

Elia Garcia
Mayor
Rene Rodriguez
At Large
Cesar Nevarez
District 1



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District 4

**NOTICE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF SOCORRO**

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THE FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (915) 858-2915 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY THE 7th, DAY OF JUNE, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS, 860 N. RIO VISTA RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING WILL BE DISCUSSED:

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence
3. Establishment of Quorum

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. **Public Comment** (The maximum time for public comment will be 30 minutes and three minutes will be allotted for each speaker. Government Code 551.042 allows for responses by city council to be a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or a decision to add the public comment to a future agenda.)

PRESENTATION

5. **Certificate of Appreciation** to the Scouts BSA Troop, Crew 21 Coffee Posse Run Club, El Paso Executive Lions Club, Adriana Rodriguez and Alejandra Valadez for the clean up on property on Rachel Street April 29 and May 5, 2018.

Mayor Elia Garcia

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA, INCLUDING THOSE ON THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA, WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REMOVE SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO THE TIME THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTE ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AFTER ACTING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

ANY MATTERS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THE REGULAR AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE OPTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENT, IF AN APPROPRIATE EXCEPTION TO THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENT OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS APPLICABLE.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. *Excuse* absent council members.

Olivia Navarro

7. *Approval of* Regular Council Minutes of May 17, and Special Council Minutes of May 19, 2018.

Olivia Navarro

PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE NOT TAKEN DURING THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES. PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE 320.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

8. *Public Hearing* of Ordinance 442 for the proposed amendment to the City of Socorro Master Plan, and the proposed rezoning of Tract 6-A, Block 7, Socorro Grant, from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to allow the construction of apartments.

Job Terrazas

9. *Second Reading and Adoption* of Ordinance 442 for the proposed amendment to the City of Socorro Master Plan, and the proposed rezoning of Tract 6-A, Block 7, Socorro Grant, from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to allow the construction of apartments.

Job Terrazas

- 10. *Public Hearing*** of Ordinance 443 for the proposed amendment to the City of Socorro Master Plan and rezoning of Tracts 11 & 11-A, Block 6, Socorro Grant, from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to allow the construction of 96 apartment units. *Job Terrazas*

- 11. *Second Reading and Adoption*** of Ordinance 443 for the proposed amendment to the City of Socorro Master Plan and rezoning of Tracts 11 & 11-A, Block 6, Socorro Grant, from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to allow the construction of 96 apartment units. *Job Terrazas*

REGULAR AGENDA

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

- 12. *Discussion and action*** to approve job description for Grants Coordinator in the Grants Writing Department. *Rosio Marin*
- 13. *Discussion and action*** to approve job amendment to the Planning and Zoning Director job description for City Planner Development Director job description. *Rosio Marin*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 14. *Discussion and action*** to authorize the mayor and chief of police to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) for the fiscal year 2018. *Interim Chief Jasiel Muñoz*
- 15. *Discussion and action*** of approval to waive the Building Permit Fees for the proposed construction of an addition to the Socorro Police Training Facility located on Vineyard Rd. *Chief Administrator Christopher Rey*

CITY MANAGER

- 16. *Discussion and action*** on the final plat approval for Vista Bonita Estates Subdivision Unit 1, being a portion of Tract 5, Block 24, San Elizario Grant. *Adriana Rodarte*
- 17. *Discussion and action*** on the approval of Resolution 542 to adopt the City of Socorro Parks Master Plan. *Adriana Rodarte*
- 18. *Discussion and action*** on city's engineer firm quote on creating a roundabout on Stockyard and Cielo Azul. *Adriana Rodarte*
- 19. *Discussion and action*** to direct city staff and attorney to look into dissolving our current Transportation Reinvestment Zone. *Adriana Rodarte*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

20. Discussion and action on approval to appoint Robert Renteria to the Board of Adjustments as an alternate. **Mayor Elia Garcia**

21. Discussion and action on approval to appoint Mary Perez to the Historical Landmark Commission Place 2. **Ralph Duran**

