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## Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 1 Ordinance/Resolution# 16-152

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

For Meeting of February 1, 2016  
(Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL       LEGISLATIVE       ADMINISTRATIVE

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF STIPENDS TO WILD CHILE BMX, INC. TO ASSIST WITH OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE 2015 SEASON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,600.00.

**PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:**

To approve stipends.

<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT: ALL</b>		
<b><u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u></b> Mark Johnston	<b><u>Department/Section:</u></b> Parks and Recreation	<b><u>Phone:</u></b> 541-2550
<b><u>City Manager Signature:</u></b>		

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

For many years, the City of Las Cruces (City) has subsidized a portion of the operational expenses associated with the provision of programs by local youth leagues and/or organizations through the disbursement of stipends. In accordance with the approved Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Authority Over Leagues/Organizations That Utilize City Fields and/or Facilities, City Council must approve or deny funding requests prior to the disbursement of any funding to the requesting organizations. Funding for the requested stipends is identified in the current FY 2015/16 budget.

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 November 19, 2015, the Board recommended the following stipend allocation:

Wild Chile BMX, Inc.                      \$18,600.00

Upon receipt of these funds, it is additionally required that each organization receiving a stipend 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 providing services, any assets purchased with the stipend will become the property of the City.

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

1. Resolution.
2. Exhibit "A", Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Authority Over Leagues/Organizations That Utilize City Fields and/or Facilities.
3. Attachment "A", Excerpts from the draft meeting minutes from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting held November 19, 2015.

**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 stipends is identified in the Parks and Recreation FY 15/16 budget.

**FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:**

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
General	10383010 722190	\$18,600.00	\$171,743.77	\$153,143.77	Contracted services

**OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Vote "Yes"; this will approve the resolution authorizing the \$18,600.00 stipend to Wild Chile BMX, Inc. for the 2015 season.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

2. Vote "No"; this will result in no distribution of stipends and may impact the level of service provided to youth participants and the elimination of scholarships.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this could result in delays of funding for Wild Chile BMX, Inc.
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. 16-152****A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF STIPENDS TO WILD CHILE BMX, INC. TO ASSIST WITH OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE 2015 SEASON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,600.00.**

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 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Authority Over Leagues/Organizations That Utilize City Fields and/or Facilities, Exhibit "A", attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, Wild Chile BMX, Inc. was the only organization that requested funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board sent forward a recommendation for City Council action at the regular meeting of November 19, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the allocation of the approved stipend amount of \$18,600.00 is identified in the current FY15/16 budget.

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

**(I)**

**THAT** the Wild Chile BMX, Inc. stipend request in the amount of \$18,600.00 is hereby approved.

**(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 \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

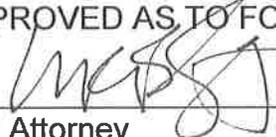
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

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

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Gandara: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Smith: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Pedroza: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Eakman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Sorg: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Levatino: \_\_\_\_\_



**CITY OF LAS CRUCES PARKS AND RECREATION SECTION POLICY**

**SUBJECT: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AUTHORITY OVER LEAGUES/ORGANIZATIONS THAT UTILIZE CITY FIELDS AND/OR FACILITIES**

**PURPOSE:**

To provide local leagues and organizations utilizing City facilities or ball fields with an independent non-biased committee that has the authority to review and dictate policy over all facets of league/organization operations. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Board) will serve in this capacity. The Board has the authority to dictate policy, review league procedures, act as an appellate body for player/coach/parent/spectator suspensions, review financial records and require changes to league/organization operations.

**OBJECTIVE:**

To provide guidance to local recreational youth leagues or organizations and provide recommendations to City Council for the disbursement of funds (stipends). The funding is intended to be used to lower the cost of participation for local youth participants.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Over the past several years the City has experienced a significant increase in the number of complaints and/or inquiries concerning league/organizations financials, fees, equipment, disciplinary action and operations. The general public assumes that the City of Las Cruces operates many of the leagues and requests intervention for a wide variety of issues. The policy gives the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board direct authority over leagues and organizations and may require changes as to how leagues and organizations operate.

