

Councilor Kain-Salazar made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Seeds. The motion carried 2/0.

Item #1, Description of the Community Services Committee/Renaming of the Community Development Committee

Councilor Salazar said this committee had been the Community Development Committee and was renamed the Community Services Committee. He said the committee had dealt with economic development and would deal with parks and recreation as the main focus of this Committee.

Councilor Kain-Salazar asked if Item #8 should be transferred to the Public Safety Committee; Councilor Salazar said they could leave it and add it to Public Safety.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Committee Member Comments

There were no Committee Member comments.

Approval of Minutes

Items # 2, 3, and 4, (Community Development) 12-21-09, (Community Development) 1-4-10, (Community Development) 2-8-10

Councilor Salazar said the minutes had been from the Community Development Committee and asked the City Clerk if this committee could approve the minutes as the committee members had changed. Councilor Kain-Salazar said she had been on the Community Development Committee.

Councilor Kain-Salazar made a motion to approve all three sets of minutes.

Councilor Seeds said he couldn't act on it the motion as he wasn't a Councilor at the time.

Councilor Salazar seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0 with Councilor Seeds not voting.

Item #5 Presentation Regarding a Proposed Community Youth Sports Program by A&P Youth Sports and Possible Request for Committee Recommendation for Council Approval for the City of Española to Co-Sponsor the Program and Use of City Facilities for the Program

Len Cata, Community Services Director, presented. He said Gilbert Montoya from A and P Youth Sports had met with him and Mr. Montoya was looking at starting a program like he had started in Santa Fe, which was a year-round activities sports program for kids not in little league, basketball, or participating in school programs; Mr. Cata said it would be including soccer, paintball, and arts and crafts. Mr. Cata said Mr. Montoya wanted to get a youth program going in Española in conjunction with the Lucero Center and using limited funds. Mr. Cata said Mr. Montoya charged \$35 to \$55 depending on the activity and had \$4 million in liability insurance.

Mr. Cata said the city didn't have a whole lot for youth programming. He said he told Mr. Montoya not to do anything to compete with city activities. Mr. Cata said Mr. Montoya would be on the agenda for the next Council Workshop to request co-sponsorship by the city. Councilor Salazar said it sounded like a good program. He asked what the age group would be. Mr. Cata said ages 3 to 12. Mr. Cata said the city started the Learn to swim program at age 3.

Councilor Seeds asked what this would be doing for kids and if there would be any cost-free programs for youths. Mr. Cata said Healthy Kids Healthy New Mexico for ages 7 to 12 was a free program funded through a "Healthy New Mexico" grant Maria Sandoval had applied for. He said in May the city would start the summer Learn to Swim program.

Councilor Seeds said he had talked to parents who wanted kids in programs but didn't have money. He said he felt the city needed to find a way to keep kids and young adults active so they could use their energy in positive way. He said they were talking about nickels and dimes compared to preventive actions for keeping kids off the street.

Mr. Cata said he understood and he saw both sides. He said he understood a lot of kids couldn't afford [paying for programs] and A and P allotted scholarships. He said he foresaw the same thing here, that A and P would look for ways to get kids into programs to get as many participating as possible.

Mr. Cata said there were a lot of programs youths could attend free of charge at the library and they were looking at doing a movie night and parents night out where kids camped in the gym.

Councilor Seeds said this was good as not all youths played basketball or baseball. Mr. Cata said programs should not just be sport related but educational and he was looking for other programs.

Item #6, Update from Community Services Director

Councilor Seeds said he would like this Committee to give direction to staff come up with a calendar of events. Councilor Salazar said they could give it to the public. Councilor Kain-Salazar said the push had been going on from the presidency to get kids out to play, away from TV and games, and to be more active.

Mr. Cata said that was the perfect goal. He said he had met with Maria Sandoval and the aquatic coordinator and they needed to have a program brochure. He said the city's programs weren't consistent year from year regarding when they started and he wanted to develop and build the programs. He said being consistent and doing a calendar would make difference. He said they had a tentative calendar and would continue to build on it and he would get it to the [*Rio Grande Sun*].

Councilor Seeds said would like to get a copy also. He said he got input from the community and would like a copy of what the city had.

