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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 17

Ordinance/Resolution# 15-246

For Meeting of _____
(Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of July 6, 2015
(Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL

LEGISLATIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE

TITLE: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE KLEIN PARK CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN AND ACCEPT THE CONSULTANT RECOMMENDATION FOR PHASE ONE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To adopt the Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1		
Drafter/Staff Contact: Catherine Burr Mathews	Department/Section: Public Works/Facilities Management	Phone: 541-2592
City Manager Signature: 		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Klein Park is one of the first parks built in the city, having historic and cultural significance. While the park is small, it serves as a plaza for the Mesquite Historic District and is in need of repair and upgrades. The Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan will serve as a guide for the basic layout and amenities for inclusion at Klein Park to ensure a successful outcome of current and future projects at the park. Recommendations for phase one design and construction address the need for stair, ramp, and retaining wall improvements in the park.

Neighborhood advocates, along with State Representative Jeff Steinborn and State Senator Lee Cotter, provided funding to repair and upgrade the park. Through Resolutions 14-108 and 15-095, the City Council accepted funding for restoration and repair of walls, ADA compliant walkways, and infrastructure for future amenities.

The conceptual master planning process formally began in September 2014. Numerous opportunities for public input have been provided along with a City Council update. City Council reviewed the draft conceptual master plan and the proposed scope for phase one construction at a Work Session on December 8, 2014. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board also reviewed the draft conceptual master plan and the proposed scope for the phase one construction and voted to recommend the Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan for approval by the City Council.

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Funds are available from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division for design and construction of phase one improvements. Funds will revert if not expended by June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$75,000 and by June 30, 2018, in the amount of \$141,000.

At this time, staff recommends adoption of the Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan and the recommendations for the scope of work for the phase one construction by the City Council.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.
2. Attachment "A", Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan Report.
3. Attachment "B", Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Is this action already budgeted? N/A	Yes	<input 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.
Does this action create any revenue? N/A	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of \$_____ for FY_____.
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

N/A

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will adopt the Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan and accept the consultant's recommendation for design and construction of Phase One. This will allow the funding to be spent within the deadline.
2. Vote "No"; this will not adopt the Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan and will not accept the consultant's recommendation for design and construction of Phase One. This may result in missing the funding deadline and reversion of the funds to the State.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this would require direction to staff and may result in missing the funding deadline and reversion of the funds to the State.
4. Vote to "Table"; this could result in missing the funding deadline and reversion of the funds to the State.

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

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

1. Resolution No. 14-108
2. Resolution No. 15-095

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-246

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE KLEIN PARK CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN AND ACCEPT THE CONSULTANT RECOMMENDATION FOR PHASE ONE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces (City) accepted State Legislative funding to plan, design, and construct improvements and facility restoration at Klein Park and to complete the restoration and repairs to the walls surrounding Klein Park; and

WHEREAS, neighbors of Klein Park and residents of City Council District 1 let their desire for a master plan for Klein Park be known at a May 27, 2014, City Councillor-lead public meeting; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2014, the City contracted with Sites Southwest LLC for completion of the Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, staff and the consultant conducted a robust public input process and finalized a conceptual master plan; and

WHEREAS, at their January 15, 2015 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted to recommend the City Council adopt the Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends adoption of the Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan by the City Council.

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

(I)

THAT the Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan Report and Plan are adopted.

(II)

THAT the Phase One recommendations of the consultant are approved for design and construction.

(III)

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

DONE AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

VOTE:

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

(SEAL)

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

As Corrected by W.R. Babington Jr

City Attorney

Attachment "A"

February 2015



Klein Park Conceptual Master Plan Report

Prepared by
sites
southwest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Master Plan for Klein Park is very important to the city of Las Cruces because it is one of the first parks ever built in the city and has great historic significance. While the Park is small, it has the potential to become The Plaza for the historic Mesquite Neighborhood.

The City of Las Cruces rightly recognized the need to master plan this park and released a Request for Proposal to the on-call consultants on August 21, 2014. Sites Southwest responded to this RFP and was selected by the city to perform master planning services for this historic park due to their initial ideas and experience with like projects in the region. The firm was selected and contracted with the city to perform these services on September 8, 2014. This heavily used Park is old, it has been renovated and additions have been made to it on number of occasions throughout the years and much of the park has fallen into disrepair. Neighborhood advocates and state representative Jeff Steinborn worked hard to find funding to devote to the park and Phase I work was initiated. The goal of the master plan effort was to work closely with the neighborhood to create a physical master plan for Klein Park that would bring the park into the 21st Century. The work would be based on the needs of the city and the desires of the neighborhood as much as possible.

In terms of the physical aspects of the park, the master planning team concentrated on retaining and enlarging the grassy area, rehabilitating the retaining walls and stairs surrounding the park, and rehabilitating the amphitheater stage. The team added lighting for security, enlarged and improved the playgrounds, and created a more plaza-like environment that could be used by the community. The city and design team also worked to incorporate as much art and historic references into the park as possible to reflect the character of the surrounding Mesquite neighborhood and respond to requests from the community. The public process for Klein Park was very robust and included a Weed and Seed Workshop, a public meeting at the Park; a City Council work session; an additional public meeting, and a meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board. All were very successful and well attended.



I. EXISTING CONDITIONS

Klein Park occupies approximately 1.8 acres of the Las Cruces, NM downtown area, in the heart of the Mesquite Historic District. Named after former mayor, Sam Klein, it is located a few blocks east of Main Street, City Hall and the U.S. Federal Courthouse and bordered by the historic streets of Mesquite Street, Organ Avenue, San Pedro Street and Griggs Avenue. Klein Park is surrounded predominantly by historic houses and a residential neighborhood. The surrounding neighborhood has a small town flavor with the majority of the buildings constructed of adobe and featuring the flat or low shed roof styles of Spanish territorial architecture. A small restaurant and coffee shop are located across the street from the northeastern corner of the park, and a few commercial amenities are within a few blocks.

