



CITY OF LAS CRUCES

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

September 17, 2026

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a meeting on August 27, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at 1501 E. Hadley, Building A - Parks and Recreation Administrative Office.

Members Present:

Jeremy Williams - At large member - Chair
Alana Bradley - District 4 - Vice-Chair
G. Michael Amezquita - District 6
Charles Beard - District 2
Stephanie Genelle Hofacket - District 5

Members Absent:

VACANT - District 1
VACANT - District 3

Others Present:

Steven Bingham, Director, Parks & Recreation
Robert Nunez, Deputy Director, Youth Services, Parks & Recreation
Franco Granillo, Deputy Director, Parks & Recreation
Katherine Harrison-Rogers, Parks Planning and Construction Administrator
Orlando Flores, Community Forester, Parks & Recreation
Bruce Begor, Las Cruces Tennis Players Association LCTPA
Arturo Fierro, USTA
Greg Shervanick, Public

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05.

2. Introductions:

Board Members introduced themselves and stated the district they represent.
Attending staff introduced themselves.

3. Conflict of Interest:

There was no conflict of interest.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

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2 Board Member Charles Beard moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Advisory
3 Board Meeting Agenda for September 17, 2026, seconded by Board Member
4 Stephanie Hofacket. Motion passed unanimously.
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6 **5. Approval of the Minutes**
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8 **5.1 August 27, 2026 PRAB Regular Meeting Minutes:**
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10 Board Member Alana Bradley had three corrections, page 2, line 24 spelling
11 error, does not say "chairing" it says "charring". Page 2, line 29, motion was
12 made by Charles Beard, not Alana Bradley. Line 31, motion made by Jeremy
13 Williams.
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15 Board Member Alana Bradley moved to approve the Parks and Recreation
16 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2026 with corrections,
17 seconded by Board Member Michael Amezcuita. Motion passed unanimously.
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19 **5.2 August 27, 2026 PRAB Work Session Minutes:**
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21 Chair Jeremy Williams had some corrections. Page 2, line 8, "city then
22 returned for more public input", add "the" in front "city." Page 2 line 9, "with
23 that new information now are the drafts being shown now." Remove a "now."
24 Page 2, line 11 it says "water play trails, park furniture. Amenities, lighting.
25 Amphitheater improvements. Public art." Those are not sentences. Page 3,
26 line 39, "The highest requested from land and water conservation is \$15 million
27 and would have to match that." Need to add "the city would have to match
28 that." Page 4, line 3 "In it's current configuration and rehab and line it again
29 and approve the circulation." Something amiss in that sentence. Page 5, line
30 1, "shar" should be "shared."
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32 Board Member Alana Bradley moved to approve the Parks and Recreation
33 Advisory Board Work Session Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2026 with
34 corrections, seconded by Board Member Charles Beard. Motion passed
35 unanimously.
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37 **6. Public Participation:**
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39 Greg Shervanick thanked the board for public participation. He stated he does not
40 have a voice at this table. It is not that he does not respect the board's ability to
41 vote this evening on the action item but he does want to go over several items. In
42 the previous month's minutes the director spoke about the reasons Young Park is
43 costing so much is because it is valuable but it is not a revenue source. Greg stated
44 if you build a building and it is out of square it will always be out of square. He asks
45 that at the end of this meeting for Katherine Harrison-Rogers to send him documents
46 and RFP from the city clerk's office. He wants the original items for Young Park

1 from the contractor for the 10/16/25 meeting. He stated in that item on pages 7, 11,
2 12, 15 are the core of what Young Park is. He asks the board to look at those pages
3 before the vote this evening. He stated the security for La Casa should be the same
4 security for the public that lives around the park. The park is under the items he
5 discussed about from the contractor that were listed one, two, and three as per the
6 public, the city, and the residents. The park needs a little bit of changing and there
7 are some valuable items in it. It does not need destruction for which he believes
8 some of the master plan proposes. He stated that when the board were sworn in
9 by the city clerk that they were told they were voting for the city and not themselves.
10 He told the board to not change the plan as that is not what they are here for. He
11 told the board they are here to vote on what they heard the staff say so that can
12 then go to City Council, and then council can decide. He stated if Parks receives
13 \$8 million, \$20 million that it is just money that goes into the General Fund and does
14 not mean it will actually go to Parks, maybe eventually. Greg stated the win here is
15 for the director who needs to go back to the city manager and say that he got the
16 board to advise him on my master plan at X dollar amount. In looking the
17 documentation he stated from the survey the greatest number of people are aged
18 42-56. Is that the people this park should be for? Is that the legacy? He does not
19 think so. He suggested they vote to table the master plan. He still believes there is
20 a way to change the park, elevate, and get rid of the problem of the media, and
21 shooting, and everything else that has come to the park. He stated he has been
22 coming to the PRAB meeting since 2017 and has more history and knowledge than
23 most of the board and staff. He thanked the board for their time.

