



**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monday May 14, 2012 6:00 p.m.  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
405 N. PASEO DE OÑATE ESPAÑOLA, NM

**1. CALL TO ORDER** CHAIRMAN GREG ORTEGA CALLED THE MEETING AT 6:00 PM

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Greg Ortega  
Councilor Eric Radosevich  
Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez  
Councilor Robert Seeds

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was asked that the presentation item #2 be changed from 50 caliber gun and duster tank to 90 millimeter tank.

Councilor Eric Radosevich made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Peggy Martinez

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS** No Public Comments were made

**4. Committee Member Comments** Councilor Peggy Martinez Thanked the Veterans that were present for their service. Councilor Eric Radosevich and Chairman Greg Ortega agreed.

**5. Matters from the Chairman** No matters from the Chairman were discussed

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Northern New Mexico Regional Arts Council (NNMRAC) Contract Renewal- Len Cata, Community Services Director**

Len mentioned that when the City first started working with NNMRAC no contract was in place. A scope of service was discussed and the City provided a rent free space. The second year a contract between both parties was in place, Use of the old post office to hold classes and workshops and classes such as Jazzercise and Zumba. Additionally cleaning services were added a couple of times a week.

The current agreement expires June 30<sup>th</sup>. The financed committee agreed to move for approval to full Council. Mr. Werenko the Director of NNMRAC is not looking to have changes to the contract just wishing to extend the contract another year to continue serving the City and the Community. Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez publically thanked Former Mayor Richard Lucero for his vision of the Plaza and thanked Mr. Werenko for what he has done. Chairman Greg Ortega agreed and added that he appreciates the programs for our young people. Councilor Robert Seeds agreed and moved that the contract go to full Council, seconded by Councilor Eric Radosevich.

**2. Veterans Memorial Wall- 90 Millimeter Canon- Ray Cordova & Dave Pineda**

Interim City Manager Joe Duran said that the Veteran's Wall Commission has a 90 Millimeter Canon that they wish to place on display on the west end of the Memorial Tree. Councilor Robert Seeds jokingly asked Ray Pineda if he could get it to fire since he is a man known to get things done. Dave Pineda said yes, and stated that the canon was used in Korea and went to the National Guard the VFW would like it in Española.

Councilor Robert Seeds asked if a Cement slab would be needed and Mr. Duran said yes, and also a small wall to keep trespassers off of the canon. Councilor Eric Radosevich asked if an escort would be needed to bring the tank the Memorial. Dave said yes that that would be nice. Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez asked what the ETA would be and Mr. Duran said it would have to go to full council before that would be known. Dave Pineda said that liability will be handled as best as possible to secure and preserve the Canon.

Chairman Greg Ortega asked what the estimated cost would be and Joe Duran answered that it had not been determined. Discussion for a dedication on Veteran's day to be held was had.

Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez motioned that the presentation goes to full Council and was seconded by Councilor Robert Seeds.

### **3. Senior League Baseball- Clifford Richardson & Joe Ortega**

Mr. Ortega spoke about the issues at the baseball & softball fields. No double header games can be held due to the uncertainty of the lighting. Some of the games may have to be rescheduled to Marcy Park. Tournaments are being turned down of 10 to 12 teams which is a significant loss of revenue to the City in gross receipts. Mr. Richardson said they would like to stagger the games to extend the time visiting teams are in Española, but the lighting situation makes this iffy. Mr. Ortega also said that sometimes home games are being played at the away teams field because of the lighting situation.

Chairman Greg Ortega asked how many lights are out. Mr. Len Cata answered that 2 poles with 6-8 lights each are out. Councilor Eric Radosevich asked what it would take to get the lights going again. Mr. Cata said that the last lights that were repaired were 12- 13 thousand dollars. It is also difficult to get a local truck with a lift that goes that high. Chairman Greg Ortega asked if Jemez electric had a Cherry Picker that high. Mr. Cata answered No, and that a lot of the problems with the poles are the age. Robert Seeds said they have been there since the 1980's. Chairman Greg Ortega asked while a lift was here if core testing can be done on all the poles. He also stated that if we may have to dip into the land sale money to make improvements for our immediate needs.

Councilor Eric Radosevich agreed and said we need to do it for our kids. Robert Seeds that our facilities are old and that we need to look at a source of revenue to give them a facelift and that this should go to full Council.

Greg Ortega called for an executive session and the councilors left the room but returned a minute or two later. Chairman Greg Ortega stated that there was no reason to go into executive session and that no matters were discussed because Interim City Manager Joe Duran had mentioned that there was no reason to go into Executive Session.

