Scott Bannister advised "I'm not on the board, but I know pretty much everything, I'm not on the board but I was on the board the last couple years. I don't know what the forum is. I've read the request. I'm not authorized to represent them, but I am here representing youth baseball."

Mr. Johnston said, "Mr. Chairman, members of the board, in the minutes, last year we had deep conversation about if in fact, representatives from the board were not present, you would not be looking at the request."

Mr. Camunez agreed, "I was going to bring that up, unless the board overrules that, but we can't. I don't think we can overrule that because we have put it in our regulations."

Mr. Johnston advised, "You can overrule anything you want, however your decision was to make sure there was representation here. At this time, let me move past Las Cruces Youth Baseball and if in fact a representative shows up before we finish the subject we'll call them to the front. Representative from Wild Chile BMX, the floor is all yours."

Mr. Pedro Reyes, president and the new co-director for Wild Chile BMX and Mr. Jesse Brennan, Secretary for Wild Chile BMX were presented and described details on the new organization and were asking for any kind of help from the City that you can offer us. They started from scratch this past year and provided a list of items and corresponding costs to Board Members for review. They gave details of personal

1 investments made from the program and a number of other gifts from business and  
2 members. They offer free membership on Mondays and would like to have bikes and  
3 safety equipment available to everyone who shows up who does not have this  
4 equipment so they can get more residents interested in this activity. Other equipment  
5 needs of their organization are helmets, hoses to maintain the track, printer, copier,  
6 safety gear, which includes full face helmets, elbow pads, knee and shin guards for the  
7 kids. The other thing that we need is the tools and equipment to maintain things,  
8 landscaping rakes alone are \$50/ea.

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10 They went on to detail the types of events they have hosted and how much they  
11 charge individuals during the various events. They also spoke about if they can  
12 continue to improve equipment and the track, they were more likely to be able to  
13 sponsor a regional or national event, which would draw more funds to the track.

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15 Mr. Camunez asked Mr. Johnston, "On the form you've given us regarding stipends, it  
16 says we request about \$18,000 to City Council who is at the bottom in red. Is that what  
17 we have, the amount that we're allowed to allocate at this time in our funding?"

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19 Mr. Johnson advised, "The amount requested to board, not from board, the requesting  
20 organizations have requested \$18,000."

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22 "And how much do we have?"

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24 Mr. Johnson replied, "\$23,000."

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26 Mr. O'Neill asked, "first of all, anyone who is requesting a stipend has to be up to date  
27 on all their paperwork, their 501C, insurance, all that."

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29 Mr. Camunez noted, "If you see here, they're checked."

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31 Mr. O'Neill suggested, "We're missing checks on some of these groups that are  
32 requesting."

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34 Mr. Johnston advised that "with Wild Chili BMX, they're a new start up, there won't be a  
35 990, there is insurance, the written appeals and refund policy will be forthcoming. They  
36 were a pilot program and weren't a true partnership until just recently. So we will work  
37 with the organization."

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39 "So we're considering them as a start up program since they are taking over."

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41 "Yes."

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43 Mr. O'Neill continued, "Another question on that, there was a little controversy on  
44 equipment that you were supposed to get from the other group, did you ever get that?"

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46 Mr. Reyes responded, "No."

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2 Mr. O'Neill asked, "They took everything?"

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4 Mr. Reyes, "Yes."

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6 Mr. O'Neill continued, "because stuff that belongs to a league or organization should  
7 stay with the organization, when people put money into that organization, it shouldn't  
8 be anyone's personal property. That is just not right. But they took the starting gate as  
9 well?"

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11 Mr. Reyes responded, "They took everything. The gate that drops is there, but the  
12 actual mechanism that lifts and drops it was taken."

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14 "And the tools, bikes, helmets?"

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16 "They took everything, the only thing that was left was refrigerators. There was a  
17 Conex box that was taken as well. We literally started with nothing."