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25 Katherine Harrison-Rogers stated that Mr. Shervanick does have an opportunity to
26 provide input during the action item of the Young Park Plan if the chair and the board
27 so chose to open to public, which is typical of an action item.

28 29 **7. Action Items:**

30 31 **7.1 Young Park Plan:**

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33 Katherine Harrison-Rogers stated this Plan was brought forward for an in-
34 depth conversation, and the board was provided all the documentation.
35 Tonight is just a refresher, but then also a discussion about the direction the
36 board wants in terms of a vote about the preferred plan, modifications to the
37 plan, etc.

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39 This master plan is a guiding document that sets the vision for the future. The
40 plan is not intended to be a final design. The process will be phased. The
41 plan is a living document that is intended to change over time, particularly if
42 there are community needs associated with it. The plan does not set finite
43 budgets. The master plan is just general guidance for planning purposes.

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45 The process has come in three phases. It has been a longer process than
46 anticipated. The public was involved in several venues at Lynn Middle School

1 for a neighborhood meeting, the Farmers Market, stakeholder meeting, and
2 internal staff and City Council members, and members of the board at this
3 time. These were opportunities for discussion about what people loved, what
4 people wanted to change, what they wanted to see, and an analysis of the
5 existing park infrastructure. Phase two was when the engagement was
6 processed and staff received the first drafts. The plan again went out to public,
7 neighborhood meeting, the Renaissance Fair, and Lynn Middle School and
8 met with the children. Based on that input the plan was refined even further.
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10 The renovation plan. This plan takes what exists, consolidates the
11 playgrounds, adds multiuse courts, some pond improvements, and adds some
12 shade structures and basic improvements to the amphitheater. The cost is
13 about \$12 million to \$12.5 million.
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15 The hybrid plan. This creates a formalized entrance, does some additional
16 improvements to the bathrooms, creates some additional walkways, really
17 amplifies the features around the pond with the fishing docks, moves and
18 enlarges the amphitheater, creates a central spine as well as a gathering place
19 that could potentially be for public art, a carousel, etc. The cost is about \$14
20 million to \$15.2 million.
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22 Amenity options are included in the final reimagined plan. These amenities
23 included a totally reconfigured and renovated parking lot for about \$4 million,
24 a dog park for about \$8 million, and a water play area for about \$350,000.
25 These can be added to any of the previous two plans or removed from the final
26 plan that already includes these amenities. Board Member Charles Beard
27 asked why the amenities showed up later on and not at the beginning, like the
28 dog park. Katherine Harrison-Rogers stated the dog park was always a
29 concept that was incorporated in one of the final versions. At one of the public
30 engagements people were quite excited about the dog park. The staff broke
31 down a lot of the bigger features that received a lot of commentary and support
32 from the public and options for the board to add to some of the plans that may
33 have a lesser dollar value than the biggest plan.
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35 The reimagined plan. This is the public preference with all the bells and
36 whistles. This plan may not be viable as it is high dollar cost and would require
37 several phases. The cost is about \$27.5 million to \$30 million. There is the
38 dog park, even more amenities around the fishing pond, a really large
39 amphitheater, a central spine that runs through almost the entirety of the park,
40 formalized entrance, the sports courts, additional walkways, trees, shelters
41 and shade areas.
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43 The hybrid includes lots of changes plus fishing docks, public art, a new
44 amphitheater rather than renovated, food truck parking, expanded restrooms
45 and shade, new trails, fenced storage and utility area, and the formalized entry
46 space. Again the reimagined went beyond that; adding fish cleaning stations,

1 a larger amphitheater, the dog park, the water play area, reconfigured parking
2 lot, decorative lighting, wayfinding, monument signage, extended pedestrian
3 spine, more pond enhancements, and more fishing docks.