Councilor Salazar said he would like to see the possibility of using the baseball/softball fields on Industrial Park Road. He said it was a really good thing in the past. Mr. Cata said he agreed and he had started to do work on the field. He said he had it graded and it was usable for adult stuff, but he was not sure for kids as there was no grass. He said he had had a meeting with the Mayor and she wanted the field done. He said it could be a good source of revenue. Mr. Cata said he did have a few things on the schedule. Councilor Seeds said the city needed to get moving.

Mr. Cata said the opening day for Little League would be April 24 and the coordinator would send out information and invite the Governing Body to attend as well. Mr. Cata said the fields were ready to go and he was waiting on the netting. He said they had replaced the lights. He said the T-ball field had a problem with the outlet for the pitching machine but it was up and running. He said they would be doing painting. He said they had received money from the state for Little League improvements and would probably postpone the games the week they painted.

Councilor Seeds asked how much was received; Mr. Cata said \$38,000 and it had been sponsored by Senator Richard Martinez.

Mr. Cata said it would cost approximately \$15,000 for the dugouts and new safety netting.

He said they were doing a soft-toss batting cage station at Valdez. He said some people did this against the fencing and it damaged the fencing.

Mr. Cata said coming up was the Healthy Kids program. Mr. Cata said he was getting information to the schools. He said they did get pool covers for Ranchitos,

had started with the chemicals, and would get staff trained this week. He said it was training for the General Services pool system. He said it was a low chemical feed and low temperature to be ready for the first weekend in May; he said the pool would be open weekends in May and he would be advertising for part-time lifeguards.

Councilor Seeds said they might not be able to find certified lifeguards; he asked if the city's pay scale was comparable; Mr. Cata said no. Councilor Seeds asked how far off it was; Mr. Cata the city paid \$8 and Santa Fe and Pojoaque paid \$10 to \$18. He said he only had two lifeguards at the Lucero Center and he had a problem finding lifeguards who were qualified.

Councilor Seeds asked if he had tried to get it raised; Mr. Cata said he tried to get money from the GRT (Gross Receipts Taxes) for the Learn to Swim program. Councilor Kain-Salazar said they needed this on the Finance Committee agenda.

Mr. Cata said May 22 would be Española cleanup day. Councilor Salazar said they had started to advertised and he had seen a few things.

Mr. Cata said Community Services was working on the fields, had started watering, and they had spread gravel at Memorial Park. He said they were working on fixing the sprinkler systems and it was ongoing. He said they were still dealing with graffiti and vandalism and were trying to stay on top of things.

Mr. Cata said June 1st would be the official opening day at Ranchitos. He said at both pools they had 5 sessions scheduled in the summer, every two weeks, and each was 6 lessons and \$35 per session. Councilor Seeds asked how this compared [to area pools]; Mr. Cata said it was the going rate and comparable with respect to price. Councilor Seeds asked if any families had expressed concerns; Mr. Cata said not to him and Maria Sandoval would work with families if they had concerns regarding the fees.

Councilor Salazar said he had heard Ranchitos was looking good. Mr. Cata said they had edged, fenced, and were painting the concession stands. Councilor Seeds asked if the pool had been painted; Mr. Cata said it would be the following week. He said there had been a mold issue and it was being treated with bleach. He said they would paint the benches and safety zone which was the area that circled the pool. Councilor Seeds asked if there was wood around the pool; Mr. Cata said yes. Mr. Cata aid he was expecting a big summer.

Planning Director Russell Naranjo said he wanted to commend Mr. Cata. Mr. Naranjo said he had been asked to work on a prescriptive trails program for Presbyterian Hospital for people who had had surgery. He said a doctor could prescribe Ranchitos Park and it needed upkeep and Mr. Cata was working on that and coming up with other trails. Mr. Naranjo said Mr. Cata had been instrumental assisting with this.

Councilor Kain-Salazar asked if Community services would be installing gates on the dugout; Mr. Cata said yes, it was a Little League requirement. He said there would be a padlock, but they got cut off. He said maybe since people could be seen in there, there would be fewer problems. He said he was working with Public Works Director Ben Ortega to get more lights.

Councilor Kain-Salazar said Memorial Park asked for another porta-potty and another trash bin now that the games had started. Councilor Kain-Salazar said parking was an issue; Mr. Cata said he agreed.