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19 Mr. O'Neill, "Everyone knows my feelings from previous minutes; I'm not in favor of  
20 stipends. That's why I've been saying I think it's great if we can bring people in that  
21 can't participate (with scholarships), or maybe we can provide equipment for those kids  
22 so they can participate or pay their entry fees for those who can't afford to. That's my  
23 idea of where stipends should go. I don't believe that we should, I believe we're  
24 opening a can of worms when we say we're going to buy this organization a computer,  
25 we're going to buy this organization these type of things, so I'm not in favor of that  
26 much. I would be in favor of about \$3000 stipend, being they're a start of program to  
27 help with equipment to help some kids to get it that couldn't normally get it. But I  
28 wouldn't be in favor of any more than that, cause that's just the way I feel about  
29 stipends. You can generate your own funds for that stuff. But you do need some help,  
30 I see in this case and you are a partner with the city, different than other leagues. I  
31 know the request last year was \$2000 and we doubled it, or something like that. I think  
32 \$3000 is what I would agree to in this situation."

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34 "Also, are you still part of the national membership? How much of the entry fees do  
35 you get and how much goes to the National?"

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37 Mr. Reyes advised, "On a regular race night, we pay the insurance to the USA BMX,  
38 we have a minimum of \$20 and a minimum of \$30 sanction fees every single day,  
39 whether we're open for practice or for a race. That's what we pay."

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41 "What do you charge the participants?"

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43 "On Mondays, we charge \$3.00 for practice and on Thursdays we have a \$5.00 race  
44 and Saturday we have a \$5.00 race and \$10.00 race."

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46 "And you keep all that. Except for those things you just said."

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2 Mr. Reyes continued, "Monday, Thursday and Saturday goes to USA BMX, and  
3 everything else stays with us. That's whether we have 10 riders or 30."  
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5 "One of the things we've been doing is we've asked some of the parents to volunteer  
6 and if you volunteer, then the track pays for their riders race fees for the day. So if they  
7 work the concession stand, then their rider races for free. Or if they come help rebuild  
8 the track on Saturday, if they spend 8 hours with us, we'll let them race for free as  
9 well."