22. Swearing in of newly appointed commissioner.

The City Council of the City of Socorro may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.08 of the City of Socorro Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551, Subchapter D to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discuss in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of Socorro may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFT

Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Discussion on the following:

23. Discussion and action on advice received from City Attorney in closed session, and action to approve real estate transaction; authorize filing or settlement of legal action; authorize employment of expert witnesses and consultants, and employment of special counsel with respect to pending legal matters. **Adriana Rodarte**

24. Discussion and action on qualifications of individuals for employment and for appointment to Boards & Commissions, job performance of employees, real estate acquisition and receive legal advice from City Attorney regarding legal issues affecting these matters. **Adriana Rodarte**

25. Discussion and action regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation. **Adriana Rodarte**

26. Discussion and action regarding application of Texas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, Inc., to reduce rates in connection with a decrease in its federal income tax liability. **James A. Martinez**

27. Adjourn

DATED THIS 4th DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

By:


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting of the City Council of Socorro, Texas is a correct copy of the notice and that I posted this notice at least Seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled meeting at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., in Socorro, Texas.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

By: _____

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Agenda posted: _____

Removed: _____

Time: _____

by: _____

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City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Victor Perez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rene Rodriguez (*Arrived at the meeting at 6:04pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Jim Martinez, Attorney

Job Terrazas, Building Official
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant
Sergeant, Linda Custic
Alejandra Valadez, Interim Grants Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles Casiano.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Estrada and Irma Flores spoke during Public Comment.

Rene Rodriguez arrived at the 6:04pm

Jesus Cabrera spoke during Public Comment.

PROCLAMATION

- 5. *PROCLAMATION* THE LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, LONE STAR CHAPTER (LFA) IS CELEBRATING LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH IN MAY, AND LUPUS AWARENESS DAY ON FRIDAY, MAY 18TH, PUT ON PURPLE DAY IS AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT ASKS THE COMMUNITY TO "PUT ON PURPLE" TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE.**

MAYOR ELIA GARCIA

Proclamation read by Mayor Elia Garcia.

PRESENTATIONS

- 6. *PRESENTATION* BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING APRIL 2018 MONTHLY REPORT.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by City Manager, Adriana Rodarte.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move items sixteen (16), seventeen (17), twenty (20), and twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

- 16. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON THE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR VISTA BONITA ESTATES SUBDIVISION UNIT 1, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 5, BLOCK 24, SAN ELIZARIO GRANT.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone item sixteen (16)*. Motion Passed.

David Estrada and Jesus Cabrera spoke on this item.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos sat in the audience for this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD DEL MAR CONTRACTING, INC FOR EXCAVATION OF AROUND 1/3 OF THE ONIONFIELD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$944,338.00 FOR ONLY THE EXCAVATION OR 1,747,341.00 WITH THE CULVERT AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SIGN CONTRACT OR REJECT BID AND GO OUT FOR BID AGAIN.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny bid from Del Mar Contracting Inc. for item seventeen (17)*. Motion Passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

- 20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECONSIDER PRIOR ACTION DIRECTING STAFF TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION), ARTICLE 4 (SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO REQUIRE CITY COUNCIL TO HAVE FINAL ACTION ON ALL SUBSTANDARD BUILDING CASES AND HAVE THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION AS REQUESTED BY THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION.**
RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *deny* and direct staff to *amend for Chapter 6 (Buildings and Construction) article 4 (substandard Buildings) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Socorro, Texas to require city council to have final action on all substandard building cases and have the building and standards commission provide a recommendation as requested by the building and standards commission and to change it or deny the Building and Standards Commision to have a final opinion item twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ralph Duran

Nays: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Absent:

- 21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECONSIDER PRIOR ACTION DIRECTING STAFF TO HAVE THE CITY'S ENGINEERING FIRM TO PROVIDE A QUOTE ON CREATING A ROUNDABOUT ON STOCKYARD TO MINIMIZE SPEEDING.**
RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny the reconsideration of item twenty-one (21)*. Motion Passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays: Ralph Duran
Absent:

Rene Rodriguez left the meeting at 6:59pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

**8. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 2, AND
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2018. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Rene Rodriguez

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

**9. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 423 AMENDMENT # 1 TO
INCREASE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$94,575.00. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 7:00 pm.
No speakers during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:00pm

**10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 423 AMENDMENT
1 TO INCREASE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$94,575.00. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED
REZONING OF TRACT 6-A, BLOCK 7, SOCORRO GRANT, 140 N.
NEVAREZ ROAD, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM
DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF
APARTMENTS. JOB TERRAZAS**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *deny item eleven (11)*.

Bob Bowling, President of Tropicana Building spoke on this item.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACTS 11 & 11-A, BLOCK 6, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF 96 APARTMENT UNITS. *JOB TERRAZAS*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

REGULAR AGENDA

RECREATIONAL CENTERS DEPARTMENT

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO AN MOU WITH YSLETA DEL SUR PUEBLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. *VICTOR RETA*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve MOU with Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo office for item thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

POLICE DEPARTMENT

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (CISD) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018. INTERIM CHIEF JASIEL MUÑOZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item fourteen (14)*.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *postpone for next Regular Meeting item to include presentation item fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL REQUEST TO WAIVE THE EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR THE ANNUAL BAZAAR AT LA PURISIMA CHURCH FOR SEPTEMBER 28 THRU 30. JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

CITY MANAGER

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 540 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION REQUESTING \$12,542.86 IN GRANT FUNDING TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF SECURING TACTICAL VESTS FOR SOCORRO POLICE OFFICERS. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 541
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE US SOCCER FOUNDATION'S SAFE PLACES TO
PLAY GRANT REQUESTING \$34,000 IN GRANT FUNDING TO OFFSET
THE COSTS OF ESTABLISHING A SOCCER FIELD AT MAURO ROSAS
PARK (350 FLOR MORADA, SOCORRO, TX 79927). THERE IS A 50%
MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO EXTEND EXISTING METAL GUARD
RAIL FROM CORNER TO CORNER NEAR THE END OF 11460 VAN
NUYS DR. YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Rene Rodriguez

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *move into executive session at this time*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:43
PM**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT
7:47 PM**

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE FILING OR SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to delete items twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), and twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC., TO REDUCE RATES IN CONNECTION WITH A DECREASE IN ITS FEDERAL INCOME TAX LIABILITY [551.071]. JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to postpone item for next Regular Meeting of June 7, 2018 for item twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE: GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ V. CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, CAUSE NO. 2018DCV1095 IN THE 346TH DISTRICT COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY TEXAS [551.071]. JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos *to delete item twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

34. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 7:49 pm*.
Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Rene Rodriguez

Elia Garcia, Mayor

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Date minutes were approved

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Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2018 @ 8:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Rene Rodriguez
Ralph Duran
Victor Perez
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cesar Nevarez

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
David Mirazo, City Attorney

Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Miguel Rosas, Parks and Public Works Director
Job Terrazas, Building Official
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 8:10 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Isela Gonzalez

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Speakers for Public Comment

5. *WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS FOR THE CAPITAL PROGRAM.*

ADRIANA RODARTE

No action on this item.

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

4. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CHANGE ORDER FOR SKYRIDGE CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE RIO VISTA ROOFS FOR THE PARAPET REPAIRS OF BUILDINGS 1, 2,3, 5 AND 7.* VICTOR RETA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve change order for Skyridge Construction LLC.*

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the change order for Skyridge Construction LLC or Monster Inc., if they can obtain the coverage necessary.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

CONSENT AGENDA

6. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.*

OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

- 7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE FILING OR SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE**
- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items seven (7) and eight (8)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Cesar Nevarez

9. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 9:32 am*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Cesar Nevarez

Elia Garcia, Mayor

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Date minutes were approved

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City Manager

DATE: June 7, 2018
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Job Terrazas, Building Official
CC: Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

SUBJECT

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 442; an Ordinance for the proposed amendment to the City of Socorro Master Plan, and the proposed rezoning of Tract 6-A, Block 7, Socorro Grant, 140 N. Nevarez Road, from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to allow the construction of apartments.