The park was originally developed as a neighborhood park in the 1970s. It received a major renovation in 1999 and, after that, regular minor renovations and additions.

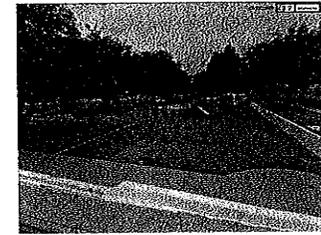
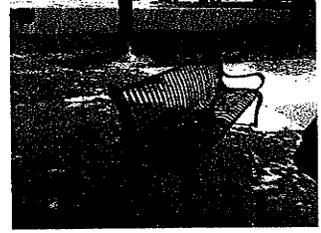
The area that is currently Klein Park was the original Las Cruces town site, and Mesquite Street was the original Camino Real. The historic nature of the park is highlighted by accent lights and signage along the streets and within the park. The Camino Real (historic El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, the Royal Road of the Interior Lands) is a 1,500-mile historic trade route that extended from Mexico City to San Juan Pueblo/Ohkay Owingeh. It is one of the oldest trails in the United States. For more than a century, it was one of the longest trade routes that included cultural trade and commerce and it was crossed by foot, oxen, mule, and railroad train, linking Spain, Mexico, and the United States. It was designated a national historic trail in 1993 and is one of New Mexico's most important cultural artifacts. *

Before commencing design, a site inventory was conducted through photographs and assessments of various elements in the park (see Site Inventory Analysis Map). Items such as the historic light fixtures, large grass area and the historic fire engine that has occupied the park for many years were considered positive aspects of the park. The existing park also had the following amenities: a stage, baseball backstop, lighting, picnic areas, game tables, a basketball court which doubles as a dance floor, playground equipment, swings, a bus stop, benches, trash receptacles, large grass areas and interpretive signage.

City and neighborhood events are held at Klein Park, and the stage is occasionally used for musical events that are free to the public. As it is one of the only parks in the neighborhood, it is the ideal location for family gatherings, children's play and general "hanging out" that is often seen there. Discussions with neighborhood associations and students at the park during the site inventory underscored the importance of this park to the neighborhood and the city. Many residents who live in other areas of the city remember it fondly. Many who previously lived in the Mesquite Neighborhood regularly return to the area to visit relatives or attend events.

Park elements that need to be redesigned, reconstructed or removed include the stairs on the northeast and southeast corners of the park. They are inadequately sized with non-standard dimensions and do not meet current code. The stage also has similarly inadequate stairs, and the walls have been covered in graffiti for some time.

The park's perimeter walls are deteriorating throughout the majority of the park. The existing turf is Bermuda grass, likely a blend of common Bermuda and a hybrid Bermuda. The majority of the turf is in good condition, but turf underneath trees has been shaded and needs sun to survive. Trees should be pruned higher or the future design should not include grass in heavily shaded areas.



Irrigation was not evaluated in a detailed way, but based on the health of the trees and turf, it is in decent condition. Irrigation valve boxes were broken and covers were missing. The irrigation system should be evaluated in more detail and renovated to accommodate improvements.

The basketball court, which is often used as a dance floor, has cracks throughout that exceed ADA allowable tolerances. Tables, benches and barbecues are in various states of disrepair or deterioration. Having been installed at different times, some tables and benches seem to be in better shape than others. Students requested additional tables because the existing ones were often unavailable for use. With the frequency of birthday parties, a holder for pinatas would also help preserve the viability of the existing trees.

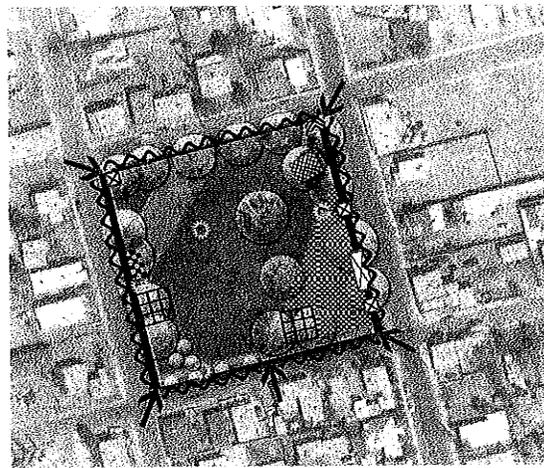
The playground areas seem to have been installed at different times. The playground surfacing is inadequate and does not meet current requirements. Playground equipment should be evaluated to ensure it complies with current codes. Students who were queried requested newer and additional playground equipment with shade cover.

The site slopes downward approximately 5 to 8 feet from east to west. Storm water runoff follows the slope and, for the most part, seems to be diverted around the park by the walls. Due to the location of the stairs, storm water likely enters at the stairs during larger rain events. Erosion at the walls on the east side of the park warns of eventual undermining of the walls if the current situation is not remedied.

Access to the park is difficult from all sides and from three of the four corners. It is most difficult on the east and west sides of the park. The access from San Pedro Street causes particular hardship. Currently the only access on the west side of the park is at the northwest corner or the middle of the south side of the street. There is no access point at the southwest corner of the site. ADA access is also very limited. Because of these shortcomings, site access needs to be re-worked on the entire site.

Many of the older trees seem to be in good health. The smaller trees are surviving but do not seem to be thriving. The southwest corner of the site is in need of shade as this area faces sun most of the day and, as a consequence, no mature trees have established.

