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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 12 Ordinance/Resolution# 10-012 Council District: 1

For Meeting of July 6, 2009
 (Adoption Date)

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING "JARDIN DE ESPERANZA – SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE ANTONIO LUJAN" AS THE NAME FOR THE COMMUNITY GARDEN, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SPRUCE AVE. AND N. SAN PEDRO ST.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

The purpose of this action is to seek approval of a recommended community garden name.

Name of Drafter: Cathy Mathews <i>CM</i>		Department: Facilities/Project Mgmt.		Phone: 541-2592	
Department	Signature	Phone	Department	Signature	Phone
Facilities Department	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2651	Budget	<i>[Signature]</i>	2300
			Assistant City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2271
Legal	<i>[Signature]</i>	2128	City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2076

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Las Esperanzas, Inc., which is a neighborhood support organization for the Mesquite Historic District, secured state legislative funding for the purpose of making capital improvements within the boundaries of the Mesquite Historic District. In particular, Representative Antonio Lujan provided some of the state funding for the construction of a community garden. Using up to \$50,000 of the legislative funding for the purchase of materials only, the Parks Section of the Facilities Department constructed a community garden at the southwest corner of Spruce Ave. and N. San Pedro St. The property is City right-of-way, which formerly was planted in turf and Purple Leaf Plum trees with walkways and a shade structure.

The community garden is available to residents of the Mesquite Historic District and others for growing produce and for socializing with neighbors and gardeners. Features include a security wall with decorative fence, raised planting beds, ADA compliant walkways, shade structure, picnic table, and a tool-storage shed. Future planned additions include a compost bin, decorative gates, and further decorative streetscape planting.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

Originally, Las Esperanzas proposed to name the community garden "The Antonio Lujan Community Garden" in a letter dated January 6, 2009. The name was considered for recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their Regular Meeting on February 24, 2009. At that meeting, the board discussed the issue and was not comfortable recommending that the garden be named after a person currently serving as a representative of the public. However, the board was very appreciative of the work that Representative Lujan was performing in the Mesquite Historic District and the support he was giving to the community. The board postponed the issue and asked that another name suggestion be brought to them for possible recommendation to Council.

As a result, Las Esperanzas, Inc., proposed naming the community garden "Jardin de Esperanza – Sponsored by Representative Antonio Lujan" to acknowledge Representative Lujan's particular support of this project and the Mesquite Historic District. At their March 24, 2009 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended naming the park as described.

Fund Name / Account Number	Amount of Expenditure	Budget Amount
N/A		

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution
2. Minutes from the February 24, 2009, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
3. Draft minutes from the March 24, 2009, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes" and approve the Resolution. Such action will authorize staff to proceed with the naming of the garden as the "Jardin de Esperanza – Sponsored by Representative Antonio Lujan." This action would be consistent with the application of prior City Council Resolution and City Manager Policy as it relates to naming public facilities.
2. Vote "Amend" and approve the Resolution with another name as directed by Council.
3. Vote "No" and reject the Resolution. Such action will cause the garden not to have a formal name. This action would be inconsistent with the application of prior City Council Resolution and City Manager Policy as it relates to naming public facilities.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

RESOLUTION NO. 10-012

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The City Council of the City of Las Cruces is informed that:

WHEREAS, Las Esperanzas, Inc., a neighborhood support organization for the Mesquite Historic District, secured state legislative funding for the purpose of making capital improvements within the boundaries of the Mesquite Historic District; and

WHEREAS, in particular, Representative Antonio Lujan provided some of the state funding for the construction of a community garden; and

WHEREAS, Las Esperanzas, Inc., proposed naming the community garden "Jardin de Esperanza – Sponsored by Representative Antonio Lujan" to acknowledge Representative Lujan's particular support of this project and the Mesquite Historic District; and

WHEREAS, at their March 24, 2009 Meeting, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended naming the community garden as described.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico:

(I)

THAT the name "Jardin de Esperanza – Sponsored by Representative Antonio Lujan" is approved for the community garden located at the southwest corner of Spruce and San Pedro.