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11 Mr. O'Neill asked, "So you're generating money through the concession stand and  
12 maybe get some sponsors."  
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14 Mr. Reyes responded, "We have not got any monetary donations from any sponsors,  
15 but they've donated their time and their equipment."  
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17 Mr. Gusman asked, "What do your bikes run, that is safe for your kids to ride? What  
18 does a quality bike you are racing cost?"  
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20 "An entry bike is anywhere from \$3-500 dollars. "  
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22 "And that's for the small, mini-bikes?"  
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24 "Yes, that's for the size of the bikes, some are called the micro-mini. For example, a 4-  
25 5 year old we have a mini, and it goes up from there. So there's about 5 different sizes  
26 of bikes. Then we need the helmets to make sure they don't injure their heads, plus  
27 the pads, the long sleeved shirts and the pants for them to be able to be on the track  
28 safely."  
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30 Mr. Brennan added, "The safety guideline for the track is that they have to have a full  
31 face helmet, they have to have long sleeves and have their legs and feet covered. If  
32 they don't have those, then they can't be on the track."  
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34 "A full set of riding gear, Shirts cost \$30-\$50, pants from \$40-\$100, helmets are  
35 anywhere from \$50 - \$100.  
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37 Mr. Guzman concurred, "It's an expensive sport, is it something that kids can afford to  
38 participate in?"  
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40 Mr. Reyes replied, "That is why we want to have bikes available in case they cannot  
41 afford to purchase a bike, we want to have one available for them to use and have the  
42 gear for them to use there. Monday nights they are allowed to race for free. So we do  
43 make it open to the public to come out and ride. But we have to have the gear. I think  
44 that's one of the big differences from this year versus last year is that we had a number  
45 of bikes available, but unfortunately they were all taken."  
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1 Mr. O'Neill, "There should be a rule or law so that this doesn't happen again."  
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3 Mr. Camunez asked, "If we purchased, as an Advisory board, give them the stipend to  
4 purchase that stuff, that's not theirs, that's out of city monies which should remain with  
5 the program. It should have been pursued, even from a legal standpoint that that's  
6 theft. That's stealing public property."  
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8 Mr. Reyes added, "One of the things we put in our bi-laws is that every piece of  
9 equipment and anything that is given to the track, if all of us were to decide to walk  
10 away from it, we are giving everything to the city so that it stays with the track, so that if  
11 someone else were to take over, it's all ready to go."  
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13 Mr. Camunez added, "That's fine, that's you, but we don't know who the next people  
14 would be. And my question would be to staff, is there a way that we can incorporate  
15 an inventory list with serial numbers and things like that, that when they want stipends,  
16 that this be part of the checklist that we get a list of inventory that were purchased by  
17 that stipend. Is that possible?"  
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19 Mr. Johnston advised, "Mr. Chair, members of the board, if you recall when we  
20 committed to the new partnership and the agreement, we introduced language in there  
21 that was not part of the prior contracts. With the prior contracts we had a non-profit  
22 501c3 who co-mingled funds. Literally impossible to trace what was city funding, what  
23 was not city funding, what belonged to the corporation because a 501c3 is a  
24 corporation that is allowed assets. Now if it's the desire of the board, that if in fact  
25 dollars and cents are going to be allocated to Wild Chili BMX, that each and every  
26 dollar be tracked, that can be put into the motion and we will include that into the CAES  
27 and Resolution to City Council.  
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29 Mr. Camunez inquired, "What is staff recommendation Mr. Johnston?"  
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31 Mr. Johnston replied, "Mr. Chair, members of the board, I would feel much better with  
32 stipend allocations that were fully tracked. In other words, if \$1000 is given, I would get  
33 an inventory once that money is spent, and it will be put on file what the \$1000 went  
34 for, if in fact it's for a computer and a year from now another computer is asked for, I  
35 will want to know why. It will give us a record which we have not had in the past."  
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37 "Right, exactly, that's my feeling" responded Mr. Camunez. "Are there any other  
38 comments?"  
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40 "I have a comment," said Ms. Rue. "I know that we want to use these stipends for  
41 scholarships, and I have had boys who have raced at that BMX track in the past, so I  
42 know bicycles are expensive, safety equipment is expensive. And if we have  
43 underprivileged children that would like to partake in this, and it keeps them out of  
44 trouble and they pursue it, cause a lot of these guys go national and go through high  
45 school with it. So the real cost of that scholarship isn't really the \$30 or what ever, it's  
46 the bike and the equipment and the cost of racing as well. Is that correct? It's what

1 you guys are really going to need if you have underprivileged children that are going to  
2 pursue it?"

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4 "Yes"

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6 "I know how Mr. O'Neill feels about stipends," began Mr. Camunez, "but as I keep  
7 reiterating, this community is so underfunded. In a lot of areas we have impoverished  
8 kids, etc., and it sounds to me that this new group that has taken over this is really  
9 looking over the best interest for everybody. I would like to see us still fund them in the  
10 \$4-5,000 range this year, and include in the stipend an accounting of their expenditures  
11 of those monies, with full inventory and disclosure to the department of Parks & Rec.  
12 and to this board. That would be a caveat that I would like to see on the motion to  
13 accept their offer. So at this time I would like to entertain a motion. Do I hear a motion  
14 to accept the stipend request from Wild Chile BMX? You'll have to set the limit to the  
15 board?"

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17 Ms. Rue motioned to \$5000.

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19 Mr. Camunez asked, "Do I hear a second to that?" "No Second, so due to no second,  
20 the motion dies. Will someone else make a motion?"

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22 Mr. O'Neill made a motion that we allocation \$4,000 to Wild Chile BMX with tracking (of  
23 expenditures required).

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25 Mr. Guzman has seconded.

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27 Mr. Camunez asked if there was any other discussion regarding this motion. With no  
28 further discussion, those in favor?