This approximately 1.8-acre park functions as a neighborhood gathering area and a regular location for smaller events, such as birthday parties. A few larger events take place a few times a year as well. The park is well known throughout Las Cruces. Residents who live in other parts of the City are familiar with Klein Park and have attended events there. They remember it fondly and reminisce about events that took place and the long hours they enjoyed in the park. These residents, as well as more recent ones, discuss the changing character of the park over time and stress the need for more security and mitigation of loud music. In general, this park is much loved and valued by the citizens of Las Cruces.



- Drainage Flow
- Existing Large Trees
- Existing Small Trees
- Pedestrian Entrance
- No Pedestrian Entrance
- No Pedestrian Access
- Level Change
- Stage / Amphitheater
- Play Structures
- Picnic Area
- Game Tables
- Interperative Signage
- Bus Stop
- ADA Ramp
- Lights

Site Inventory Analysis Map

III. PLAN ELEMENTS

A. Weed and Seed Mapping Exercise

The Weed and Seed students who participated in the Mapping Exercise ranged in age from elementary to high school. The younger students went first and as they completed their plans, the older students arrived. Younger students then went outside to play, while the older students participated in their mapping exercise.

Upon arrival, each group was divided into sub-groups and assigned to a long table that had an aerial map of the park. Each group of students was given a short presentation to point out the location of the park and the opportunities and constraints of the project site. They were then given manipulatives to cut out— paper images of items such as trees, playground equipment, a stage, bus stop, tables, basketball court, horseshoe court, bocce ball court, etc.— that they could place on the aerial map to represent their ideas. Working in groups, the students discussed the elements of the park they would like to keep and those they would like to change. They taped the cut-outs to the aerials, moving and adding elements to the park design. Adhesive dots in green and pink were also placed on the aerial to indicate each student's priorities.

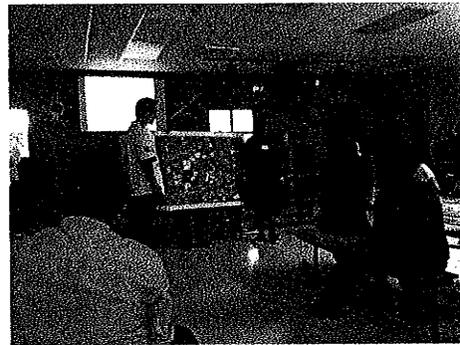
Each group then decided on a final approach and chose a speaker. Other group members held up the aerial with the proposed ideas while the speaker explained the approach and intent. The students were interested in each other's approach and excited at the opportunity to make a difference in the future of the park.

A few members of "Las Esperanzas," a Mesquite Historic District advocacy group, attended the Weed and Seed exercise and provided input on separate aerials. They enjoyed seeing the ideas the students presented.

In general the children liked the large grass area and wanted to preserve and expand it, even at the expense of removing a large tree. A number of sports are played on the grass, and the largest tree in the park sits squarely in the middle of their play field. The children also expressed an interest in additional shade of any kind. The smaller children had a long wish list for additional or revamped play equipment; especially larger components, independent play structures and additional swings.

Sites Southwest reviewed all of the information from the Weed and Seed Workshop and combined both the graphic representations and the large format sheets showing the positives, negatives and ideas into a complete picture of the participants' desires for the park.

Merging the Weed and Seed Group's ideas with the Site Analysis was the next step. Synthesizing the information and providing professional insight into the specifics of the site led the design team to three conceptual designs that could be shown at the next public meeting. Those designs eventually were distilled into the final Master Plan Concept. The Master Plan will be fleshed out by construction documents and phasing plans. These will guide future construction to provide a complete and renovated park for future generations.

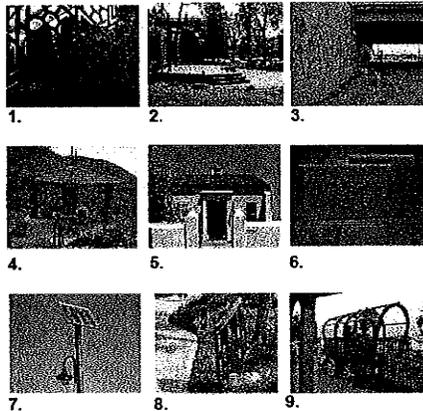


B. Conceptual Master Plan Alternatives

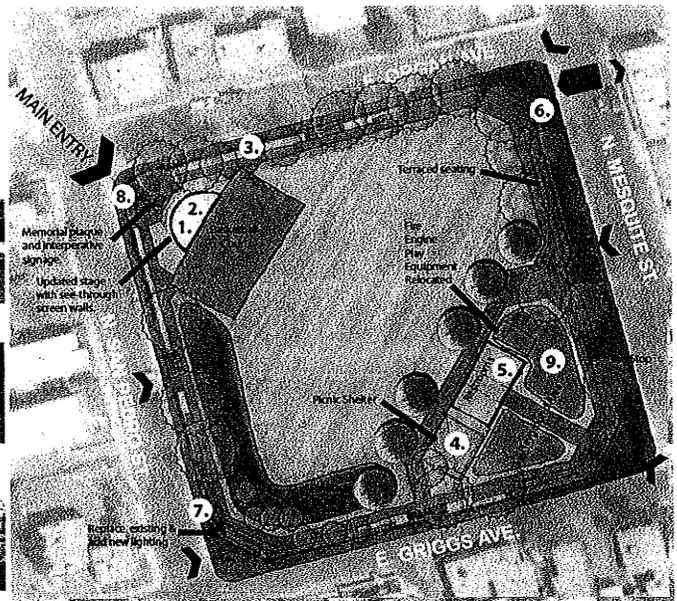
Alternative Concept A – the first concept for Klein Park includes a diagonal arrangement for the turf area to make room for a field play area for children. This concept also contemplates a zone at the park's southeast corner which includes expanded playgrounds, a picnic shelter and a new feature to the park, as well as restrooms that are connected by a string walkway capable of handling lots of people. The east side of the park would include a much expanded Camino Real streetscape and newly designed stairs and wall, which would create the more accessible park entry. A similar wall punctuates the southwest corner of the park. Both of the improvements create a more plaza-oriented entry to the park. Picnic areas and areas for informal children's parties with piñatas make up the perimeter of the turfgrass area to the southwest.