**PROCEDURE:**

All leagues or organizations that request fields, facility use or funding (stipends) must provide the following information to the Parks and Recreation Administrative offices prior to staff approval of any requests.

**League or Organization Responsibilities:**

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

**Requesting Leagues or Organizations will:**

- a. Provide program administration with emphasis on local recreational youth participation.
- b. Provide a process to ensure all coaches/volunteers receive coaching training/certification and background check to ensure the safety of youth participants. Each league or organization will have the option of providing funds for background checks or requiring volunteers to cover the costs or a combination of both.
- c. 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 years program. The City of Las Cruces may also require an audit of the organization's expenses and revenues in cases where the City of Las Cruces provides funding, direct support or use of City facilities.
- d. 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.
- e. Provide proof of 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 association will provide proof of up-to-date information or return all City provided funding.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.

- h. Provide to the City the number of participants, teams, games, tournament games, coaches, volunteers, and any paid positions with the funding request.
- i. Procure and maintain a policy of Worker's Compensation Insurance for 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.
- j. 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.
- k. 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.
- l. Provide an established written appeals procedure for players, parents, coaches, managers, and board members.
- m. 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.
- n. Provide a written, established refund policy.
- o. Have designated officials attend financial training provided by the City of Las Cruces Finance Department.
- p. 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.

- q. 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.
- r. 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.

## **SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Applicability:**

The Code of Conduct applies to all activities organized by independent leagues, organizations or by the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Section. The Code of Conduct must be adhered to on City-owned property, or on any other property that the City has arranged to use.

### **Definitions:**

**City:** The City of Las Cruces.

**Coach:** The person designated as a team's spokesman. May either be a player or non-player.

**Field of play:** The part of a court, field, ring or other sports venue that is considered within the boundaries for regulation play of a particular sport.

**League Director:** A board member of an independent league, organization, a volunteer, or a City employee in charge of the operation and staff of a scheduled sports game, match, event or tournament.

**Manager:** The City's Recreation Manager or such other person as the Administrator of Parks & Recreation may specify.

**Official:** A person who an independent league, organization or the City has arranged to be present at a sports venue for the purpose of administering the rules of the game, match or event, as well as this Code of Conduct.

**Parent:** The legal guardian or other family member responsible for a child who is under the age of 18 and is participating in an independent league, organization, or a sport sponsored by the Parks & Recreation.

**Participant:** Any coach, player, parent, spectator, official or any other person involved in any way with any sport or event held by an independent league, organization, or sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Section.

**Participation:** Any involvement in an independent league, organization, or Parks & Recreation sport, including as a spectator, officiating, playing, coaching, or attending a sporting event.

**Player:** A person who physically participates in a sport or is on the roster of the team or group participating in the sport.

**Probation:** A period of time during which a person who has previously violated the Sports and Activities Code of Conduct may have no further violations.

**Parks & Recreation Section:** The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation.

**Sport:** Any activity organized by an independent league, organization, or Parks and Recreation Section.

**Spectator:** A person who watches a sport or activity for entertainment with no physical involvement.

**Sportsmanship:** Conduct, such as fairness, respect for one's opponent and for officials, and graciousness in winning or losing, that are appropriate to one participating in a sport.

**Sports Venue:** An area improved with fencing, buildings, bleachers, goals, turf or other landscaping, lines or other markings or any other facilities intended for use by players, officials, spectators or anyone else participating in a sport. Examples of sports venues include fields, courts, tracks, gymnasiums or field houses, arenas, pools, or any other area designated as a venue.

**Suspension:** Loss of the privilege to participate in any manner in an independent league, organization, or Parks and Recreation sport or activity.