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5 There are several funding sources including GO Bonds, capital outlay, state,
6 local, and federal grants, Park Impact Fees for new amenities that did not exist
7 before, federal appropriations, other bond types, local funds, and private
8 donations.

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10 During the work session there was discussion about the memorial walkway.
11 Maybe a plaque would be a better use of the space. Katherine Harrison-
12 Rogers stated that in the opinion of the board from the work session it seemed
13 that those spaces may not be as used or cherished as the intent. Tree
14 preservation was also well mentioned. Maintain natural shade and the healthy
15 trees as much as possible. Move the multiuse courts due to the trees. View
16 protection came up, currently the amphitheater is located with a natural view
17 and may not want to obstruct or change that as it enhances the experience.
18 Retention of the open turf areas as there is limited play space in town so the
19 open turf is cherished. Utilizing existing and new trees for shade. Ability to
20 reuse existing structures if in good condition. Adding additional shade
21 structures where appropriate. Pond reconstruction is needed for proper
22 aeration for fish survival and easier operational maintenance to control algae
23 growth. Accessible routes and enhancements were an important topic at the
24 work session. Walkways within the park and links to the surrounding
25 neighborhood were discussed. Discussion also about mixing and matching
26 the plans and the amenities.

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28 Board Member Michael Amezcuita sent staff some information that was
29 presented for the board's consideration in the packet. A final document will be
30 brought back to the board upon completion of discussions and a vote. Board
31 Member Michael Amezcuita stated he took option one and added several of
32 the amenities identified. He mentioned possibly working with the public school
33 system to lease the land on Lynn Middle School with the basketball courts and
34 add other courts and make the courts available for the public during non-school
35 hours. This would preserve the trees within the park that would need to be
36 removed to construct the multiuse courts. Board Member Michael Amezcuita
37 stated the pond really needs to be done to bring it up to standard. He again
38 emphasized retaining trees. He also looked at all the picnic table areas and
39 most appeared to be in good condition, but a few need maintenance/updating,
40 to include adding hardened covers to those that are without covers.. Chair
41 Jeremy Williams greatly appreciated the in-depth thought and effort. The
42 bench storage and utility area renovation is not included in the first option and
43 probably should be as it is part of the park effectiveness at Parks and
44 Recreation maintaining the park. Chair Jeremy Williams stated if the
45 renovation plus some amenities is chosen, be sure the bench storage and
46 utility area is part of it. The board had general concurrence on this.

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2 Board Member Stephanie Hofacket agreed with the Chair Jeremy Williams
3 about the bench storage and utility area. She does not want a conflict of
4 interest with Las Cruces Public Schools area, so she will refrain from comment
5 on that. She feels parks are for kids and if the kids want basketball courts, that
6 is a big deal. Be sure we think about all the stakeholders who use the park.
7 There are a lot of commonalities between the hybrid and the renovation. She
8 agrees with improvements on the amphitheater so that is usable and safe.
9 Lastly she is struggling with the dog park concept because of the gathering
10 place of all the people and the way that Young Park is used that is for children
11 and families. Is that the best use of time and space in that particular
12 community? Katherine Harrison-Rogers stated there is a dog park within a
13 half mile at Hadley. She stated the city does work closely with the school
14 districts, but it is unknown if the city and the school district will ever come to an
15 agreement and cannot guarantee anything.
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17 Board Member Alana Bradley asked about areas with the older, bigger trees.
18 Board Member Michael Amezquita stated it is not the same putting two six foot
19 trees for a 50-foot pine tree with huge canopy. Orlando Flores, the city
20 forester, stated the overall health and condition of trees does raise property
21 values, including the social and health benefits and shade. Need to take into
22 consideration if these are the right trees for the right place. This includes
23 growth habits, root structures, any hindrances for structural issues.
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25 Chair Jeremy Williams stated building multiuse courts on Lynn Middle School
26 that will benefit the school itself. He asked if the school district is historically
27 against benefiting their properties. Katherine Harrison-Rogers stated the city
28 meets with the school district quarterly. There have been cooperative
29 agreements with the soccer fields off of Bruins and Motel, and Hermosa Park.
30 As Lynn is a community school there are greater uses to the school. The
31 principal did mention some property, not adjacent to Young Park to do
32 something cooperative with the city and county. It is noted that the schools do
33 have to lock down their properties. Regardless of the fact that there is fencing,
34 we will explore options to have that area accessible for after-school hour use.
35 Steven Bingham, the Parks and Rec Director, is having discussions with the
36 school district for opportunities for practice space in the school fields.
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38 Chair Willaims asked about having a wait and see approach for the use of
39 school courts. Katherine Harrison-Rogers stated the board could make a
40 recommendation that the city make initiatives to work with the school district
41 to locate the multiuse courts on school district property. This would be an
42 optional feature. She also suggested since the public really desires the
43 multiuse courts perhaps include it in the plan, but optional that the location is
44 not finite. She stated in Young Park there is an older playground and since
45 they are consolidating the playgrounds, use that space for the multiuse courts,
46 which would replace the possible new dog park. Chair Jeremy Williams stated