Concept A

- New picnic shelter and bathrooms.
- Updated see-through screen stage/amphitheater
- Keep Field and remove tree
- Large play area in existing area
- Wide path along Camino Real with different texture
- Reface exterior wall with stone or stucco



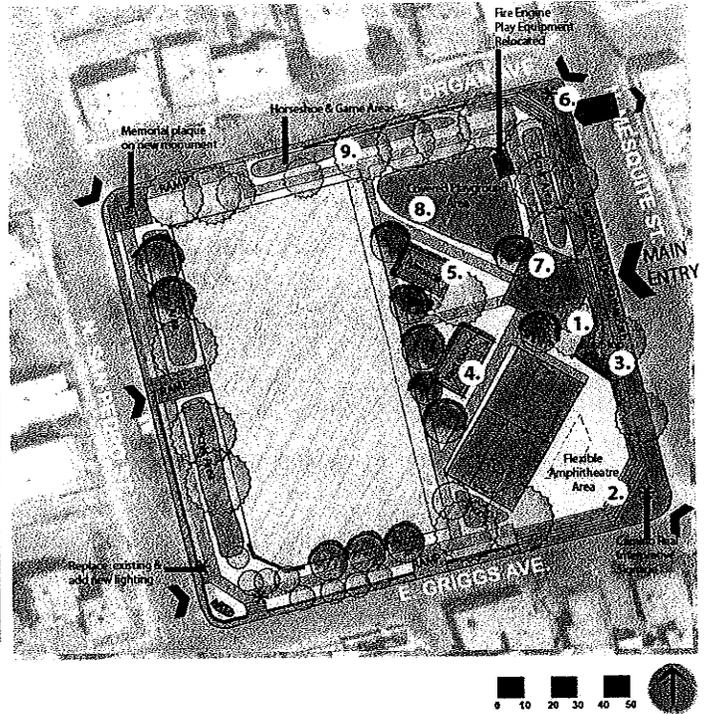
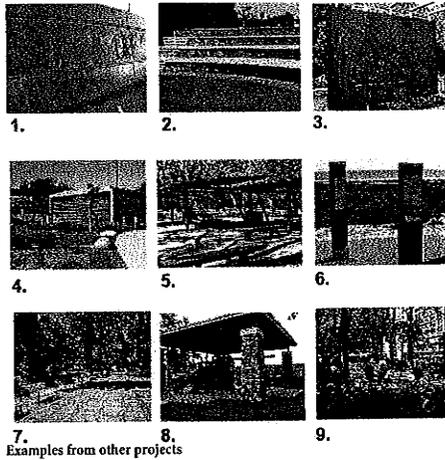
Examples from other projects



Alternative Concept B – the second concept for the Park includes a north-south oriented turfgrass area, which would necessitate removing the existing stage and creating a more intimate and flexible amphitheater venue on the southeast corner of the park, which also has a relocated basketball court. A small plazuela is added in the center of the Mesquite Street side of the park, flanked by broad stairs that extend to both corners of the park. A restroom and a ramada complete the picture along the eastern boundary of the turfgrass area, and a horseshoe and games area frame the inner portion of the park from East Organ Avenue. The park's playgrounds also move to the northeast corner of the park in this concept. The Camino Real decorative path forms the park's eastern boundary, and an expanded bus stop allows multiple modes of transportation to access the park and the businesses to the east on Mesquite Street.

Concept B

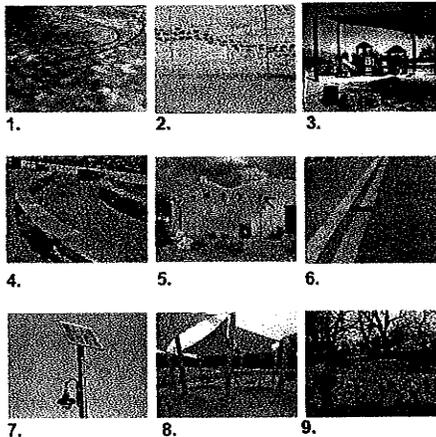
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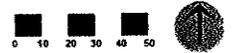
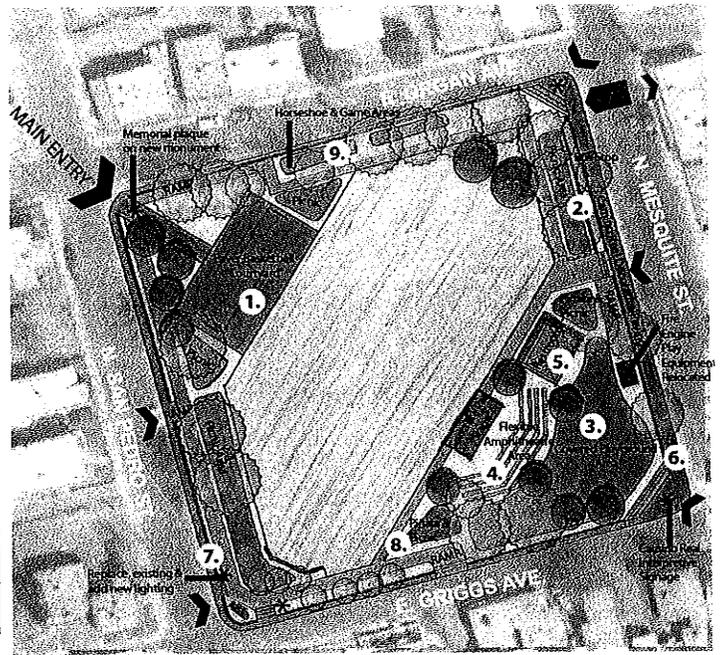
Alternative Concept C - the last concept for the Park also includes a diagonal turfgrass area much like Concept A; however, in this concept the turfgrass area is larger to accommodate more field play. The stage becomes double-sided to allow the turfgrass to act as seating during larger events and includes another flexible amphitheater area on its other flank. Covered playgrounds that occupy the southeast corner of the park are also flanked by a restroom and piñata and picnic areas. Stairs are also improved in this concept but confined to the northeast and southwest corners of the park. Both sides of the park on Organ and Griggs include ramps for improved accessibility from the neighborhood. Last, a new basketball court occupies the northwest corner which would be fashioned with pavers to provide a more flexible use and plaza-like feel. Artwork opportunities congregate around each corner of the park.