(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 _____, 2009.

APPROVED:

Ken Miyagishima

ATTEST:

City Clerk
(SEAL)

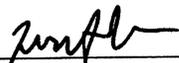
Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____
Councillor Silva: _____
Councillor Connor: _____
Councillor Archuleta: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Jones: _____
Councillor Thomas: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
February 26, 2009**

1 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was held on February 26, 2009, at the WIA
2 Building at 7:00 p.m., 340 N. Reymond Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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

5 Mr. Isaac Chavez, Ms. Alice Ward, Mr. Frank Carril, Ms. Aphrus
6 Travers, and Mr. Eli Guzman

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8 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Gerald Saige and Mr. Kirk Clifton

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10 **OTHER STAFF PRESENT:**

11 Ms. Lori Grumet, Public Services Director, Mr. Mark Johnston,
12 Parks Administrator, Mr. James Rivera, Recreation Administrator,
13 Mr. Christopher Micklevitz, Parks, and Ms. Barbara Gomez,
14 Recreation Section/Recording Secretary

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16 **Dog Parkers:**

17 Mr. Mike Oettinger, Ms. Terri-Lyn Mick, Ms. Valerie Heredia,
18 Ms. Megan Griffiths, Ms. Kirsten McIntrye, Ms. Irene Fairchild,
19 Mr. Steve Fairchild, Mr. Chris Ashley, Mr. Tom Nind, Mr. Kevin
20 Armstrong, Mr. Rodd Schmidt, Ms. Julie Schmidt, Ms. Gloria
21 Schmidt, Mr. David Schmidt, Ms. Cheryl Matchett, Ms. Kathleen
22 Huttling, Ms. Mary Murin, Mr. Aaron Moreno, Ms. Jessica
23 Maihand, Mr. Josh Flure, Mr. Greg Gumtory, Ms. Joy Studley, Mr.
24 Greg Studley, Mr. Raymond Nejeles, Mr. Kenneth Smith

25 **Las Esperanzas:**

26 Ms. Lorrie Meeks, Mr. David Chavez, Mr. Bobbie Hutson, Ms.
27 Wilma Hutson, Ms. Deborah LeCupe, Ms. Stella Melendrez,

28 **Others Present:**

29 Ms. Alice Cox/ASA B/BB, Ms. Laura Jacobson, Mr. Blus Molina,
30 Mr. Eric Rel, Mr. W. Ron Camunez, Ms. Susie Titus, Mr. Manny
31 Hernandez/Dona Ana County ACU, Ms. Shilo Smith, Mr. Robert
32 Ogas/Ballfield Ad Hoc

33 Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

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35 **I. Introductions** – Board Members introduced themselves and stated the district they represent.

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37 **II. Approval of Minutes** – Ms. Ward made a motion to approve the minutes from the January
38 27, 2009, meeting. Mr. Carril seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. *Ms. Travers abstained*
39 *from voting, this is her first meeting. Mr. Guzman had not yet arrived.*

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41 Ms. Alice Ward voted YES

42 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES

43 Mr. Frank Carril voted YES

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1 **III. New Business**

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3 **A. AD HOC Committee Recommendations:**

4
5 Mr. Mark Johnston introduced Mr. Robert Ogas the Ad Hoc Committee Chair. He said that the
6 Board had 15 meetings in 5 months on a volunteer basis, and asked Mr. Ogas to address the
7 Board.

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9 Mr. Ogas passed out a copy of the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee. He informed
10 the board that youth activities should not be required to pay. He said the Committee's
11 recommendation is to add a 1/8% tax to the GRT dedicated to be used for facilities.

12
13 Mr. Ogas stated that the Committee does not want fees charged to activities for under 18 years
14 old. He said that they based their comparison to Farmington. He said that Farmington has the
15 same funding as Las Cruces with one exception that Farmington Parks and Recreation receive
16 Lodger's Tax.