Mr. Cata said the parks employees had worked with Richard Marquez' group painting and fixing it up. Councilor Kain-Salazar said she wanted to commend Mr. Cata; she said she had noticed it that morning.

Councilor Kain-Salazar said she wanted a sign that said "no dogs" because people walked their dogs and didn't clean up after the dogs. Mr. Cata asked if the city had

an ordinance regarding this; Councilor Kain-Salazar said she didn't know but people walked dogs there. Councilor Kain-Salazar said people didn't clean up after dogs, and people rode bikes and it was for walking.

Councilor Salazar asked for an update on the Senior Center. Mr. Cata said Mayor Pro Tem Lujan had had a question regarding state appropriations. He said they had received 2 grants and had until June 2012 to spend them. He gave the Committee members a list of things they were working on and reviewed the list. Mr. Cata listed the costs of items on the list. He said the floors had been done. He said the floors had been in bad shape. He said it had been done he hadn't liked it, and had had the company that did the floors come back and they agreed and redid it. He said he had received bids to turn a room into a creative living area for seniors. He said he was looking at doing the lighting system and installing a drop ceiling. He said he had submitted paperwork to the Mayor and she wanted to wait for the new attorney to review it. He said hopefully the attorney would move as soon as possible.

Mr. Cata said he was looking at getting the therapy pool up and running and creating a small salon center for the barber. Mr. Cata said more people were participating, he did charge for haircuts, and he [Mr. Cata] wondered if the city wanted to do something since the barber was using the area free of charge.

Councilor Salazar said they needed to make the Governing Body aware of this. Mr. Cata said he could have the barber ask for co-sponsorship.

Councilor Seeds asked if the pool was working. Mr. Cata said no, he had been told the city closed it down because of a major leak. Councilor Kain-Salazar said she thought Josephine Velasquez had looked at it. Mr. Cata said he didn't know how usable the pump room was. Councilor Seeds said it was a shame to let it go and he wanted Mr. Cata to look into it. Mr. Cata said he would.

Item #7, Update from Plaza Director

Andrew Herrera, Plaza Director, said this Friday there were dual art openings. He said one at was at the Bond House and one at the Misión. He said the exhibit at the Bond House was called Antiquity in Time and it included sculpture. He said the exhibit at the Misión was called FACT, Fine Art For Teens. Mr. Herrera said with a dual opening people could go between shows.

Mr. Herrera said the Bond House was booked until February 2013. He said the Misión was different. He said in the summer they had weddings, meetings, and weddings took precedent over art shows because that was revenue.

Councilor Seeds asked for fee schedule and list of shows.

Mr. Herrera said for shows he sent invitations on face book as it gave an opportunity to throw it out and it was the fastest growing social network. He said the youth used it. Councilor Kain-Salazar said it was not her thing but kids liked it. Mr. Herrera said there was a show in December, Into the Unknown, and he hadn't mailed out invitations. He said he had used the Chamber of Commerce's list in the past but in December did invites on face book and had 350 people and face book was free.

Mr. Herrera said Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos had relocated temporarily to the Plaza to see how it worked out; he said some they had grant money and it was a great opportunity for them to come to the Plaza. He said they had things in place like art classes for kids and seniors. He said this there was a possibility of having a Northern New Mexico Regional Art Center with them.

Mr. Herrera said hopefully they would get the fountains ready in the next week. He said they have grates for spouts in the bottom and middle and someone had taken them. He said he priced replacements and it was \$322 for plastic and they needed 6 sets so it was over \$1,800. He said without the grates it was dangerous and someone could be hurt. Councilor Kain-Salazar said the city didn't need the liability. Councilor Salazar said at the last fiestas they had kids in the fountains.

The City Clerk asked if this had gone to the insurance. Mr. Herrera said yes, he had sent the report. Mr. Naranjo asked if the city welders could create something. Councilor Salazar said to look into it. Councilor Kain-Salazar said if not to with the College as they had a class [that might be able to fabricate grates]. Councilor Seeds said he thought it could be done.

Mr. Herrera said regarding the Courtyard the grass was not great and he was looking at bricking it or selling bricks as a fundraiser and getting them engraved.