Concept C

- New paver "courtyard" basketball court
- New 2 way stage/amphitheater
- Keep Field and remove tree
- Large covered play area in existing area
- Wide path along Camino Real with different texture
- Reface exterior wall with stone or stucco
- Additional lighting throughout for safety



Examples from other projects



D. Final Master Plan

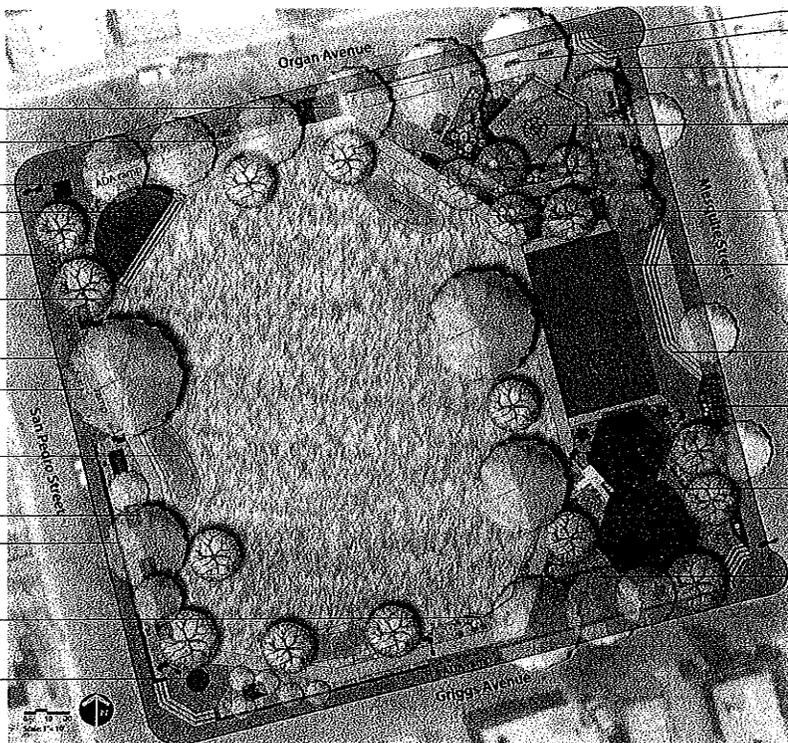
Following the number of extensive public meetings and workshops conducted for this Master Plan effort, as well as close communications, correspondence and meetings with city of Las Cruces staff and state representatives, particularly House Representative Jeff Steinborn and members of Las Esperanzas, the Master Plan moved forward into its final stage of work.

The Final and Preferred Master Plan for Klein Park gleans the best aspects of the previous plan iterations and combines them into one final document which best meets the desires of residents, the judgments of city staff and government officials and the experience of the consultant team. The final Master Plan kept many of the same amenities and improvements as the prior studies. In terms of concepts, the Final Master Plan for Klein Park includes:

- **Turf** – the plan includes a large multipurpose turfgrass area in the center of the park which can be used for informal sports and children's play. The old backstop has been relocated to the southeast corner of the turf area to be used when needed for baseball. This large turf area can also be used for celebrations and other community events because it is placed directly adjacent to the stage and graded along its edges with berms placed judiciously to provide some overlooks to the lawn and stage. It is designed much like an amphitheater to accommodate speakers, music, and other events in this comfortable expanse of green carpeting.
- **Preserving Urban Forest** – all of the large mulberry trees throughout Klein Park will be saved with the new turfgrass configuration and still allow informal sports and children's play.
- **Landscaping** – while a large portion of the park is turfgrass to accommodate play and the stage venue, new landscaping will be added to all beds within the remodeled park. The landscaping will be xeric and drought tolerant and will meet all of the requirements of Parks and Recreation.
- **Stage** – the rehabilitated stage at the park's northwest corner will include new access to the floor area along the side and a series of steps along the entire front that can be used for sitting, stage sets and other arrangements.
- **Paths and Sidewalks** – the entire grass area is bordered by a pigmented concrete pathway to help alleviate the wear and tear on the field's edges. This pathway also acts as the linkage to the park's access points along perimeter streets and provides a basis for a network of internal walkways that connect the playgrounds, the basketball court/plaza, the Camino Real Garden and other amenities.
- **Grand Steps and Plaza** – the other venue in the park created for smaller events is located along the eastern perimeter where the park borders the historic Camino Real. While all of the steps along Mesquite Street will be replaced, the focal point of that edge of the park is the Grand Steps. The steps overlook a small, multi-purpose plaza which also serves as a basketball court and replacement for the previous court which occupied the foreground of the existing stage on the park site. The Plaza/Basketball Court would be fashioned out of pigmented pavement to provide an aesthetic that masks the basketball court, yet provides both plaza use and sports use.
- **Camino Real Garden** – the garden on the Park's northeast corner includes seating, an art centerpiece and beautiful landscaping. This Camino Real Garden is intended to have colorful gardens reminiscent of those found in Mexico during the Camino Real's heyday but with a decidedly modern flair. The centerpiece of the garden is public art, hopefully created by one of the Mesquite Neighborhood's many artists. Seating completes the picture as does the new stairway up to the northeast corner of Klein Park.
- **Covered Playgrounds** – to the south of the Grand Steps and Plaza on the eastern side of the park are new and rehabilitated playgrounds that are covered with a shade structure to enhance the experience for children and families alike. These new playgrounds will include the relocated firs truck playground and new, yet undetermined, playground equipment.
- **Accessibility** – accessible ramps, meeting the newest version of the Americans with Disabilities Act, will allow access to the park from each street from the center of the block, with the exception of Mesquite Street which is just too steep.
- **Corner Steps and Artwork** – on each corner of the park are new steps that meet current standards and surround the park's perimeter on almost all sides except for the northwestern corner, where one is not necessary. At each of these corner locations space has also been preserved for art features.
- **Furniture** – seating, trash receptacles, bike racks and other furniture need to be added to the parks inventory. Space for picnicking will also be provided, which is integral to the parks use. Furniture will be added to the master plan for all quadrants of the new park.
- **Restrooms** – one of the most controversial aspects of the new park is a planned restroom. This facility is located along the mid-block opening for the park on Organ Street. The restroom is not planned for installation in any of the first phases of construction. However, a concrete pad will be built to provide space for portable toilets to be placed during events. This could eventually turn into a full service restroom, however, it should be noted that the Parks and Recreation Department has had issues with restrooms in parks in the past due to vandalism.
- **Park Lighting and Electricity** – presently, there are a number of standard and solar park lights at Klein Park. This number is thought to be insufficient by the neighborhood and one of the most current needs of the park is more lighting and security due to gang use and other conditions.
- **Camino Real de Tierra Adentro** – flanking the park to the east is the historic route of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro. The park is intended to embrace the old roadway with multiple stairs leading to it on each corner and in the center of the perimeter. Lastly, there is an expanded bus stop overlook along Mesquite Street and planters to soften the wall along the Camino Real.

Mesquite Neighborhood
Las Cruces, NM
December 2014

- Small Low Maintenance Restroom
- Bike Rack
- Restored Monument with new base
- Remodeled Stage with New Access
- Stabilized Slope with access control boulders
- Interior Colored Concrete Paths
- 6 ft. wide Perimeter of Park Sidewalks
- Access control bollards
- Expanded Field Turf with Sitting Berms
- Picnic Seating with Piñata Posts
- Tile Mosaic or Imprinted Design on Walls Throughout park
- Relocated Baseball Backstop
- Steps into Park with Art Feature



- Steps into Park
- Seating
- Tile Mosaic or Imprinted Design on Walls Throughout Park
- Camino Real Garden
May include interpretive elements, public art or an intermittent water feature/water harvesting demo
- 8 ft. wide Camino Real Paver Sidewalk
- Multiple Use Plaza
Community gathering amphitheater & basketball court, may include hops/scratch & 4 square
- Grand Steps
Functional as seating for larger community events
- Large Bus Stop with Shade
Camino Real Theme incorporated
- Enhanced & Covered Playground
Includes relocated fire truck play piece. Exact play equipment yet to be determined
- Seating surrounding play area

LEGEND

- Proposed trees
- Existing trees
- Solar lighting

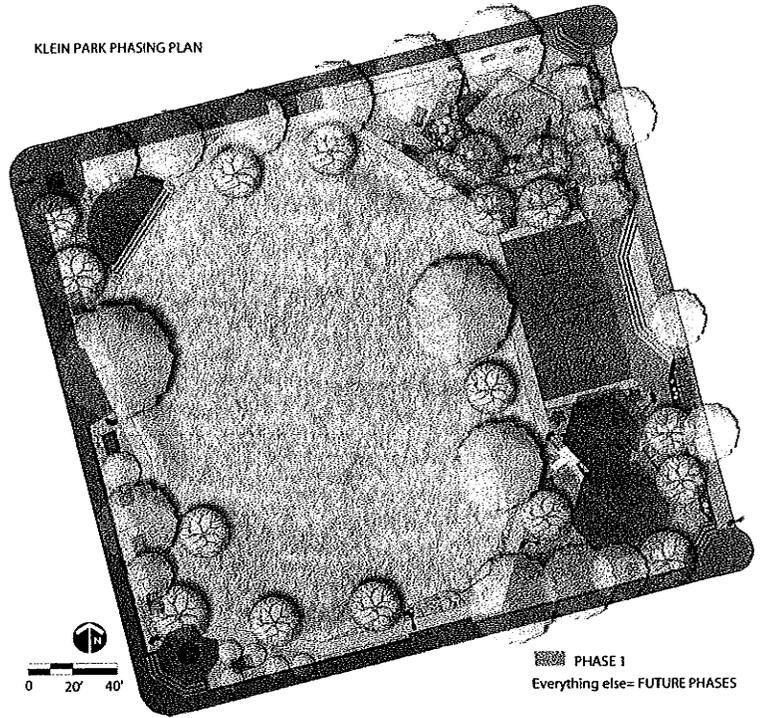
Final Master Plan

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Phasing Plan and Implementation