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18 Mr. Ogas stated that we have many events where out of town teams are invited to participate and
19 they are not charged a fee, he said the Committee didn't find this fair.

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21 Ms. Ward asked if Park Ranger's would enforce rules of improper field use. Mr. Johnston
22 responded to her concerns. He said that this has to be enforced because our facilities cannot take
23 anymore wear. He said that fields in Las Cruces accommodate about 1200 games per field
24 whereas the national average is 250 games per field.

25
26 Mr. Carril commended the Ad Hoc Committee for their time and recommendations. He stated
27 that maintenance is needed at the Hardy Fields; he said it is in very poor condition, the water
28 fountains are rusted, fencing is damaged and dangerous and he passed out photos that he wants
29 Mr. Johnston to show to City Council.

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31 Mr. Ogas answered that this is what happens when fields are over-used and we must do
32 something about this now. He sated that maybe trying to get Lodgers Taxes to pay for repairs.
33 He asked that the City ask the Las Cruces Public Schools what happened to the plan for 3 fields
34 that land had been allocated for. In 2000 a Bond Issue was passed by voters for one big ball park
35 and two smaller ones be built and to-date no fields has been constructed and it hasn't been
36 mentioned. He asked that the City be persistent with the schools find out what happened.

37
38 Mr. Tom Nind stated that he has visited several cities and the concession profits are given back
39 to improve facilities. Mr. Johnston said that we have some concession profits going back to
40 programs and some that don't give anything back.

41
42 Ms. Alice Cox said if a tax is passed everyone will be helped. She said that we need some long
43 term plan. She stated if money is received to build facilities from the State we still need a long
44 term plan to keep up these facilities.

45
46 Mr. Johnston asked that after reviewing the recommendations if the Board was ready for a vote.

1 Mr. Carril moved to approve the recommendations as written. Ms. Ward seconded the motion.
2 Motion passed 5-0.

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4 Ms. Alice Ward voted YES

Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES

5 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

Mr. Frank Carril voted YES

6 Ms. Aphrus Travers voted YES
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8 **B. Dog Park Rules - Action**
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10 Mr. Mark Johnston informed the Board that he has met with the Dog Park Users Group. He said
11 that money is very tight and the City is working with \$150,000 received from legislative monies.
12 The location chosen is the area behind Meerscheidt. The park is currently under construction
13 and will be strictly a dog park. Hermosa Heights Park is a multi-use area currently being used as
14 a dog park. The park will be open from 6:00 a.m. to dusk. No puppies under four months old
15 will be allowed in the park.
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17 The public was allowed to speak at this time.
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19 Ms. Terri-Lyn Mick asked who will be there to enforce the rules. She said that there are many
20 issues at the current dog park and asked if the old park would remain open also. Mr. Johnston
21 answered that the old dog park will not remain open but dog obedience classes will still be held
22 there. He stated that no patrols will be made at the dog park but Codes Enforcement and Animal
23 Control will be encouraged to check the park.
24

25 Mr. Raymond Nejerer stated that he is very pleased that a dog park is being constructed. But, he
26 said most dog parks don't close at dusk because in the summer it is too hot to take dogs to the
27 park before dusk.
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29 Mr. Johnston answered that the closure will occur at dusk because of funding no lights are going
30 to be installed.
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32 Mr. Chavez stated that funding is being used for the plans in place now and we have to do
33 without lights for now.
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35 Ms. Julie Schmidt stated that some dogs have aggressive behavior sometimes they are just
36 playing but what will be done to address dogs with this behavior.
37

38 Mr. Chavez stated that all parties involved should agree on what behavior is acceptable.
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40 Mr. Johnston said that there will be fencing put in place, one area will be for large dogs, an area
41 will be allocated for small dogs and the third area will be an agility area.
42

43 Mr. Aaron Moreno said the safety and crime at night will be reduced by having lighting installed.
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45 Ms. Susie Titus said that kennel cough is also a concern and dogs should have the shots before
46 they can utilize the park, shots are inexpensive around \$12 a shot.