1 we are running out of water in Las Cruces. Water playgrounds are expensive
2 to maintain, but he will support an efficient water play area. Katherine
3 Harrison-Rogers stated the water feature is more of a manipulation of water
4 not a splash pad. More of get hands in the water not your body in the water.
5 This type uses not a lot of water and if treated it can be recirculated. Board
6 Member Alana Bradley stated she does not think Las Cruces is looking for that
7 type of water feature, people prefer to get their bodies wet. Katherine
8 Harrison-Rogers stated a splash pad can be more than the earlier mentioned
9 \$350,000, in fact quite pricy. If a splash pad is done, showers have to be
10 included, and a number of other things also according to code. At Apodaca
11 Park the walking path, water play with the restrooms is about \$4.2 million.
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13 Board Member Charles Beard stated this is a peoples park not a dog park, so
14 he is opposed to the dog park. He also agrees to preserving every tree they
15 can. There was general board agreement to build the multiuse courts in the
16 far northwestern corner of the park. So this would be the plan for the multiuse
17 courts after such a time as discussions with the school district are not
18 producing an agreement. Board Member Charles Beard suggested pecan
19 trees as he has trees and people like to pick up the pecans. Orlando Flores
20 stated pecan trees are not the best solution because they are more for
21 production, require a lot more water. Katherine Harrison-Rogers stated the
22 city does have some pecan trees and they struggle with broken branches, and
23 other damage to the trees because people climb them and try to pick the
24 pecans. The city's cycle times could be hindered with pecans needing more.
25 Board Member Charles Beard stated he is doing ladybugs and praying mantis
26 instead of higher price insecticides that are also affecting the bees.
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28 Board Member Alana Bradley shared her notes of keeping as many plants and
29 current walkways as possible, a main entrance with wayfinding, the pond
30 renovations, more large and small pavilions, multiuse court, amphitheater
31 upgraded with seating and grass seating incorporating the shade, ADA
32 compliance. In reading the feedback information the amphitheater and
33 outdoor stage were ranked highly, possibly one thing could serve both
34 purposes. Her suggestion is to leave the amphitheater renovation for a later
35 phase after the pond renovation as the options for the amphitheater range from
36 just renovation to total redo and move it.
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38 Chair Jeremy Williams stated that one of the options is probably not going to
39 work as it seems each board member wants something that is a mix between
40 renovation and added amenities. Katherine Harrison-Rogers stated they can
41 table with very, very specific amendments to bring back to the board, or put
42 the faith in the staff and the consultant to amend as per today's discussions.
43 It might be better to table and give directions to bring back more of a version
44 the board prefers. Chair Jeremy Williams stated he hears that the board thinks
45 everything on renovation is a go, except the memorial walk, and the multiuse
46 courts. Michael Amezcuita went into depth on the picnic tables and covered

1 areas and benches. Katherine Harrison-Rogers cautioned the board to not go
2 too deep into the weeds. The plans that are shown are conceptual and not for
3 construction. Recommend to preserve as much as possible, when getting into
4 design and it has been identified there are issues related to root uplift on some
5 things, or ADA accessibility issues, there may need to be modifications, take
6 away, add new. Chair Jeremy Williams stated the three options are not just
7 conceptual in nature, they are specific. Board Member Michael Amezcuita
8 stated it makes a difference in approving option one and everything on there.
9 He does not agree with the first item, the new pavilions. Katherine Harrison-
10 Rogers stated many of the parks throughout the city have master plans and in
11 all of them when they begin design they try to get as close as possible, but
12 there are always deviations. Value engineering depends on the funding
13 sources. Chair Jeremy Williams asked if the board would have a say on the
14 design. Katherine Harrison-Rogers stated typically no, but the board can
15 request that and make it a condition of approval. This is an advisory board
16 that provides guidance and policy direction but technical plans maybe not
17 appropriate.