Because Klein Park was built before the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other more modern park standards it does not meet current requirements for public spaces in many areas. The existing staircases at the park do not meet any architectural building code standard for riser height and tread length, ramped areas connecting to the park do not meet ADA, lighting at the park was installed haphazardly and again it does not meet current standards for illumination. Further the stuccoed block walls surrounding the park are in disrepair with cracking and nonexistent stucco with bare concrete block. For these reasons it became very obvious that the most important work to be done at the park is to make it more accessible to visitors with disabilities and residents in general as well as to repair the walls that are in such bad shape. For that reason, the team's recommendation for the first phase of work involves the edges of the park, replacing the deteriorating walls and non-standard steps and creating gateways into the park. This includes the entire perimeter of the park with the exception of the Camino Real Walkway, which could be a separate project because the wall is the tallest in the park and it will be the most expensive to build. Phase I will encompass all of the other walkways, the small landings at all four corners, the walls with the exception of the eastern boundary wall (which can simply be stuccoed in the short term) and entryways into the park. The primary reason for this arrangement is funding; the first phase project budget only allows approximately \$220,000.00 for construction. Future phases will be determined as funding becomes available.

KLEIN PARK PHASING PLAN



B. Funding and Strategies

While funding sources both in New Mexico and throughout the United States are less available than they were before the 2008 recession there are still potential sources for funding future phases Klein Park that are worth investigation.

These sources include grant funds from private foundations such as:

- **McCune Charitable Foundation** – funds many historic and community based projects in New Mexico
- **National Recreation and Parks Association** – the NRPA has Grant opportunities available through the Walmart Foundation. These grants are intended to support children's health through park and recreation out-of-school time programs. The NRPA also has funds available for inner city parks, of any of the parks in Las Cruces Klein Park has potential for this source.
- **Kresge Foundation** – health and environmental grants as well as grants to improve the quality of historical parks.
- **The Trust for Public Land** – cultural landscapes in New Mexico can be funded by this organization. TPL recently funded the Santa Fe Rail Park.
- **The Wallace Foundation** – this foundation helped to fund parks in underserved neighborhoods.

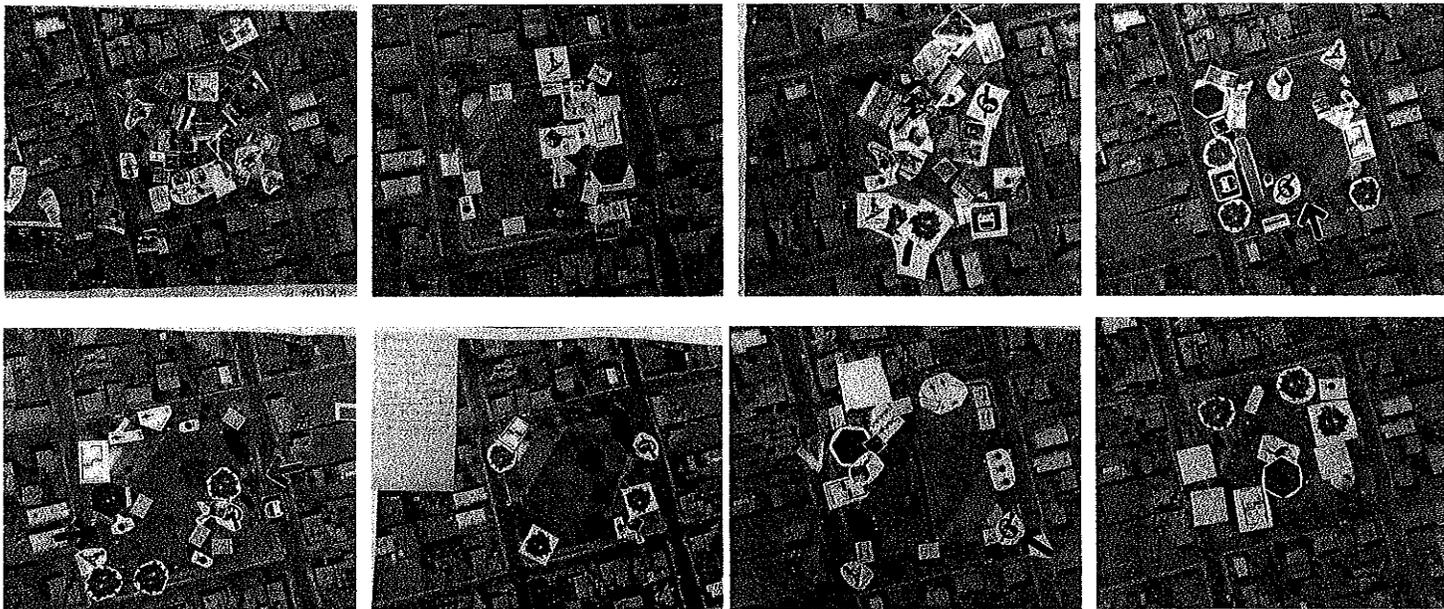
These sources include funds from public sources such as:

- **National Parks Service** – the NPS has grants available for funding interpretation, transportation, and other related aspects of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro. The trails component of the program is housed in Santa Fe New Mexico.
- **National Endowment for the Arts** – funds grants for various art projects which could also include the Camino Real.
- **Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy** – could provide funding for shade structures that utilize solar energy, lighting and energy systems for electricity for park uses.
- **Land and Water Conservation Fund** – LWCF is a federal program to provide funds and matching grants to federal, state and local governments for the acquisition of land and water, and easements on land and water, for the benefit of all Americans. The main emphases of the fund are recreation and the protection of national natural treasures in the forms of parks and protected forest and wildlife areas, however because of the historic nature of the park and the Adjacent Camino Real this fund is worth investigating.

Aside from the listing of potential sources above funding for the design of the park should be sought through the State Legislative Capital Outlay Funds as well as state and federal transportation funds.