Mr. Herrera said regarding the family tree project, it was 2 phases. He said they had purchased 12 trees including a permanent Christmas tree, and 11 trees would be auctioned off. He said that was phase one. He said phase two was a database at the Bond House and Library where someone could get information that a family that bought a tree and see their gemological information. Councilor Seeds said the city had had something similar before. Mr. Herrera said this would be individuals and families.

Mr. Herrera said this year he was trying for a summer music festival on the Plaza. Councilor Seeds they needed to watch the noise factor. Mr. Herrera said the Plaza closed at 10:00pm.

Mr. Herrera said the Fiestas would be in July and the Fiesta Committee was having fund raisers. Councilor Salazar asked how the dance had gone. Mr. Herrera said they had raised more at the Frito Pie sale.

Mr. Herrera said May 23rd would be the Relay for Life mini walk on the Plaza with farolito illumination.

Mr. Herrera said at the Veterans Wall they had installed lights today and younger veterans were cleaning the site up. Councilor Seeds asked if there was a light for the American flag at night; he said he had received complaints. Mr. Herrera said there was a light and he would double check that it was working.

Councilor Kain-Salazar asked what happened to the roofs for the tienditas. Mr. Herrera said they weren't added due to the cost and there was some thought of adding vines. He said the roofs hadn't been in the budget. Councilor Kain-Salazar said a there was a vinyl product that was very economical and durable. She said it was not solid and air could pass through but not rain.

Councilor Kain-Salazar asked if anyone was interested in the restaurant; Mr. Herrera said no, and the art people were there temporarily now. He said the problem was the location and some people didn't like to have to walk around the courtyard, and there had been a ceiling collapse. He said the city had taken care of that and was going to refinish the floors but that was postponed now. Councilor Kain-Salazar said it would be e good to have a restaurant there.

Item #8, Update and Discussion of Street side Vending

Planning Director Russell Naranjo said this began with the issue of code enforcement and he had been looking at it for a year and a half. He said it had stemmed from complaints about how the city looked and a lack of control. He it had gone to code enforcement and the Planning Department had reviewed existing ordinances. He said back in the late 70's and early 80's the city had made a good stab at what they wanted in the city which was to help out local vendors and give them a venue to sell.

Mr. Naranjo said a detail was local vendors with local products received free permits and non-local selling produce was \$50. He said non-local vendors selling non-local goods were required to buy permits for \$1,500 for thirty days. He said the ordinance was written to protect local vendors. He said they got vendors for fireworks before the 4th of July.

He said it depended on how someone looked at it as to whether it worked. He said people came in on Sunday when code enforcement was not there. He said it was an ongoing situation. He said he had done research into areas of similar size and makeup. He said he had looked at Las Vegas and Taos. He said the city had gotten a request the previous summer from someone who wanted to open a flea market and the request had been heard in front of the Planning Commission and they had granted approval. He said the people gave it a try, but hadn't ask for renewal this year. He said the flea market hadn't taken off.

Mr. Naranjo said also the city had run into a problem with the *Rio Grande Sun* and street side vending had become a different matter all together. He said the Public Works Committee and Police Department had gotten involved in this matter.

Mr. Naranjo said the issue was did the city privatize or do something the city could help out with. He said options for city run locations were limited and would have issues such as staffing. He said an issue was how to get people off the street. Mr. Naranjo said he had looked at the park area and Vietnam Veterans Road. Councilor Kain-Salazar asked if that was where market had used to be. Councilor Seeds said it had been behind the Plaza. Mr. Naranjo said they moved because they didn't get traffic at that location.

Mr. Naranjo said a goal of the city was to get vendors off the streets because it was a nuisance and looked bad. He said the need to protect the aesthetics was one direction given to him and another point of view had been to capitalize on potential revenue. He said for example someone might stop to buy wood then go shopping in Española so there was a circle effect. He said a question raised had been who was the city hurting, the guy who sold Christmas trees and piñons, or someone selling Valentine gifts. He said the city had fund raising events like in front of churches and exterior displays by Wal-mart and Lowes.