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19 Board Member Charles Beard moved to modify the first sentence on the
20 renovation. Preserve as much of the pavilion and shade structures as
21 possible. Katherine Harrison-Rogers stated it would be helpful for her to
22 receive what changes the board would like to see and she can come back with
23 a revised document.

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25 Chair Jeremy Williams suggested going down the list.

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27 1. **New pavilions and shade structures.** Modify that to say retaining as
28 many existing shade structures and maximize tree shade over picnic
29 tables in the park.
- 30 2. **Renovate walkways and restrooms.** No board opposition to this.
31 Update and preserve the walkways that we have. Streamline trails so
32 not as much concrete, but more efficient trails. Trails as conceptualized
33 in the renovation draft. Remove the memorial trail or the name as the
34 memorial trail.
- 35 3. **Pond upgrades.** All the board agrees with this. This is a must have.
- 36 4. **Replacement of outdated play structures with a large,**
37 **consolidated play area.** All the board agrees with this.
- 38 5. **New multiuse courts.** Propose that they be put where the old
39 playground in the area proposed for the dog park. Katherine Harrison-
40 Rogers wrote the preferred dog park space would become the multiuse
41 courts with limited tree removal and ADA accessibility. Robert Nunez
42 stated there are three to four homes right near that northwestern
43 location. Also the city has received complaints from other parks about
44 people and the hours they are using the courts. The parks do have a
45 closing time, but the lit areas are used later than other areas of the
46 parks. Katherine Harrison-Rogers suggested having the consultants

1 look for other places the multiuse courts might fit. Board Member
2 Michael Amezquita requested to not discontinue pursuing Lynn Middle
3 School agreement. Chair Willaims stated if the school district does
4 open up the basketball courts, that is not amenable to multiuse court.
5 It is not the same function. Board Member Michael Amezquita stated a
6 basketball court could be converted into a multiuse court. Katherine
7 Harrison-Rogers stated the location of the multiuse courts is there
8 because it was a request of the students with direct access from the
9 school. Alternative locations for the multiuse courts will be done with
10 the contractor and ensure tree preservation.

- 11 6. **Amphitheater renovations.** Based on what the community wants the
12 renovations to the amphitheater are desired and the board supports
13 that.
14 7. **Memorial walkway.** Board Member Alana Bradley stated there are
15 other options rather than a very specific walkway to create a memorial,
16 a plaque, a garden, a designated area. Also La Casa is there with their
17 small memorial garden.

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19 Added amenities:

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21 1. **Fishing docks.** This would be docks into the water feature. All the
22 board agrees with this.
23 2. **Water playground option.** Not the children's museum option but
24 something that allows people to maybe getting wet, but still something
25 that is efficient.
26 3. **Food truck parking.** Board stated not really necessary. Paint some
27 lines and make food truck parking in the parking lot.
28 4. **Expanded restrooms and shade.** More restrooms is always good, but
29 they are expensive. There are two, a large one by the main and smaller
30 one by the soccer fields. Per the staff, the larger restroom is open daily,
31 but the smaller one is open only for special events. The restrooms are
32 in good shape, but do not handle the volume needed. The board agrees
33 with the renovation of existing bathrooms.
34 5. **New trails.** Covered this previously in the discussion.
35 6. **Fenced storage utility area.** Board agrees this is a must have.
36 7. **Formalized entry.** Board Member Stephanie Hofacket is a big fan of
37 the plan that showed a pathway, lights, and directing you to the park.
38 The board agrees on this.

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40 Board Member Stephanie Hofacket stated every park needs wayfinding. It is
41 really important.