**Unsportsmanlike:** Exhibiting poor behavior through negative, disruptive or inappropriate actions.

**Sponsored League/Organization:** All leagues, organizations, events or activities that take place on City of Las Cruces property or on property managed by the City will be considered sponsored.

### **Prohibited Acts:**

No participant/parent/coach or spectator shall:

1. Physically attack any other participant, official or any City staff person. This includes but is not limited to striking, shoving, kicking or otherwise touching or subjecting another person to physical contact in a threatening or alarming manner.
2. Refuse to abide by an official's decision and/or contest such decision in an unsportsmanlike manner.
3. Use obscene language or gestures, harassing, insulting, taunting or challenging language, racial, ethnic or sexual slurs, or unsportsmanlike demonstrations of dissent concerning an official's decision.
4. Use unnecessary roughness in the play of a game against an opposing player.
5. Throw or cause to be deposited any object onto the field of play.
6. Violate the City of Las Cruces open container ordinance, or other state or local alcohol or drug laws, while at a sports venue, in the parking area or enter the field of play while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. Smoke in any indoor sports venue, or while coming off or going on the field of play, or while on the field of play, whether indoors or outdoors.

8. Display other unsportsmanlike conduct before or after games or events, or while at a sports venue during a scheduled activity, game, match or event.

### **Enforcement:**

To ensure the safety and create a positive environment for all spectators, players and officials, league and/or organization representatives will ensure that the following enforcement sliding scale is enforced for all activities that take place on City of Las Cruces property or property managed by the City. The City's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will have over-riding authority for all operations.

1. **Minimum Penalties.** Ejection from the current sports activity or event and suspension from the next scheduled game, activity, or event. Any participant/parent/coach or spectator who is ejected must leave the sports venue immediately. This means going far enough away that he or she cannot be seen or heard by any participant within the sports venue. Minimum penalties may be imposed onsite by an official, league representative or field supervisor.
2. **Secondary Penalties.** Suspension for up to the remainder of the scheduled season or up to one year, and one or more years on probation. After review of the alleged violation by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, secondary penalties may be imposed if 1) another infraction has occurred by the individual resulting in a penalty within the past calendar year; 2) the individual violated more than one section of this Code during the current incident; and/or 3) in the judgment of staff or league representative, the severity of the infraction justifies penalty beyond the minimum but not to the maximum level. Secondary penalties may be imposed in addition to minimum penalties. Secondary penalties can be assessed league representatives or the Parks and Recreation Director with appeals to be brought before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
3. **Maximum Penalties.** Suspension for one to five years. Maximum penalties may be imposed if, after review of the alleged violation by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, it is determined that the severity of the violation justifies the maximum penalty, based on negative impact to the program, other participants, spectators, and/or staff. Maximum penalties may be imposed by the Board in addition to minimum and/or medium penalties.
  1. Any behavior that is also a violation of law may result in criminal charges.
  2. Any participant who engages in three or more of the prohibited acts described above during any twelve-month period may be suspended for up to five years, followed by two years of probation.
  3. Any participant who engages in a prohibited act while on probation may be suspended for one to five years.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

1. **Suspension Process**

- a. After a violation "Minimum Penalty" verbal discussion by the program representative/staff that puts the patron on notice that their behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in the future. Incident report and documentation of discussion to be filed with the league or organization representative with a copy sent to the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office.
- b. Immediate suspension by program staff, league official or organization representative, not to exceed two normal workdays. Saturday and Sunday for purposes of this policy are not considered normal workdays.
- c. Suspension of 30 to 60 days "Secondary Penalty" will be enforced by the Parks and Recreation Section based on recommendations from the league or organization official. Written notice will be sent to the patron via certified mail.
- d. Recommended suspension(s) longer than 60 days will be reviewed and acted upon by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Written notice will be sent to the patron via certified mail.

## 2. Appeal Process

If an individual believes that a Disciplinary Action imposed by an independent league, organization, or the City is not warranted, the decision may be appealed.