Mr. Naranjo said the original ordinance differentiated among locals selling local, non-locals selling local and non-local selling nonlocal. He said Planning and Zoning allowed a special use permit for fruit stands and on any summer day there were vendors and some were fire hazards. He said they were allowed to sell because they attracted business and people to stop and shop in the city. He said stores like Wal-mart and Lowes with sidewalk displays could also be considered street side vending. He said the question was where the Governing Body wanted to go with this.

Mr. Naranjo said the city had a problem and people complained. He said one possibility was to embrace the problem and allow people to sell on weekends and have the biggest flea market in New Mexico. He said they could attract people to come here and have controls and charge and require that the landowner gave permission. He said a complaint now was that people didn't stop in Española. He said the city could have billboards to advertise this if they wanted to go in that direction. He said they had tried a central location but it hadn't worked. He said they could look at the standpoint of not allowing it at all. He said this would push it to the county, areas like Arroyo Seco. He said they also had the situation where local vendors were saying times were tough for them.

Councilor Seeds said his feeling was that first and foremost they needed to make the city presentable with respect to buildings and sidewalks, before they criticized small families who were trying to make ends meet. He said he had fought to allow vending as long as the vendors followed the guidelines of the city. He said he shopped at vendors because they were accessible but he wouldn't go out of his way to look for them. He said they needed to clean up Española first. He said he didn't think it was bad to allow, but the main thing was local people selling local products like fresh vegetables.

Mr. Naranjo said he needed direction from this Committee or the Council on where to go with this. He said he didn't know what the right answer was. Councilor Kain-Salazar said she and Councilor Garcia had gotten complaints about it. She said she didn't want to not allow local people to sell local products but was against people

selling things like blankets and shoes because it made the city look bad. She said they needed to start somewhere.

Councilor Seeds said they needed to identify their concerns and tell Mr. Naranjo to draft something that met the concerns of the Governing Body.

Mr. Naranjo said the existing ordinance was a good ordinance. Councilor Seeds said when he had been on the Council previously they hadn't wanted to discourage locals. He said Mr. Naranjo should look at the ordinance and see if he could tweak it then come back with a final draft. Mr. Naranjo asked if it was okay to allow vendors. Councilor Seeds said yes. Councilor Kain-Salazar said the city already approved local vendors. Mr. Naranjo said there had been a push to look at alternatives. Councilor Seeds said the city needed to set limitations. Councilor Salazar said the Governing Body could hear this matter at the work session.

Councilor Kain-Salazar said they had planned to have public hearing. Councilor Seeds said those things were questionable and an option was to offer vendors a place to sell but not on the main street thoroughfare. Mr. Naranjo said a big concern had been with Police Chief Gonzales not wanting officers involved with code enforcement and the Planning Department couldn't staff code enforcement 7 days a week. He said they needed to involve public safety. Councilor Seeds said Mr. Naranjo could draft it tweaking what the city had now and giving the draft to the Councilors. He said then it could go to the Council for final approval.

Councilor Salazar said it should go to the Public Safety Committee as well. He said for further discussion they should forward it to the Public Safety Committee. Councilor Kain-Salazar said the new Police Chief might have different ideas. Councilor Salazar said they should have the Fire Chief there also. Councilor Seeds said it needed to go to the City Attorney.

Councilor Salazar said at the next Community Services Committee meeting they could have an update. Mr. Naranjo said he would tweak the existing ordinance and send it to the Public Safety. Mr. Naranjo said he felt he understood what the concerns were, that they wanted to keep vendors.

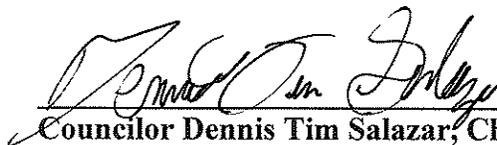
Councilor Kain-Salazar said Councilor Garcia had been adamant about Valentine's Day, and she agreed with her. Councilor Kain-Salazar said those people were taking money from Councilor Garcia's business.

Councilor Kain-Salazar made a motion to adjourn.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

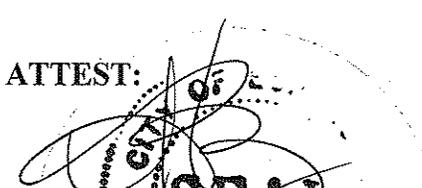
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APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF JUNE, 2010



Councilor Dennis Tim Salazar, Chair

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