Councilor Robert Seeds had proposed that Len Cata put together some number together previously and stated that the City does not have that kind of budget. He said that more realistic items like the basketball court needing new paint. Len Cata stated that the courts are being sandblasted and repainted from the 124 fund. Mr. Cata also mentioned that he had spoken to Russell Naranjo about turf for the fields. According to Mr. Cata, Mr. Naranjo had told him that the cost of turf was \$3.30 per sq ft, a cost of over \$6000 for two fields. A discussion about turf versus sod and sprinkler system cost was brought up. Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez stated that she felt they should prioritize which fields are most important and try to knock those out first. She said she was awestruck by the estimate that was presented today. Joe Ortega stated that they could entertain a joint finance with a long term lease with some companies. He said that about 600 kids play and some have to be turned away for a liability issue. He said that they compete for every square inch of sod in the City with other sport teams such soccer. Mr. Ortega stated that the league was tri-county and maybe they should be tapped into for assistance. Councilor Peggy Martinez said that maybe the Counties would be willing to assist with finance and that maybe the school fields could be used when school is out.. Mr. Richardson stated that WABC can bid on tournaments for next year but cannot do it in the current condition of the fields. He said the Española has the only fields between Santa Fe, Taos and Los Alamos, the Fields are beautiful but only till it gets dark. Councilor Robert Seeds made a motion to take to full Council, the motion was seconded by Chairman Greg Ortega. Robert Seeds applauded Mr. Richardson

and Mr. Ortega for the work that they do and said he had recently attended the opening ceremonies and it was very well organized.

**4. Senior Center Rental/Fees- Josephine Velasquez, Senior Center Coordinator**

Mr. Cata had stated that the issue of renting the Senior Center has come up in the past but at that time the Council had not wanted to rent the facility. Mr. Cata stated that the cost of meals had increased by 10% but the price to seniors had not. He and Senior Services Coordinator Josephine Velasquez had figured there could be \$8000-\$1,200 dollars in revenue to the City if the facility could be rented. Councilor Radosevich asked why baby showers were a different price. Chairman Greg Ortega asked if the kitchen could be used. Mr. Cata said that an across the board price per hour with a minimum of 3 hours could be used and that the kitchen cannot be used because there was no way to secure utensils, and other City property. The rental would be strictly for table chairs and the use of the building. Councilor Seeds said since there is a deposit he thought people would be fairly willing to clean up and take good care of the facility if they knew that they would get their deposit back. Could the use of a fridge and sink be accommodated? Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez asked if a staff person would be at the facility the entire time and Mr. Cata said yes, the staff would rotate and then flex their time. Councilor Robert Seeds said that a lot of times our hands are tied. Access to the sink, fridge and electrical outlets for crock pots and staff to oversee the activity is overdue. Chairman Ortega asked if the deposit should be raised and Councilor Robert Seeds said that if staff is there the entire time the damage should be none or minimal there would be no need to raise the deposit fee. The City is one of the less expensive places that residents can hold a large event. Mr. Cata stated that week notice would be preferable to reserve the facility but understand that emergencies such as funerals and such would be accommodated when necessary. Peggy Sue Martinez motioned that this item go to full council and the motion was seconded by Councilor Eric Radosevich.

**5. San Gabriel Historical Society Lease- Len Cata, Community Services Director**

Mr. Cata presented a lease agreement prepared by City Attorney Frank Coppler. The new president is Ms. Linda Firestone for the Historical Society. She asked for an agreement with the City for the use of the two galleries in use. In turn they would provide tours of the Bond House and maintain simple duties. Councilor Eric Radosevich motioned that the item be moved to full Council and it was seconded by Councilor Robert Seeds. Chairman Greg Ortega asked if the Historical Society was maintaining janitorial issues and Mr. Cata stated that that was being done by the City.

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Recreation Project Update- Len Cata, Community Services Director**

Mr. Cata stated that he would contact Forever Lawn on pricing per square foot. And that maybe they could do one field this time and then another field next time

**8. Reports**

**1. Community Services Department Updates- Len Cata, Community Services Director**

Mr. Cata mentioned that the Senior Center had suffered a break in recently and that a television was taken. It was requested that the items be replaced. Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez asked Interim City Manager, Joe Duran if the City had received an insurance claim on the items and Mr. Duran had stated yes and that the money would be replaced into the budget.

Recreation Coordinator, Andrew Herrera wanted the council to understand the definition of what immediate family is according to the usage of the Lucero Center Memberships. Spouse, domestic partner, children and step children, and grandchildren. Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez said that she is saddened that kids are not provided Center use. The building was

originally funded with grant federal money to entertain children. She said she would like to see it opened up to kids who have nowhere else to go. She related a story from her childhood and what the use of the Lucero Center meant to her. A trade out with parents was discussed and Mr. Cata said he could entertain that thought. Chairman Ortega thought that a fundraiser for these children could be done to pay for their membership use. Peggy Sue Martinez said it cost the City the same amount of money to have 10 kids or 2 kids using the gym. It's a shame kids can't get in. Mr. Cata stated that it was his understanding that fundraising could not be done for his department. Councilor Robert Seeds said that he believed it could if it was sanctioned through this Committee (Community Services Committee.) Ways to make this idea possible was discussed. Chairman Greg Ortega brought the discussion back to the form presented by Mr. Herrera. Chairman Greg Ortega asked if the form could be part of the benefits package for the employees. Mr. Herrera said yes, but it would have to be in the policy. Chairman Greg Ortega asked if there was a policy already in place for this and if there just needed to be a change in the language. Mr. Herrera said yes

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez said that the cleanup day was a success she was happy to see all the work that was done. She challenged all of the Councilors to be at the next cleanup day. Interim City Manager Joe Duran announced that the Run for the Wall Veteran Bikers would be passing through Española on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cata announced that Ranchitos pool would be opening on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilor Eric Radosevich to adjourn at 7:50 PM and was seconded by Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez.

Respectfully submitted,



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