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2 Ms. Laura Johnson asked that the rule that reads *only balls will be allowed in the park* be
3 changed because not all dogs like to play with balls.

4
5 Mr. Kevin Armstrong said that he also objects to the times the park would be open. He said
6 spotlights could be installed just in the walkway lots and maybe the City could look into that
7 type of lighting instead of expensive lighting. He said that the people utilizing the park will have
8 to be the park leaders just as they have been at the old park. He said many issues will need to be
9 addressed, such as people using the park for exercise. He stated that he has been on the website
10 to address some issues with the Dog Park Coalition and the web site has not been updated they
11 have a contact person with an Arizona phone number on it.

12
13 Ms. Mary Mirren said that small dogs should not be kept from the big dog area and big dogs
14 should not be kept out of the small dog area, because of their size does not mean they can't
15 interact.

16
17 Ms. Kirstin McIntyre said older dogs also need a calmer area.

18
19 Mr. Johnston said that dog owners should ask if their dogs can play in certain areas. He said
20 communication might solve some of these issues.

21
22 Ms Valerie Nedyia said that all dogs using the park should be spayed or neutered, and asked if it
23 is possible to enforce this.

24
25 Ms. Rene Wasawitz from the Dog Park Coalition stated that maybe the rule pertaining to balls
26 only should be changed to one favorite toy and a special needs area should be named instead of
27 big dog or small dog area. She said that fundraising should be looked at for funds for lighting.

28
29 Mr. Steve Fairchild said that coin slots should be looked at for lighting.

30
31 Mr. Guzman said that he has a Husky with aggressive behavior and that if you already know
32 your dog has this behavior that maybe you shouldn't even be taking them to the Dog Park.

33
34 Ms. Travers said that the rule for children under 12 should be modified to read
35 accompanied/supervised by an adult. She said that bullet number five on licensing; should say
36 the dog must have proof of vaccinations on a tag with collar at all times. She said she agrees that
37 the rule that favorite toys should not be brought to the park should be struck out.

38
39 Mr. Johnston stated that more often than not at the dog parks researched for the rules, toys were
40 not allowed.

41
42 Ms. Laura Jacobson said that if people shouldn't take toys that they know their dog will get
43 aggressive with.

44
45 Mr. Chavez asked about park hours and other events in that area.

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1 Mr. Johnston said that there are events on rare occasions that may affect parking like the Whole
2 Enchilada. The question was asked if the Police Department could help with money for lighting
3 since they will be utilizing it.

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5 Ms. Lori Grumet answered that the Police Department will be using the park after hours for their
6 canine training and said that they train in the dark because the dogs are used for night patrol.

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8 *Mr. Johnston said that signage will be posted with no smoking or drinking at the park after being*
9 *asked to do so.*

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11 Mr. Micklevitz who researched rules in other communities said that smaller parks do not allow
12 anything in the park area, including toys.

13
14 Ms. Ward motioned to pass Dog Park Rules with changes and that the rules be brought back to
15 the Board for reconsideration six months after the Dog Park opens.

16
17 Mr. Guzman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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19 Ms. Alice Ward voted YES

Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES

20 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

Mr. Frank Carril voted YES

21 Ms. Aphrus Travers voted YES

22
23 **C. Community Garden Naming – Action**

24
25 Mr. David Chavez, President of the Las Esperanzas addressed the Board. He said that this
26 project started 6 years ago with Representative Antonio Lujan getting legislative funding in
27 amount of \$50,000. He stated that they have again come before the Board to ask that the Board
28 support their request to name the garden after Representative Lujan for all he has done to get the
29 garden constructed.

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31 Ms. Willa Hutson, Las Esperanzas Committee Member, spoke to the Board and said that the
32 garden is bringing the community together.