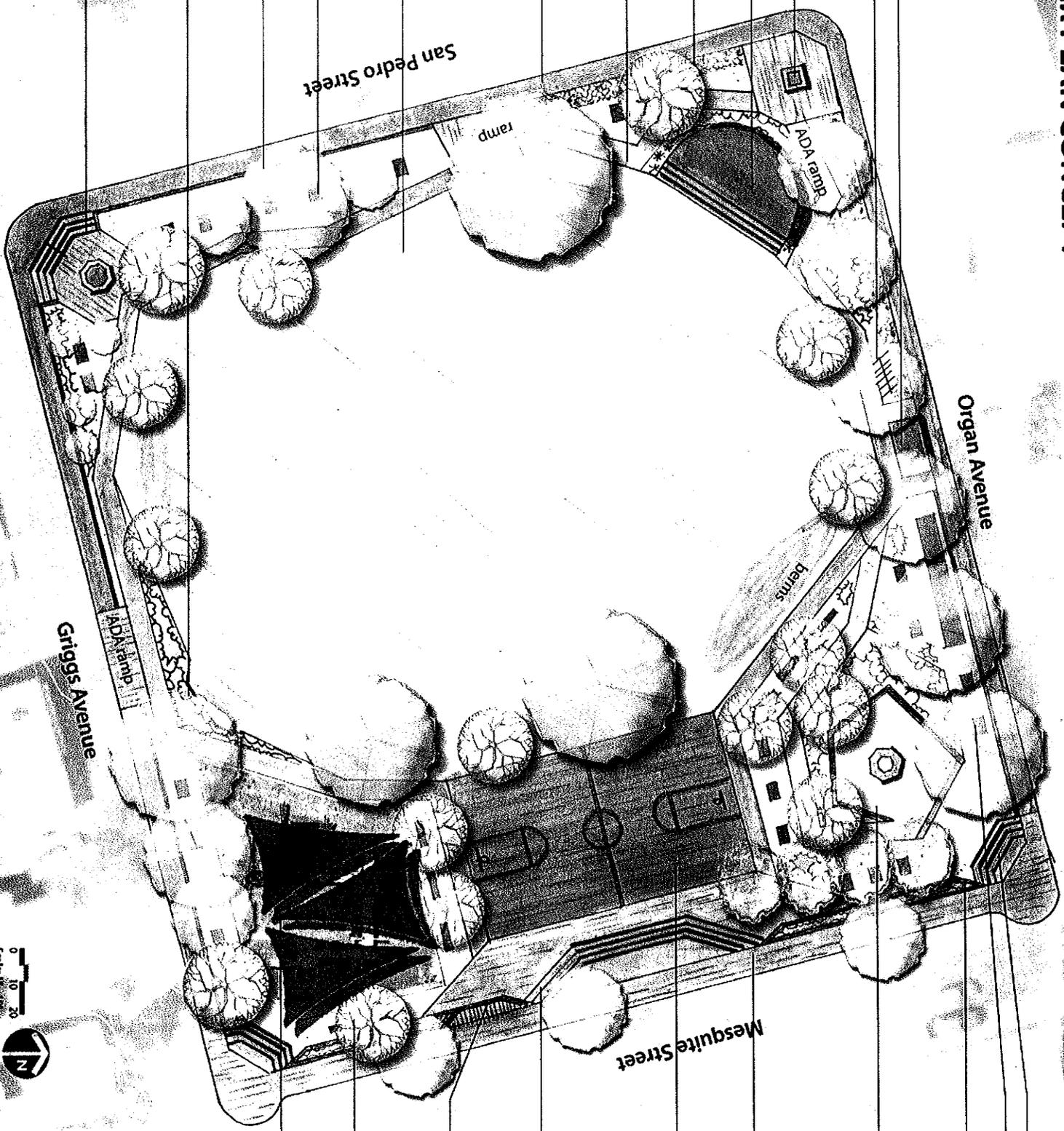
APPENDICES

Weed and Seed Mapping Exercise Collages



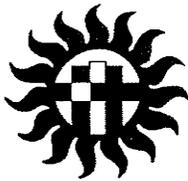
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Entrance



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- Slope
- Concrete & Crusher
- Perimeter of Park
- Field Turf with
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- c or Imprinted Walls
- Baseball
- Park

- Steps into Park
- Picnic Seating
- Tile Mosaic or Im Design on Walls Throughout Park
- Camino Real Gar May include Interpret elements, public art, intermittent water fe water harvesting der
- 8 ft. wide Caminc Paver Sidewalk
- Multiple Use Pl Community Gatheri Amphitheater & Bof Court & may include hopscotch, etc.
- Grand Steps Functional as seating larger community ev
- Large Bus Stop w Shade Structure Carnino Real Theme incorporated
- Seating surround area
- Enhanced & Cove Playground Includes relocated fir play piece. Addition equipment yet to be determined
- Proposed trees
- Existing trees



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COUNCIL ACTION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY PACKET ROUTING SLIP

For Meeting of _____
(Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of July 6, 2015
(Adoption Date)

TITLE: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE KLEIN PARK CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN AND ACCEPT THE CONSULTANT RECOMMENDATION FOR PHASE ONE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

Purchasing Manager's Request to Contract (PMRC) {Required?} Yes No

DEPARTMENT	SIGNATURE	PHONE NO.	DATE
Drafter/Staff Contact		541-2592	6/25/15
Department Director		528-3135	6/25/15
Other			
Assistant City Manager /CAO Management & Budget Manager		541-2078 541-2106	6/26/15 6/26/15
Assistant City Manager/COO		528-3135	6/25/15
City Attorney		541-2128	6/26/15
City Clerk - Interim		541-2115	6/26/15