

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday June 14, 2010, 6:00 pm
City Council Chambers
405 Paseo de Oate, Española, NM

Committee Members:

Councilor Dennis Tim Salazar, Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Cecilia Lujan
Councilor Helen Kain-Salazar
Councilor Robert Seeds

Call to Order

Councilor Salazar called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of Agenda

Councilor Salazar presented agenda for approval, Mayor Pro Tem Lujan made motion to approve, seconded Councilor Kain-Salazar.

Motion carried 3/0.

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Public Comments

Committee Member Comments

Approval of Minutes

1. (Community Services) 4-12-10

Discussion/Action Items

2. Compilation and recommendation of names for a Youth Advisory Board to be given to the Governing Body on June 29, 2010
3. Update from Community Services Director
4. Update from Plaza Director
5. Update from Planning and Zoning

Matters of the Chair

Announcements

Executive Session

Adjournment

Public Comments

No public comments.

Committee Member Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that she appreciated Len Cata for sending the emails with summarizations of concerns from constituents, people have called to say thank you.

Approval of Minutes

Councilor Kain-Salazar made motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan.

Motion carried 3/0.

Councilor Salazar mentioned, for the record, that Councilor Seeds was not present.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that she had the opportunity to visit the Healthy Kids Program at Lucero Center. She stated that it was something nice for children to do. She stated that there were about 75 kids on board. She stated that the State came and observed and was impressed. She stated that hopefully the grant would be reinstated. Len stated that he requested that Maria Sandoval look into and request an extension. Councilor Salazar and Councilor Kain-Salazar agreed that it was a good program that should continue if possible.

Councilor Salazar mentioned that the mural at Lucero Center of Michael Jordan was awesome. Andrew Herrera stated that this was done by someone that he worked with at the Teen Court. He stated that the artist had done the Marilyn Monroe in Alcalde, and the Christ on Simmons Lane. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated it would be nice to get him to work with taggers and reach out and turn it into something positive. Len stated that Andrew and Teen Court went to four schools and presented on other ways to use spray paint other than tagging. Councilor Salazar stated that he had received a lot of feedback. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated she was surprised it was spray paint.

Discussion/Action Items

Compilation and recommendation of names for a Youth Advisory Board to be given to the Governing Body on June 29, 2010

Councilor Salazar stated he was in talks with Marcella Gurule. He stated that there were a lot of students excited about having the youth involved in an Advisory Board. He stated that they would be gathering

names and giving to Heather Velasquez for the next City Council meeting. He stated that the board would be working with Recreation, Len, and Andrew.

Len stated there was a project ready for the Board to start on once they were selected. He stated that Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) had given \$3,000 for a teen area, DVDs, and audio books for the Library. He stated that the Board could start looking for DVDs and audio books to put in the Library. He stated that they were trying to weed out the old stuff to bring in new things for teens.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan asked if they had thought of contacting LANL about maybe donating their old computers to the Library. Len stated the Library already received ten. He stated that the Library Board did get their 501.

Update from Community Services Director

Len stated that RTD would be giving a Blue Bus presentation at the Senior Center to get more seniors to use the buses. He stated that there would be an Employee Day this Friday at noon at the Center as well. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that she wished there was more notice. Len stated that Joe Duran was the one working on it.

Len stated that the Air Conditioning was out at the Senior Center and would need to be replaced completely at a price of \$18,000 to \$20,000. He stated that the system was 18yrs old. He stated this would be a purchase of an A/C and HVAC unit combined. He stated that he had talked to Area in Aging as far as a grant. He stated it could be done on an emergency basis, and we would be reimbursed within 48 hours. Len stated he spoke to Joe Duran and Ron Archuleta and they stated they would find money for a couple of days till it was reimbursed. Len stated that he wanted to get things done at the Senior Center, and we would be reimbursed.

Councilor Kain-Salazar asked wasn't there \$48,000 appropriated. Len stated that there was but the City would have to claim this as an emergency. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that the City had till June 2012, but we shouldn't wait that long because then we lose it. She stated she didn't want that to happen. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that the agency could pull back money if it was not used. She stated that we were better off expending it than having it pulled back.