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43 Board Member Michael Amezquita moved to table the Young Park Plan to
44 amend the plan as discussed until the November meeting, seconded by Board
45 Member Charles Beard. Motion passed unanimously.
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1 **8. Discussion Items:**

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3 Board Member Michael Amezcuita moved to table, 8.1 Mistletoe, 8.2 Community
4 Gardens, 8.3 Shooting Range Presentations until October meeting, seconded by
5 Board Member Alana Bradley. Motion passed unanimously.
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7 **8.1 Mistletoe Presentation:**

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9 **8.2 Community Gardens Presentation:**

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11 **8.3 Shooting Range:**

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13 **8.4 LCTPA/USTA Tennis Presentation:**

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15 Chair Williams stated he met Bruce Begor and Arturo Fierro of the Tennis
16 Associations one Saturday morning with his children. There are about 60-80
17 children and parents that attend at Lions Park.
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19 Bruce Begor, President of the Las Cruces Tennis Players Association
20 (LCTPA), introduced Art Fierro, the USTA Regional Chair and Board Member
21 for the Southwest Section. The LCTPA is a community tennis association that
22 is affiliated with and gets support from the USTA that allows the organization
23 to run community events. They want to provide awareness of what they are
24 doing in the community as well as to further the partnership and more
25 collaboration with the Parks and Rec Committee.
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27 LCTPA has been around for close to 40 years primarily playing out of Lions
28 Park. This is a volunteer organization. The USTA provides some grant monies
29 to provide many of their programs either at no-cost or low-cost. It allows for
30 hiring coaches, uses the students at NMSU, and pays for a lot of the
31 programming. They are doing free Saturdays at Lions Park with over 80
32 children registered. They use a red somewhat deflated tennis ball and pop up
33 net for new players to learn at an easier rate.
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35 As part of the grant they are working with the Parks and Rec and the
36 afterschool program. They are starting a pilot one hour introductory to tennis
37 program up to twice a week for four to six weeks at two of the elementary
38 schools. Also doing a free cardio class later in the fall at Lions Park. Upcoming
39 events is a tennis fest at NMSU on October 10th which is an opportunity for
40 anyone in the community to show up and meet the NMSU tennis teams. Last
41 year was the first year with over 200 individuals, hoping to get 200-250 this
42 year. This also includes a t-shirt and lunch. They are doing some in school
43 tennis programming. May is national tennis month. There are some visually
44 impaired programs available with grant monies. Facing autism is another
45 program. Wheelchair tennis is another program. The USTA provides

1 curriculum and grant money to their providers which could be Parks and Rec
2 or in concert with USTA to deliver these programs for the community.

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4 The USTA stated in the last year there were 10,200 visitors to Lions Park which
5 are directly onto the court. This is with a company that tracks everyone's
6 phone for USTA. The city has approximately 9,383 tennis players who are
7 active and play often and regularly. There is still a growth potential of another
8 11,000 that have been identified as being interested in learning how to play
9 tennis. They are in a good space to continue to grow the game. Last year the
10 NMSU women's team had a tournament with 24 teams from the mountain west
11 area, with 12 players each team staying for five days. This had a pretty big
12 impact for the city with hotels, dining, and tourism. This necessitated the 12
13 courts at NMSU and also using the 12 courts at Lions Park. There are different
14 levels within the USTA Junior System. L5 is a prestigious tournament in July
15 and the kids earn a lot of perks if they do well at the tournaments. This has
16 drawn up to 150 people.

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18 Public parks have a huge impact in growing the game of tennis. Close to 90%
19 of the individuals that learn how to first play tennis are in a public park, so
20 having the availability of courts is important. The Parks and Rec leadership
21 team have been supportive by providing security during the tournaments and
22 custodial services for the permitted events they have. There are some
23 challenges related to Lions Park related to safety and other issues that tends
24 to defer families wanting to come to the park. Some of the feedback from the
25 USTA is that they do not feel comfortable or safe. Also restroom facilities is a
26 big component as well. They have seen people passed out in the bathrooms.
27 Marijuana and drugs are seen. A suggestion during the larger events is to
28 possibly use the Laabs pool restrooms and that facility, but those are locked
29 towards the end of the summer and during winter months.