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34 Mr. Ron Camunez, told the Board that he is a lifelong resident and this is not a new concept. He
35 said he is very supportive but he objects to naming anything after a living person. He said that
36 Senator Mary Jane Garcia has done a lot for the community and nothing has been named after
37 her. Mr. Camunez said that an example in El Paso is that a school was named after a Board
38 Member and now the person is serving time in jail and they are scrambling to figure out what to
39 do about it now.

40
41 Mr. Johnston informed the Board that there are no rules on naming facilities after a living person.

42
43 Ms. Grumet said that the garden sits on property near where the old Lucero School was at; and
44 that might be considered for the name since there is some old history on the school and Lucero
45 family.

1 He told the Board that a copy of the Fees and Charges Policy was included in the Board packet.
2 He informed them that these fees will be taken to the public in the form of meetings. The
3 meeting times, dates and locations will be publicized.

4
5 Board Members had some changes.

6
7 Ms. Ward stated that there were inconsistencies on pages 1. and 11. She stated there should be a
8 capacity stated during free swim.

9
10 Mr. Carril asked where fees go. Mr. Rivera answered that they go to the General Fund.

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12 Ms. Grumet stated that fees don't go directly to any one area; they all go to the General Fund,
13 whether it is the Library collecting fees on overdue books, etc.

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15 Mr. Chavez said that an amount should be added for service charge on returned checks on page
16 3. He said there are other inconsistencies that need to be corrected on pages 3. and 6.

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18 **IV. Reports**

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20 *The Board had no questions or concerns on reports.*

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22 **ADJOURNMENT**

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24 With no further business, Mr. Chavez adjourned the February 26, 2009, meeting at 9:38
25 pm.

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30 Barbara Gomez, Recording Secretary

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Isaac Chavez, Vice-Chair P&R Board

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
March 24, 2009**

1 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was held on March 24, 2009, at
2 Branigan Memorial Library, 200 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.
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4 **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

5 Mr. Gerald Saige, Mr. Isaac Chavez, Ms. Alice Ward, Mr.
6 Frank Carril, Ms. Aphrus Travers, Mr. Kirk Clifton, Mr. Eli
7 Guzman

8 **STAFF PRESENT:**

9 Ms. Lori Grumet, Public Services Director, Mr. Mark
10 Johnston, Parks Administrator, Mr. Robert Caldwell, Acting
11 Recreation Administrator, Mr. Eric T. Schultz, Recreation
12 Section, Mr. Jerry Nachinson, Community Development, and
13 Ms. Barbara Gomez, Recreation Section/Recording
14 Secretary
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16 Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
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18 **I. Introductions** – Board Members introduced themselves and stated the district they
19 represent.
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21 **II. Approval of Minutes** – For January 27, and February 26, meeting notes.
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23 Mr. Saige explained that approval of the January 27, 2009 meeting notes are again on
24 this month's agenda; due to not having a quorum to pass notes at the February 26,
25 2009 meeting.
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27 Ms. Ward motioned to approve the January meeting notes. Mr. Carril seconded the
28 motion. Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Aphrus Travers abstained once again because she was
29 not present at the January meeting; she was not on the Advisory Board until February.
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31 Mr. Kirk Clifton voted yes	Ms. Alice Ward voted YES
32 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES	Mr. Gerald Saige voted YES
33 Mr. Frank Carrill voted YES	Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

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35 Mr. Saige asked if there were any corrections to the February 26, meeting notes. Ms.
36 Ward said she had some corrections; In Others Present paragraph, Ms. Bobbie Hudson
37 should read Mr. Bobbie Hudson and on Page 2. Line 21 use of improper field use
38 should include the word "rules".
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40 Mr. Chavez motioned to approve the February 26, 2009, meeting notes with
41 amendments. Ms. Travers seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Saige and
42 Mr. Clifton abstained from voting because they were not present at the February
43 Advisory Board Meeting.
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45 Ms. Alice Ward voted YES	Ms. Aphrus Travers voted YES
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1 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES
 2 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

Mr. Frank Carrill voted YES

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 4 **III. Old Business**

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 6 **A. Recreation Fees and Charges – Action**

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 8 Mr. Caldwell addressed the Board and said that the changes made at the last meeting
 9 have been incorporated in this copy. He explained that a memo from Ms. Lori Grumet
 10 was sent electronically as an addition to the packet. He stated that there is some
 11 language now included in the Fees and Charges on personal health information on
 12 page 4. Medical Aquatic Fee Policy.