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30 Motion passed 5-0.

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32 Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES      Ms. Eli Guzman voted YES  
33 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES      Ms. Dawn Rue voted YES  
34 Ms. Elizabeth Brown voted YES

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36 The Las Cruces Running Club representative Mr. Lawrence Joy introduced himself and  
37 spoke about the activities planned with the Club and their request for stipend of \$2,500.  
38 He spoke about using the requested funds to provide shoes and possibly equipment to  
39 host larger races and coordinating efforts with Las Cruces Public Schools. Larger  
40 races typically draw individuals from other cities and can thus develop revenue  
41 opportunities for the community.

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43 Mr. Rue made a motion that we allocate \$2,500 to the Las Cruces Running Club with  
44 tracking (of expenditures required).

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46 Ms. Brown has seconded.

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2 Mr. Camunez asked if there was any other discussion regarding this motion. With no  
3 further discussion, those in favor.

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5 Motion passed 5-0.

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7 Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES Ms. Eli Guzman voted YES  
8 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES Ms. Dawn Rue voted YES  
9 Ms. Elizabeth Brown voted YES

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11 Mr. Camunez asked Board to return to discussion of the Las Cruces Baseball League.  
12 After much discussion, and with out any board members present, it was suggested that  
13 the review of this stipend request be tabled until the next meeting and that LCBL would  
14 be contacted and advised they would need to have a representative at the next board  
15 meeting or the request would be denied.

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17 Mr. O'Neill made a motion to deny the stipend until the league can prove to the board  
18 that they have made necessary changes to move positively forward. Ms. Brown  
19 seconded the motion.

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21 Motion passed 5-0.

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23 Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES Ms. Eli Guzman voted YES  
24 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES Ms. Dawn Rue voted YES  
25 Ms. Elizabeth Brown voted YES

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27 A motion was made to Amend the Agenda to Table items B, C, and D to the next  
28 meeting by Ms. Dawn Rue, and seconded by Mr. Guzman.

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30 B. Update of Council Action concerning Park Impact Fees-----Information  
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32 C. Staff Reports on Requested Items-----Information  
33 a. Restroom closures-Information  
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35 D. NMSU Partnership-----Information

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37 Motion passed 5-0.

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39 Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES Ms. Eli Guzman voted YES  
40 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES Ms. Dawn Rue voted YES  
41 Ms. Elizabeth Brown voted YES

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43 E. Life Center Update-----INFORMATION

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45 Mr. Johnston made a presentation to Council to sell the Life Center. Council requested  
46 further information at first read and wanted additional language to the Purchase & Sale

1 Agreement. A new Ordinance was requested with new information and the first  
2 Ordinance was Tabled to die. The next adoption meeting will be the first part of  
3 October.

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5 *F. Possible Work Session in December-----DISCUSSION*

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7 Mr. Camunez suggested we have a work session in November to plan the upcoming  
8 calendar and would like to see a change of venue of our meetings to be held at the  
9 recreation centers by neighborhoods to allow more constituents to attend our meetings  
10 and provide more transparency. He asked for Board consensus if they were  
11 interested. All board members were agreeable.

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13 It will be added to the Agenda for our next meeting to plan a Work Session in  
14 December and set a location.

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17 **MEMBER COMMENTS**

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19 Ms. Rue, had comments regarding background checks, that they are doing their job  
20 from feedback she's received. However she has concerns about outlaw leagues.  
21 Further discussion ensued (as outlined in complete minutes).

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23 Mr. O'Neill advised he will be in California for the October meeting.

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25 Ms. Brown noted that new Web site is up and wanted to congratulate staff.

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27 Mr. Guzman suggested no comments.

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29 Mr. Camunez wanted to thank staff for all the hard work you are doing to promote  
30 Parks & Rec in the community.

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32 **ADJOURNMENT**

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34 With no further business meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

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38 Shelly Hernandez, Recording Secretary

Ron Camunez, Chair P&R Board

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