Mayor Pro Tem Lucero stated that she didn't see why we couldn't move forward. Len stated he had expressed that to Ron, because everything was ready to go. He stated that Ron still wanted them to wait. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan asked if Ron wanted to wait till year end. Len stated that if we could be reimbursed in 48 hours, it shouldn't be a problem. He stated that we would still have a balance of \$18,000 after that. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan asked that Len send an email on this issue and request the Committee sit down with Ron. She stated that 2012 was not too far away but the way these agencies work, the money needed to be spent. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that if we waited, a new administration may come in and cut everything. Len stated he would shoot something to them. He stated that Ron wanted to wait, but that he did not want to.

Len stated that Recreation received the new scoreboards last week. He stated that he needed to get with Ben Ortega about setting them up, hopefully within the next 2 weeks. Len stated that Española would be hosting the Little League District. He stated that Parks had put up yellow fencing around the baseball fields for protection and beauty. He stated that it would be a good thing to get people in Española. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan commended Len and staff on the great work on the fields. She stated they looked nice for opening day. Len stated that all dugouts had been redone. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan asked when districts were. Len stated that it was 26-27 of June. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated it was too late for to put in the newsletter, but maybe it could be posted on the marquees. Councilor Kain-Salazar suggested Len announce it on "Coffee Break". Len stated it would be posted on Facebook.

Councilor Salazar stated that the Santa Cruz Boys and Girls Club Director asked if they could get in as one time customers, since they were loyal customers. Len stated that Recreation has done that before. He stated that the Northern Youth Sports Program (NYSP) got in free, but that may have to be worked out in future because they should be paying something. Len stated he didn't see a problem with the Boys and Girls Club doing so as well. Councilor Salazar stated he would put the Director in contact with Len. Len stated he would take care of, as long as Recreation knew ahead of time. Len stated they could close off the pool for them. Councilor Salazar there are about 30 kids being charged \$2.75 or something per kids each time.

Len stated that in case Councilors were getting calls Recreation was short staffed, they looked to hire six WSI but only found three. He stated that this was causing problems with staffing hours. Len stated that it was required that there were 1 life guard per 25 people and they had to turn people away. He stated the staff has had to explain to many callers that there was a requirement. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that Len should announce this on KDCE. She stated that people need to know about this and Districts. Len stated that the staff had stagger hours but it was still happening because they were getting big groups.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that it needed to be announced. Len stated there were hours where it was difficult and he would have rather closed 1 pool and at least have 1 open with enough life guards.

Councilor Salazar asked if everything went good with the opening of the outdoor pool. Len stated that there were some things that needed to get done. Len stated that he felt that he and Maria were made out to look like they were not doing their job. But he stated, that was not the case, the budget was not available. He stated that he was told they had money but were unable to get projects done. Councilor Salazar stated that that was not the case. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated they all knew that. Len stated that the only concern was staff. He stated that staff had to turn people away, but they would do their best to get as many people in as possible.

Len stated that there was a light pole by the concession stand that was completely out. He stated that he would have a hard time finding a bucket truck for staff to get up there and fix. He stated that he had submitted a request to Jemez Mountain Electric Co-op (Jemez) that was promptly denied. Councilor Kain-Salazar recommended Lucas Cordova. Len stated that the lights were too high for his equipment. Councilor Salazar stated that Councilor Lewis may have connections. Len stated that the second baseball game of the night had to be canceled. He stated that he contacted an Albuquerque company but they wanted \$4,000 to do it. Len stated that he wanted to speak to Ron Lovato at Jemez. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan asked Len to check with Councilor Lewis. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan thanked Len.

Len stated that LANL gave \$3,000 to friends of library for youth DVDs. He stated that there were 50 or so kids in the Learn to Read Program. Len stated that there were different activities at the Library; Jaime O'Hara on Thursday, and Saturday was a birthday party for Garfield. He stated that they were limited to some activities, but has a sign-up sheet for them. Len stated that some people were upset because they were turned away from the tie-die making day. He stated that there were not enough materials. Len stated that it was a good thing that a lot of people participated, staff just needed to know how much to expect. Councilor Salazar stated that Teddie Riehl told him about Crazy Hat Day.

In the Parks Department, Len stated that Carter Ranch had been broken into. He stated that staff had reported to work and found they had been robbed. Len stated that whoever was breaking in was getting into the building and the police warehouse. He stated that the third time they came in to the police warehouse and took police vests and dried up marijuana that had been doused with philmaldahide. He stated that chain saws, power tools, chargers, belt sanders, weed cutters were stolen from the Parks Department this time. Councilor Kain-Salazar asked if Officers could drive through every so often.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that people were hitting homes again. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that there were a lot of emails about break-ins; it was not just businesses getting hit.