- a. All incidents will be documented on an incident report. The next higher level of authority shall review the incident and the action taken.
- b. Immediate suspension can be appealed to the Parks and Recreation Administrator.
- c. Suspension(s) upheld by Parks and Recreation Administrator can be appealed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- d. Suspension by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is final and binding.

All appeals beyond the Department Administrator will require a notice of appeal in writing requesting to appeal and stating the reason and facts as to why an appeal is being requested. The notice of appeal in writing must be submitted no less than fifteen (15) working days prior to the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. (Third Thursday each month)

## **PROCEDURE TO REQUEST STIPENDS:**

Local youth leagues and/or associations 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), requests must 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 or associations will be invited to speak before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their August/September meeting. The Board will develop funding recommendation(s) based on the criteria and forward a recommendation for City Council action at the October/November meeting. City Council has final approval of the amount of funding and will determine which leagues and associations receive funding.

**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 versus well established leagues.
- c. Leagues/associations that have developed a plan to lower the cost of participation.
- d. Leagues/associations 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 fundraising 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 or associations that met the criteria and receive City Council approval for funding may submit requests for payment to the Parks and Recreation Section Administrative Office.

**"DRAFT"**

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
November 19, 2015**

1 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was held on November 19, 2015, at  
2 Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, NM.

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

5 Ron Camunez, Board Chair  
6 Eli Guzman  
7 Andrianna Natsoulas  
8 Dawn Rue  
9 Mark O'Neill  
10 Fran Witt

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12 **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

13 N/A

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15 **OTHERS PRESENT:**

16 Hazel Nevarez, PRAB Recording Secretary  
17 Tim Fulton, Parks Administrator  
18 Jeff Curry, Wild Chile BMX  
19 Kevin Moremon, Wild Chile BMX  
20 Brian Jordan, Wild Chile BMX

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22 The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Camunez and recognized the  
23 meeting as having a legal quorum.

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25 **I. Introductions**

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

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29 **II. Conflict of Interest**

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31 No conflict of interest.

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33 **III. Approval of Minutes**

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35 Ms. Natsoulas made a motion that October 15, 2015 minutes reflect concerns Board  
36 members had regarding Wild Chile BMX's stipend request, seconded by Mr. O'Neill.  
37 Motion unanimously carried.

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39 Fran Witt moved to accept the October 15, 2015 minutes as amended, seconded by Ms.  
40 Rue. The motion unanimously carried.

1 **IV. Old Business**

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3 **A. List of Unnamed Parks (Informational)**

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5 Board members were provided a complete listing of all the park facilities located within  
6 the City of Las Cruces, showing which parks were named by City Council resolution.  
7 The list was provided in response to question from a previous Parks and Recreation  
8 Advisory Board meeting of unnamed parks.  
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10 **B. Stipend Request - / Wild Chile BMX (Action)**

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12 Ms. Rue made a motion to take Agenda item 4B, Stipend Request / Wild Chile BMX,  
13 which was tabled at the October 15, 2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting  
14 off the table, seconded by Ms. Witt. Motion unanimously carried.  
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16 Mr. Johnston reported the Wild Chile BMX is one of the few entities that operate a  
17 program for the City of Las Cruces that doesn't require daily operational maintenance  
18 from Parks and Recreation staff. With the volunteerism and programmatic components  
19 provided by Wild Chile BMX, they are really self-sufficient and why Board has leaned  
20 towards giving them a substantial allotment over the years because of what they do for  
21 the program without a lot of help from Parks and Recreation staff.  
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23 Ms. Witt asked what some of the Board member concerns were for not granting the  
24 stipend request at the last Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Mr. O'Neill's  
25 reported his concerns were that unless it's a new start up group, his concerns have  
26 always been that groups should be able to get sponsors, get sign up fees and operate  
27 under a budget like the youth leagues. Mr. O'Neill thought the stipend was more for a  
28 scholarship fund for things kids couldn't afford or stipend should be used to help kids pay  
29 to get into the program. Mr. O'Neill thought the \$18,000 being requested out of the  
30 \$23,000 that is in the budget was too high. Ms. Natsoulas reported her concern was  
31 giving one organization the majority of the money that is available for the stipend, and  
32 that Wild Chile BMX budget was just over \$26,000 and are asking for a majority of their  
33 budget from the Parks and Recreation budget. Ms. Natsoulas asked if the stipend  
34 budget isn't spent, if it rolls over. Mr. Johnston reported it does not, it is general fund  
35 dollars.  
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37 Mr. Camunez asked Mr. Johnston if the stipend request is for this year only, that if it  
38 doesn't come past the time where there is no money available, that groups would have  
39 to wait until the next stipend cycle to request more. Mr. Johnston reported the Board  
40 helped to put together the calendar and stipend policy five or six years ago; there are  
41 deadlines - application period is August, September, all paperwork needs to be turned  
42 in by October so that stipend request can be presented to Board for recommendation,  
43 and then presented to Council before end of calendar year. This current stipend request  
44 won't be presented to Council until January so at that point will be over half way through  
45 Parks and Recreation's budget cycle so another stipend process won't be until the  
46 summer of 2016.

1 Ms. Witt asked if there were no other groups that could get money at this point. Mr.  
2 Johnston reported that there could be an exception if something brand new came to  
3 Parks and Recreation that was quasi supported by the Convention and Visitors Bureau  
4 that would have economic impact and would be brought to Board for a decision. Mr.  
5 Johnston said he didn't think Parks and Recreation will receive any other stipend  
6 requests until the next stipend cycle.

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8 Ms. Rue made a motion to approve the \$18,600.00 stipend request by Wild Chile BMX,  
9 seconded by Mr. Guzman. The motion unanimously carried.

## 10 11 **V. New Business**

### 12 13 **A. Proposed Mural Project Through Youth Winter Art Camp 2015**

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15 Mr. Johnston reported Recreation Programs is proposing a second mural creation and  
16 production camp December 28 – December 31, 2015, with a mural being painted on the  
17 outdoor storage building located just south of Meerscheidt across from the LCPD  
18 academy facility. This is a continuation of a program from Spring Break 2014 that was  
19 very successful with a lot of positive feedback and which brought recreational opportunity  
20 and outreach to the school district and Juvenile Citation program.

### 21 22 **B. Drone Use In Park**

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24 Mr. Camunez expressed concern about drone use in our public parks. Mr. Johnston  
25 reported that the FAA has not made a ruling on this issue and there is no City ordinance  
26 on the books. Mr. Johnston reported his thought is to encourage and educate public to  
27 use the remote control airport for flying drones.

## 28 29 30 **VI. Public Comment**

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32 No public comment.

## 33 34 **VII. Member Comments**

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36 Ms. Witt asked if there was some way to get notified of upcoming events besides the  
37 Parks and Recreation update report provided to Board at meetings. Mr. Camunez  
38 advised Veronica Quezada is emailing Weekly events every week. Mr. Camunez did  
39 suggest getting the City's Public Information Office and City Manager's office to add  
40 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members to their email list.

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42 Ms. Witt made a motion to suspend the December Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
43 meeting seconded by Ms. Rue. Motion unanimously carried.

## 44 45 **VIII. Adjournment**

1 Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Hazel Nevarez, Recording Secretary

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Ron Camunez, Chair P&R Board



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## COUNCIL ACTION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY PACKET ROUTING SLIP

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

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(Adoption Date)

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

DEPARTMENT	SIGNATURE	PHONE NO.	DATE
Drafter/Staff Contact		2550	12/4/15
Department Director		2550	12/4/15
Other			
Assistant City Manager /CAO Management & Budget Manager		2078 2106	12/15/15 12/15/15
Assistant City Manager/COO			12/17/15
City Attorney		EXT 2128	31 DEC 2015
City Clerk		x2115	1-21-16