

# City of Las Cruces<sup>®</sup>

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## Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 14 Ordinance/Resolution # 10-014 Council District: 3

For Meeting of July 6, 2009  
(Adoption Date)

**TITLE:**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING "LAS CRUCES DOG PARK" AS THE NAME OF THE NEW OFF-LEASH DOG PARK, LOCATED SOUTH OF THE MEERSCHIEDT RECREATION CENTER AND EAST OF N. HERMOSA ST.**

**PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:**

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

<b>Name of Drafter:</b> Ted L. Novack <i>[Signature]</i>		<b>Department:</b> Facilities/Project Mgmt.		<b>Phone:</b> 541-2559	
<b>Department</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Facilities Department	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2651	Budget	<i>[Signature]</i>	2300
			Assistant City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2271
Legal	<i>[Signature]</i>	2129	City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2076

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

In 2008, the City started construction of a new park located south of the Meerscheidt Recreation Center and east of N. Hermosa St. Funding for this project came from both State Capital Outlay Funds, authorized by the legislature, and some private donations. Construction of the first phase of the Dog Park has been completed and the grand opening was held on May 22, 2009.

As part of the naming process, Project Management engaged in a procedure to solicit a name for the new dog park. This included public input, advertisements in the local press, as well as receiving submittals via email and telephone.

Submittal of names continued through May 8, 2009. Thirty-five (35) names were received and submitted for consideration at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) meeting, held on May 26, 2009. Based on the results of that meeting, the PRAB is recommending to City Council that "Las Cruces Dog Park" be approved as the name of the new off-leash dog park.

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

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

1. Resolution
2. List of submitted names
2. Draft minutes from the May 26, 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 park as the "Las Cruces Dog Park." 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 from the submitted list as directed by Council. This action would be consistent with the application of prior City Council Resolution and City Manager Policy as it relates to naming public facilities.
3. Vote "No" and reject the Resolution. Such action will cause the park 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)

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The City Council is informed that:

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, the City started construction of a new off-leash dog park located east of N. Hermosa St., in the central part of the city, and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this project came from State Legislative Funds and donations, and

**WHEREAS**, it is standard procedure to conduct a formal naming process for a Parks and Recreation facility, and

**WHEREAS**, staff conducted a public input process and received thirty-five (35) names for consideration, and

**WHEREAS**, on May 26, 2009, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended approval of "Las Cruces Dog Park" as the name for the new off-leash dog park.

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

**(I)**

**THAT** the City of Las Cruces names the new off-leash dog park, located south of the Meerscheidt Recreation Center and east of N. Hermosa St., as "Las Cruces Dog Park".

(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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Silva: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Connor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Archuleta: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Small: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Jones: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Thomas: \_\_\_\_\_

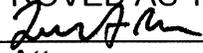
ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
(SEAL)

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

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

## Dog Park Names Submitted for Consideration

<b>Name</b>	<b># of Submissions</b>
Bark Park	4
Paws Park	3
Pluto Park	2
Dog-Pond Do-Do in my Yard	1
Ewell Struchurmutt	1
Roam & Walk Park	1
K-9 Country Club	1
Companions Park	1
Central Bark	1
Fido Freedom Field	1
La Poop Heaven	1
Sniffers Paradise	1
K-9 Corral Park	1
Four Pan Dog Park	1
Olympian Dog Park	1
Bow-Wow Dog Park	1
Las Cruces Dog Park	1
Romp N' Roll	1
Paw Cruces Bark Park	1
Perrieto Caliente Park	1
Happy Tails Dog Park	1
Healthy Tails Dog Park	1
Wigglen Tails Dog Park	1
Let's Rock Dog	1
Juanita Fisher Park	1
Paws Place	1
Dog Town	1
Canine City of Las Cruces	1
Pooch Villa	1
Pause for Paws	1
3 Crosses	1
4 Paws Dog Park	1
Pooch Park	1
Paw Park	1
Barkin Park	1

**DRAFT**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**May 26, 2009**

1 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was held on May 26, 2009, at the  
2 WIA Building at 340 N. Raymond Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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

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

7 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Kirk Clifton

8 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Robert Caldwell, Acting Recreation Administrator, Mr.  
9 Ted Novack, Project Manager, and Ms. Renee Waskiewicz  
10 and Mr. Kevin Armstrong of the Las Cruces Dog Park  
11 Coalition

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13 Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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15 Mr. Saige began the meeting with a reminder that we must stick to items on the agenda.  
16 He said that items have been added too late and only the items on the agenda will be  
17 discussed.

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19 Mr. Chavez asked how much time is required prior to the meeting for items be  
20 submitted.

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22 Mr. Caldwell answered that one week's time is appropriate, but exceptions can be  
23 made.

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25 Mr. Chavez reminded Barbara to work on getting notes posted on the website.

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27 Mr. Carril said that in reading the reports at the back of the packet he would like staff to  
28 start putting dates on the upcoming events.