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31 Continue to grow tennis and make a positive impact on the city. Work with
32 Parks and Rec to strengthen the relationship. They would appreciate some
33 additional support either through promoting the events that are going on
34 locally, either free or small charges using the social media channels or other
35 outlets. There are grants being provided by the USTA.

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37 Tennis venue services provides about \$10 million nationally in grants and they
38 can provide for resurfacing, new court construction, reconstruction, lighting,
39 amenities. In the last year Albuquerque received \$91,000, Artesia received
40 \$30,000, Sierra Vista received \$30,000, these were grants. NMSU just got
41 approved to resurface six of their courts. They have representatives that will
42 help with the grants. They can do dry renderings, make recommendations
43 about what should be done and how soon. Each location is considered a
44 separate project, so Lions Park, Young Park. Same with public schools, each
45 is a separate project. They will connect with their person in Phoenix who will
46 walk the city through the process, explain how it works to get the ball rolling.

1 Franco Granillo stated that the city's problem at Lions is the slab is pulling
2 moisture from the bottom. Resurfacing would help for a couple of years but
3 will run into the same problems they have now. GO Bond just resurfaced some
4 about five years ago and they are already starting to struggle. Really whole
5 court repair is needed. Art Fierro stated reconstruction they can get \$35,000
6 per court. And the city would cover the other half. During the GO Bond
7 complete rebuild was about \$250,000. The grants office at the city would be
8 the point of contact.

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10 Parks and Rec has not done anything with USTA but it sounds like a great
11 idea. Art Fierro stated the USTA primary focus is facilities, coaching, and
12 programming, and are willing to put money to back this. Franco Granillo stated
13 he will have discussions with Josh about using the restrooms at the Laabs
14 Pool. Katherine Harrison-Rogers stated for security there are the rangers and
15 Lions Park is a primary park that is being monitored. Events can be covered
16 with the rangers upon request. Rangers start at 10:00 on Saturday, so would
17 have to have discussions with the police department for different times. It
18 would be great if the Laabs Pool bathrooms and the rangers could be
19 coordinated with the events with the tennis association.

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21 Bruce Begor suggested having a tennis director on staff with the city either
22 part time or full time that would help develop and deliver programming. Chair
23 Willaims sees a lot of commonality between Parks and Rec with their
24 programming involving the community, and the LCPTA. He had spoken with
25 Steven Bingham who stated he had a tennis director in another location and
26 had a lot of success. This would benefit Las Cruces. Bruce Begor stated they
27 need more volunteers but are working on it. Most people learn tennis at public
28 parks and it is a very accessible sport for all demographics. LCPTA has cardio
29 tennis being run by Emily Wong the former NMSU coach three times a week.
30 An agreement between the city and LCPTA would then allow LCPTA to put
31 posters up at Parks and Rec locations.

32 33 **8.5 Future Agenda Items:**

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35 Items tabled: Mistletoe, Community Gardens, Shooting Range presentations.

36 37 **10. Board Member Comments:**

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39 Board Member Alana Bradley thanked the Chair Jeremy Williams for his patience.

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41 Board Member Michael Amezquita appreciates the Chair Jeremy Williams looking
42 for where we are and where we want to go, giving various options. His Councilor
43 did ask him to push for a dog park.

44 45 **9. Staff Member Comments:**

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2 Franco Granillo stated the reason for the Mistletoe as in the next couple of months
3 the leaves will be dropping from the trees and then get a lot of customers complaints
4 of mistletoe in certain areas. Their major issues with mistletoe are along the trail at
5 La Llorona Park, a few in the park itself, and at Sunset Hills in about nine trees. The
6 issues are mild to moderate. Mistletoe can only be treated at certain times of the
7 year so they are limited to when.

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9 Katherine Harrison-Rogers stated there are some projects that will be getting started
10 soon, bike park is one of them. Starting the trail construction in October and some
11 other features will be later. This will be at the East Mesa Recreation Complex. And
12 Apodaca Park requisition is in the workflow and hope to start construction
13 approximately the next month or so. She also thinks the board's comments are
14 quite constructive.

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16 **11. Next Meeting Date:**

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18 The third Thursday of October 15th.

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20 **12. Adjournment (8:20):**

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22 Board Member Alana Bradley moved to adjourn, seconded by Board Member
23 Stephanie Hofacket. Motion passed unanimously.

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29 Chairperson