Len stated that staff had welded the doors, but now they were piling back the doors. Len suggested that a Monitronics tech come out with motion detectors with at least a noisy alarm. Len stated that at least John Kitchen would hear the noise. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated they were hitting late at night.

Update from Plaza Director

Andrew stated that he had typed out information for the Committee. He stated the fountains were on, but due to funding grates haven't been added. He stated that he also put up "No wading" signs. Andrew stated that the tiers of the large fountain have brick and skate boarders break them off. He stated that if it was real windy, the water blew everywhere and made big puddles. He stated that he would turn off when it was really windy. He stated that the fountains don't have timers; he had to manually turn them on. Andrew stated that the bricks would be redone in-house after the fiscal year. He stated that there was one pine tree dying at the Plaza because it was getting too much water. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that the memorial park lost two. Andrew stated that all other trees were doing phenomenal. Andrew stated that the fence at the post office was removed by staff to be used at another location.

Andrew stated that James Espinoza was having a show at the Bond House Friday. He stated that the City had the annual Clean up Day. He stated that on the same day there was a casting call at the Mission that had about 800 people turn out. Andrew stated that he didn't charge as much as usual, instead asked that Española be listed on the movie credits. He stated that other events that had gone on at the Plaza were; Relay for life planted some flowers, summer music every Saturday put on by Randy Parraglio, and Pojoaque had a fundraiser to go on a trip.

Andrew stated that in regards to the Veterans pool, he had received some concerns from the Veterans' Office about it. He stated that he had someone come look at it, but he fell through. Andrew stated that he would get someone in there to get the pool up and running. He stated that the pump was not operating. He stated that it had a heater to heat in the winter but didn't work. Andrew stated that he had received an email for the City Manager that there be some maintenance, but it took money to fix. He stated that Sam Delgado of the Veterans' Office insisted that it was the City's responsibility. Andrew stated he was under

the impression it was the Veterans' Office. Len stated he was not sure where the issues were with the Veterans' Office. Andrew stated that within this past year he has been trying to get it going, but there haven't been any funds. He stated it would be costly, especially because of flooding. Councilor Kain-Salazar asked if it could be drained.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stepped out at 6:53pm.

Len stated that City was never trained on how to run it but it was a swimming pool and could not be completely drained. Andrew stated that General Services had taken a look at it but the submersible pump was not working.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan back in at 6:55pm.

Councilor Salazar asked how everything else was going. Andrew stated that the Chamber was not doing well; he was asked a lot about them. He stated that Bishops Lodge was set in the café, and that is turning out to be good. He stated that there were many booths for the Fiestas, and he was working on artist booths as well.

Andrew mentioned that there was a fundraiser tomorrow for Fiestas, "Get off the roof".

Councilor Salazar stated there were many City people participating to raise money to get off the roof; four at Valley National Bank and 4 at Century Bank. Andrew stated that he would be at Valley National Bank actually on the balcony not the roof. He stated it would start at 9:00am. He stated that Century bank would have a popup canopy for the people on their roof.

Update from Planning and Zoning

Councilor Salazar asked about street vending. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that we needed to leave it alone, unless we had a public meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that summer time was hard to get people to attend meetings. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that there wouldn't be too many vendors due to loss of crops. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that the things that bothered her were the selling of beds, and other junk. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan asked if it would hurt to hold off till after Labor Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stepped out 7:03pm.

Russell Naranjo stated that if you were a non-local selling non-local goods, the charge was \$1500. He stated that there were people that waited till the weekend when no one goes out. Russell stated that he had Code Enforcement go out on the weekends last summer and did well. But he stated, he had vendors that come in stating this was their livelihood and couldn't afford \$1500. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated it would be nice to have people in one certain area. Russell stated that unless there was actual stripping and painting, they couldn't tell people where to sell. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that now that the flea market in Santa Fe opened up, she hoped people would go there. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that having vendors everywhere made it look awful.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan in at 7:05pm.