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30 **I. Introductions**

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

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34 **II. Approval of Minutes** – There were no corrections to the May 26, 2009, meeting  
35 notes. Mr. Chavez motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Carril seconded the motion.  
36 Motion passed 5-0. (Ms. Travers abstained from the vote because she was not present  
37 at the April 28, 2009, meeting).

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39 Mr. Gerald Sage voted YES

Ms. Alice Ward voted YES

40 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES

Mr. Frank Carril voted YES

41 Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

1 **III. New Business**

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3 **A. New Off-Leash Dog Park Naming - ACTION**

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5 Mr. Ted Novack presented a list of names for consideration. The three names at the  
6 top of the list that received multiple votes are Bark Park (4), Paws Park (3), Pluto Park  
7 (2), several other names on the list only received one vote.

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9 Mr. Chavez stated that he posted a blurb on face book and received 15 to 20 responses  
10 and got some negative feedback on Paws Park because it is too similar to Paz Park.  
11 Other responses were that the Bark Park is also negative because dogs are not at the  
12 park to bark.

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14 Ms. Renee Waskiewicz said that members of the Las Cruces Dog Park Coalition would  
15 like the park named Las Cruces Dog Park.

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17 Mr. Chavez asked if the Las Cruces Dog Park Coalition had participated in the City's  
18 request to call in with votes for the naming.

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20 Mr. Kevin Armstrong said they also had a website that they received 20 votes for Las  
21 Cruces Dog Park, and as of last weekend 10 more votes had been posted.

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23 Mr. Carril asked what the City thinks about the name being recommended by the group.

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25 Mr. Caldwell said that the City is just following the recommendations made on the  
26 memo being presented by Mr. Mark Johnston, Parks Administrator, who was ill and  
27 unable to make the meeting.

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29 Mr. Carril asked where the City came up with the names presented.

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31 Mr. Novack said that names came from phone calls and emails from residents made to  
32 his office. He stated that these were not staff recommendations.

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34 Ms. Travers said that she had family from out of town in this weekend and they  
35 discussed the dog park. She said that they said being from out of town and looking for  
36 a dog park they would be asking for the Las Cruces Dog Park.

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38 Mr. Saige asked how the Board felt about the name not on the list being recommended.

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40 Mr. Chavez said that after hearing what the Coalition and members of Ms. Travers'  
41 family from out of town had to say; he thinks naming the park Las Cruces Dog Park  
42 would be a good choice.

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44 Mr. Carril asked how the City went about soliciting input from the public.

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46 Mr. Novack answered that news releases were put out.

1 Mr Chavez moved that the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory  
2 Board to City Council be to name the park Las Cruces Dog Park. Ms. Travers  
3 seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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5 Mr. Gerald Sage voted YES                      Ms. Alice Ward voted YES  
6 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES                    Mr. Frank Carril voted YES  
7 Ms. Aphrus Travers voted YES                Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

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9 Mr. Kevin Armstrong asked to address the Board on issues at the new dog park.  
10 He said that there is no ground cover. He said a dog was cut by wires used to stabilize  
11 the trees and had to have stitches because of the injuries. He said another dog was  
12 hurt because of the glass and metal on the ground.

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14 Mr. Novack said that the area has been cleaned significantly since construction started  
15 and hopefully within time it will be clear of all that debris.

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17 Mr. Novack said that Mr. Mark Johnston, and Ms. Cathy Mathews, Landscape Architect,  
18 are working on the ground covering now and expect completion very soon.

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20 Mr. Armstrong asked what was going to happen to the old dog park.

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22 Mr. Caldwell answered that as discussed at the last meeting the park is reverting back  
23 to a regular park and unleashed dogs will not be allowed in the park.

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25 Mr. Armstrong stated that City staff needs to remove signage and double doors at the  
26 old park so that the public knows this is no longer a dog park and won't let their dogs  
27 run without a leash.

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#### 30 **IV. Reports:**

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##### 32 **A. Parks Management and Recreation Section Reports for April 2009**

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34 The Board had several questions on the reports:

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36 Ms. Travers asked if classes weren't held in the Therapeutic section why wasn't the  
37 reason stated.

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39 Mr. Chavez asked what "Hold" meant on the ICIP reports.

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41 Mr. Novack answered that "Hold" could mean on hold due to funding changes or design  
42 changes.

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44 Ms. Travers asked what Blue Stakes meant?

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1 Mr. Caldwell answered that it means marking of utilities so you don't hit lines when  
2 digging.

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4 Mr. Novack reminded the Board of the Grand Opening of the Desert Trails Community  
5 Park on May 28, 2009 at 2:00 pm.

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7 Mr. Caldwell reminded the Board of the East Mesa Bataan Memorial Pool Grand  
8 Opening on May 29, 2009 at 10:00 am.

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10 **ADJOURNMENT**

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12 With no further business, Mr. Saige adjourned the May 26, 2009 meeting at 7:46 pm.

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17 Barbara Gomez, Recording Secretary

Gerald Saige, Chair P&R Board

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