13
 14 Ms. Ward had some corrections to the Fees and Charges Policy on page 5. 1st
 15 paragraph should read signing not singing and on page 10. Line 3 Lunch Bucket Pass
 16 should be \$36.00 not \$30.00; if added correctly 24 visits x \$1.50 is \$36.00.

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 18 Mr. Chavez asked why on Page 11 the Car Show fee was changed from \$30.00 to
 19 \$20.00. Mr. Caldwell replied that he wasn't sure but maybe to achieve more entries into
 20 the car show.

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 22 Mr. Clifton asked why on Page 15 the price for a water bottle went from \$1.00 to \$5.00.
 23 Mr. Chavez responded that the reason is because this is a reusable water bottle. Mr.
 24 Caldwell said that the word "reusable" would be added.

25
 26 Mr. Chavez said that he is assuming that another page for aquatic fees will be added at
 27 a later date.

28
 29 Ms. Grumet answered that would be dependent on an analysis being conducted by
 30 Green Play. They will make a recommendation and fees will be discussed at that time,
 31 but any deviations will be brought to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

32
 33 Mr. Caldwell informed the Board that Public Hearings have been scheduled.

34
 35 Meetings were scheduled as per times and dates listed below:

36
 37 **Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 6:00 pm** at the Henry Benavidez Community Center,
 38 1045 McClure Road, Las Cruces, NM, **Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 6:00 pm** at the
 39 Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, NM, **Friday, March 27,**
 40 **2009, at 6:00 pm** at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Rd., Las Cruces,
 41 NM, and **Saturday, March 28, 2009, at 1:00 pm** at the East Mesa Recreation Center,
 42 5589 Porter Road, Las Cruces, NM.

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 44 Mr. Chavez motioned to accept the Fees and Charges with amendments. Mr. Clifton
 45 seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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1 Mr. Kirk Clifton voted YES Ms. Aphrus Travers voted YES
 2 Ms. Alice Ward voted YES Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES
 3 Mr. Gerald Saige voted YES Mr. Frank Carrill voted YES
 4 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

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 6 **B. Mesquite Neighborhood Community Garden Naming– Action**

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 8 Mr. Johnston informed the Board that he had received a letter in his office from the Las
 9 Esperanzas Committee, and provided the Board with copies. He said their proposal for
 10 naming the park is *Jardin de Esperanza* (Garden of Hope), sponsored by Rep. Antonio
 11 Lujan.

12 Mr. Chavez said that he would like to thank the Las Esperanzas Committee and give
 13 them credit for coming to a compromise with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board,
 14 and that he thinks the name is great.

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 16 Ms. Travers asked if the translation would be included on the plaque.

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 18 Mr. Johnston stated that in other parks a designated area with another plaque has been
 19 displayed stating translations and other information.

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 21 Ms. Ward motioned to recommend the name proposed by the Las Esperanzas
 22 Committee to City Council. Ms. Travers seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

23
 24 Mr. Kirk Clifton voted YES Ms. Aphrus Travers voted YES
 25 Ms. Alice Ward voted YES Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES
 26 Mr. Gerald Saige voted YES Mr. Frank Carrill voted YES
 27 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

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 29 **IV. New Business:**

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 31 **A. Designation of Sub-Committee for Playful Cities – Action**

32
 33 Ms. Grumet informed the Board that the Playful Cities committee has been meeting
 34 weekly for the last month and notes from the meetings are included in the packet. The
 35 deadline for the application has been moved to May 1st to give the committee more time
 36 to polish it up. She stated that Mr. Clifton was gracious to serve as the Liaison to the
 37 Board. The Playful Cities Committee is requesting that they have approval to serve as
 38 a sub-committee of the Parks and Recreation Board to make it more official.

39
 40 Mr. Chavez asked if an alternate needs to be appointed if Mr. Clifton cannot attend.
 41 After some discussion it was decided that an alternate would not be needed because
 42 they will not be meeting much longer. Mr. Clifton said he was comfortable continuing as
 43 the liaison as long as meetings remain scheduled on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.

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 45 Ms. Grumet informed the Board that once we commit to be a Playful City then we are
 46 bound to our commitment.

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1 Mr. Carril motioned to approve the request for the sub-committee. Ms. Ward seconded
2 the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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4 Mr. Kirk Clifton voted YES

Ms. Aphrus Travers voted YES

5 Ms. Alice Ward voted YES

Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES

6 Mr. Gerald Saige voted YES

Mr. Frank Carrill voted YES

7 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

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9 **B. Future Use of Hermosa Park – ACTION**

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11 Mr. Johnson asked the Board for input on how to move forward on use of Hermosa Park
12 once the dog park opens.

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14 Mr. Saige asked what Mr. Johnston's recommendation would be?

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16 Mr. Johnston said that he wants input on whether it should continued to be used as a
17 dog park and/or be used for other purposes, leagues, etc.

18
19 Mr. Chavez asked if there would be problems if it is a multi use park.

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21 Mr. Johnston replied that there have been problems in the past because dogs running
22 loose force out citizens using the park.

23
24 Mr. Chavez said that he would like to see it revert back to a regular park. He suggested
25 dog parkers reserving the park for certain times through the proper channels.

26
27 Mr. Guzman said that he agrees with Mr. Chavez's suggestion on having Hermosa Park
28 revert back to a multi use area for sporting events and dog parkers reserve for specific
29 days and times.

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31 Mr. Carril said that he sees a problem with that; how will kids know that the park has
32 been reserved.

33
34 Mr. Johnston said that there is already a bulletin board set up with times and days and if
35 the Board desires the signage can be continued with reservation times posted.

36
37 Mr. Clifton said that maintenance will have to be kept up if the public will be using the
38 park also, if there are dog park reservations; clean up will need to be performed after
39 usage.

40
41 Ms. Travers stated that there is already a City Ordinance in place stating citizens should
42 be cleaning up after their dogs anyhow.

43
44 Mr. Clifton suggested making Saturday the reservation day for dog parkers since kids
45 are usually on the playing fields on Saturdays.

1 Mr. Chavez motioned to open the park for general use but allow dog park reservations
2 two to three times a week through the proper channels.

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4 Mr. Guzman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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7 Mr. Kirk Clifton voted YES

Ms. Aphrus Travers voted YES

8 Ms. Alice Ward voted YES

Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES

9 Mr. Gerald Saige voted YES

Mr. Frank Carrill voted YES

10 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

11 V. Reports

12 Parks Management & Recreation Section Reports for February 2009.

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14 Mr. Saige asked Board members if there were any questions.

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16 Mr. Johnson stated that if there are no questions on the reports then the meeting should
17 be wrapped up at this time and training can begin.

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19 Mr. Clifton stated that the Fair Housing training is listed on the Agenda as Item VI. So
20 the meeting should not be adjourned until after the training.

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22 Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Saige if he wanted to make an official amendment to the agenda
23 ending the meeting before the training so that Advisory Board Members who have
24 already attended the Fair Housing Training could leave the meeting at this time.

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26 Mr. Saige said that he would do so and that Board members who have already taken
27 the training could be excused at this time.

28 Adjournment:

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31 With no further business, Mr. Saige adjourned the March 24, 2009, meeting at 7:45 pm.

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Gerald Saige, Chair P&R Board

Barbara Gomez, Recording Secretary