Russell stated that just today he had a man that owned a printing shop out of Tucumcari who came to town to sell t-shirts to the fire fighting camps. He stated he told him that it would be \$1500, but now he was the bad guy because fire fighters want those shirts. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that the City had policies. Russell stated that the guy may not even make \$1500. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that \$1500 was a little steep should lower it. Russell stated that for locals the fee was \$150. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated she could see \$150. She stated that this would have to be revisited and then go to public hearing. Russell stated that it was set up that way because local vendors came in and complained, they were trying to help locals and protect them. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that the City needed to revisit the Ordinance and set lower prices; maybe \$150 for local and \$300 for non-local. Russell stated that only the fireworks vendors had no problem with \$1500. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan suggested it be changed based maybe on a list of what goods would be for what price. Russell asked that committee give him time to revisit. Councilor Kain-Salazar asked what year the Ordinance was placed. Russell stated it was about 12 years ago. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that the City did need to put something in place. Councilor Kain-Salazar and Mayor Pro Tem Lujan asked Russell to revisit for July meeting.

Russell stated that GIS was creating an index for the Atlas to give to E-911, fire, and police to have a master map. He stated that they had just finished a new patrol map for the Police Department. He stated that they were waiting to get it plotted out. Russell stated that Vincent Baldonado had been working hard for healthy trails with Española Hospital. He stated that this was a map of all trails that could be used. Councilor Kain-Salazar asked if the Hospital would be putting out a booklet. Russell stated that they would and it would include the distance of each trail. He stated that the maps would be in every doctor's office in town. Councilor Kain-Salazar and Councilor Salazar stated that this would be great.

Russell stated that he had not had any variance applications for signs, but now he had three. He stated that the Planning Department has been getting flack for streets that were not dedicated to the city. He stated that he was receiving complaints that there were water and sewer easements and the City needed to maintain; just as was done on Pacheco. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated she knew this would happen. Russell stated a lot were asking that we fix their road. He stated that he wanted to work with the Public Works Department. Russell stated that he just wanted to give warning that this was coming.

Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that some Councilors already wanted to change the Sign Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that the ordinance was past last year. She stated that it was disappointing there was a public hearing and no one showed up. Russell stated that there was a meeting where a lot of businesses came out and were happy with having 6 years to comply without having to pay; now they were not. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that the Governing Body would either crumble and give in and change or stand by our decision. Russell stated that some places had already complied and taken the expense. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that it was not fair that Russell got attacked for enforcing. Councilor Kain-Salazar was concerned with small businesses. Russell stated that by law big companies had to change every so often for fading, etc. so they had no problems. Russell stated that it was hard to get across to local businesses. He stated that when the signs were too high you couldn't even read them; it was better advertising when people could actually read your sign.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that business was slow. Russell stated that was important to bring people in. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that she had received many complaints on Wal-Mart, they were never stocked. She stated that she was concerned on what was happening there. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that it may be too much shoplifting. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated she heard firearms had been broken into to. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated that the Greeters were checking receipts at the doors. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated she would hate if they decided to pull out of Española. Russell added that Wal-Mart, Wendy's, and Taco Bell would be changing their signs soon due to their policy, by Christmas they would have new signs.

Russell stated that his department was working on pocket parks within older subdivisions; Calle Redonda in El Llano, etc. He stated that Gilbert Ferran owned the property adjacent to that property and was saying the City needed to fence off our property. Russell stated that it was a City Park. He stated that he had talked to Ben at Parks and they had fence from the old Post Office that could be used. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated she had walked the area before and it was very dangerous. Russell suggested selling the land, but in mean time it needed to be fence off. Russell stated that the City should just sell off all these pocket parks because there were only 3 Parks workers and these were never going to be used. Russell stated they would be putting fence in this area. Councilor Salazar thanked Russell.

Matters of the Chair

Councilor Salazar asked if the Committee wanted to hold off meeting until the August 9th meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated she would not be here.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan stated it would be good to meet July 12th.

Councilor Salazar asked if the Committee would be interested in moving to 5:30pm instead of 6:00pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan suggested sending an email to the City Clerk about making that change.

Announcements

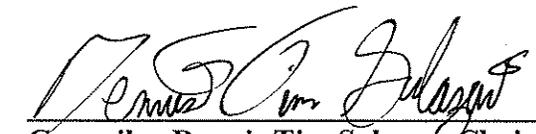
Executive Session

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilor Kain-Salazar.

Being there no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010


Councilor Dennis Tim Salazar, Chair

ATTEST:

