

**JANUARY 21, 2021 MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
PARKS, RECREATION, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Commission (PRCA) of the City of Farmington met in a regular session on Thursday, January 21, at 6:15 p.m. Virtually through the ZOOM platform, Farmington, NM

Members Present    Leslie Thompson Chair; Deborah Cutler; Thomas Hawkins; George Golombowski; Evan Noel; Richard Griffiths ; Carla Stimac; Ken LaCasse; Tyson Snyder; and Patricia Baca

Members Absent:    Larry Hilliard

Also present were:  Shaña Reeves; PRCA Director; Natalie Spruell; Assistant PRCA Director; Gwen Johnson; PRCA Administrative Aide

**OPENING OF MEETING:**

Chair; Leslie Thompson called the Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs Commission meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. She welcomed the Commissioners and thanked them for being present. The roll was taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair; Leslie asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Thomas Hawkins to accept the minutes as written, Rick Griffiths made the second, upon vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

With no new business at this time to be brought to the floor, Leslie requested that Shaña Reeves, PRCA Director, bring her updates and report to the Commission.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATE-**

Shaña Reeves, PRCA Director, Gave a warm greeting to the Commission and presented the PRCA Department Report.

❖ Golf Course update:

- In the last meeting it was noted that the Golf Course was looking at leasing new equipment. The golf course, decided to go with a New Mexico Finance Authority loan and purchased new equipment. The loan is \$89,000.00 for the next 5 years. This is a much needed purchase, and the crew at the Golf Course is very pleased with the equipment.
- The Cart Path and Irrigation project has been put back out to bid, after a slight setback. The current bid procedure will close on February 23, 2021 and the process will move on to the next step.

❖ Park Operations

- The Park Operations, did a great job getting the Christmas lights and decorations up and down. We are very proud of all our Park Operations team and all their hard work that made this happen once again.

- There are plans to look for a designer to execute a Christmas light theme for future years of our Annual Down Town and Civic Center Christmas light display. The steps for that will begin soon, first by hiring a designer to design a plan. The cost will be determined, and decided after the estimates are turned in. The design will be executed when the City has the funds to move forward with that.

❖ Sycamore Community Center

- A Park Golf Pilot Program was mentioned at the last meeting. The organizers of that program were considering utilizing our Sycamore Community Center grounds and facility. Park Golf is a 3 or 4 hole golf course, with artificial turf. This program introduces youth and families to the game of golf. While our application, and location were very impressive to the organizers of that program, at this time we were not their selection. Reasons given, were due to COVID19, and our State not being opened up at this time, and also with our Sycamore Community Center, not being open to public, and the concern about not having access to the building. We are however on the list to be considered once again in the future. The organizers were very impressed with our community, grounds and facility
- Progress on the Pump Track project is moving forward with work on that to begin in February. The goal is to have it completed by the end of February. Our City, Streets department will be expediting and executing the work on that. This project is being made possible through a \$10,000 no match grant that we received. Beyond that, the decision was made and accepted to put some of our funds to enhance this track with a shade structure and benches. These accessories will really bring a nicely developed, and inviting recreation spot. All involved are very excited about bringing this project to our community.

❖ Among the Waters Trail,

- The trail starts at the Bisti goes and goes up Murry under the 64 bridge. Rachele and Doug are working with the company HALO to develop that. It is coming along very, very nicely. It is a beautiful trail. We are working with some property owners, which the trail easements will use a little bit of the property owners land. Shaña encouraged the Commission to visit the trail or schedule a time with us, and someone could take them out there

- ❖ A Pickle Ball survey went out, which brought back 80 responses from patrons. The survey was sent to the all user groups, coaches, pickle ball players, and tennis players. The Brookside tennis courts are out of the question at this time, due to the damage of the court lining, as we have covered in past meetings. To use Brookside courts we are looking at a new build of the courts, which has a starting of at least \$350,000 which is not feasible at this time. Mossman Gladden tennis courts are being explored, because they have a good surface. Although a couple concerns at the Mossman Gladden courts is the noise level this fun game generates. Another option being looked at is the Sports Complex courts. They could be restriped with the pickle ball game lines. This location would provide more parking, and the noise level would not disturb a neighborhood. In the future as funds are available, the Brookside courts may be re considered.

❖ Community Development Block Grant Fund projects (CBDG funds)

- Bonnie Dallas Senior Center,  
Parking lot redone the best that can be done right now, and a shed put at the location for the drive up meals on wheels program.
- Recreation Center  
Parking lot redone, and a Bathroom remodel
- Indian Center  
Bathroom remodel and updates is now completed.

❖ Ricketts Park

- The large bleacher project is almost completed. The funding for that came from the CMWS committee. It is finishing up very nicely.

❖ Lions Pool Update

Shaña shared a power point, explaining the improvements and work that needs to occur to bring the pool up to standards. Phase 1 will entail replacement of the pool plaster and tile and replace pool deck coating/resurface. This will cost between, \$162,500-\$172,500. We would be able to use reallocated CBDG funds, which means PRCA will only have to come up with about \$35000 to \$45000 additional funding.

Phase 2 would possibly happen next fiscal year. The projected cost for phase 2 is \$108,675-\$130,700. Phase 2 is the first step in insuring that we increase the probability that Lions pool will operate 5 to 7 more years longer. This would upgrade the things we are in "grandfathered "in to an improved standard.

Phase 3 would involve a roof assessment, and vapor barrier research.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

With no further items for discussion or comment from the Commissioners, Chair; Leslie Thompson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by George Golombowski, and seconded Patricia Baca. The vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Next Meeting February 18, 2021



Leslie Thompson, Chair

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Gwen Johnson, PRCA Administrative Aide