SUMMARY

The subject property pertaining to this request is located on the southeast corner of N. Nevarez Road and Sunlight Circle. The subject property has an estimated area of 15.75 ± acres, is owned by Tropicana Building II, LLC, 300 E. Main Drive, Suite 740, El Paso, TX. 79901, and is being represented by Moreno Cardenas, Inc., 2505 E. Missouri Avenue, El Paso, TX. 79903.

BACKGROUND

The subject property is currently zoned A-1 (Agricultural) and is currently vacant/undeveloped. The applicant is seeking to develop the subject property with a new apartment complex. The proposed R-2 zoning designation would permit a maximum of 15 dwelling units per acre. The proposed development will have to follow all requirements and standards of the city.

According to the City of Socorro Comprehensive Master Plan Future Land Map, the projected land use for the subject property is commercial. The subject property is adjacent to R-1 (Single Family Residential) and C-2 (General Commercial) zoned properties to the south, R-1 (Single Family Residential) zoned properties to the west, M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to the north and A-1 (Agricultural) and R-1 (Single Family Residential) properties to the east. According to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, the referenced property lies within an area determined to be outside of the 500-year flood plain, more particularly described as Zone X.

On April 3, 2018 the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to table the proposed rezoning request and directed staff and the applicant's representative to do the following: (1) Discuss with the applicant the potential to limit the number of dwelling units for the proposed development; (2) Discuss with the applicant the potential of adding a secondary access point off of Floralia Street for the proposed development; (3) Discuss with the applicant the potential to allow final site plan approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the proposed development. Please see the attached response from the applicant for the Planning and Zoning Commission's requests.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

The applicant is seeking the proposed rezoning of the property to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) for the purpose of developing a new apartment complex.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends DENIAL for the proposed rezoning because the following reasons:

- 1) The proposed rezoning is inconsistent with the Master Plan
- 2) Building apartments might cause congestion on Nevarez
- 3) Ingress/Egress may not be adequate for security and safety
- 4) Lack of infrastructure

The Planning and Zoning Department recommends APPROVAL to allow the proposed development for the following reasons:

- 1) The design provided to P&Z is a conceptual design and is subject to change.
- 2) Ingress/Egress has a separation of 150' and does not pose a traffic hazard.
- 3) It is not recommended to use Floralia St. as an access to the development since doing so might become a nuisance for the residents of the area.
- 4) The Master plan is showing a "High Density Residential" zone and the proposed development is a "Medium Density Residential" zone. For this reason there is a lower probability of causing congestion on Nevarez.

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ORDINANCE 442

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 6-A, BLOCK 7, SOCORRO GRANT, 140 NORTH NEVAREZ ROAD FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL TO R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS:

That pursuant to Chapter 46 of the Codification of Ordinances of the City of Socorro, Texas, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Socorro, as amended, the zoning of Tract 6-A, Block 7, Socorro Grant at 140 North Nevarez Rd. has been changed from A-1, Agricultural to R-2, Medium Density Residential to allow apartments.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2018.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

Elia Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James A. Martinez
Socorro City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

Introduction and First Reading: May 17, 2018
Second Reading and Adoption: June 7, 2018

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Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

DATE: June 7, 2018
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Job Terrazas, Building Official
CC: Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

SUBJECT

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 443; an Ordinance for the proposed amendment to the City of Socorro Master Plan and rezoning of Tracts 11 & 11-A, Block 6, Socorro Grant, from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to allow the construction of 96 apartment units.

SUMMARY

The subject property pertaining to this request is located on the west side of N. Nevarez Road, directly south of the Middle Drain Canal and the Union Pacific Railroad. The subject property has an estimated area of 14.974 ± acres, is owned by Tropicana Building II, LLC, 300 E. Main Drive, Suite 740, El Paso, TX. 79901, and is being represented by Moreno Cardenas, Inc., 2505 E. Missouri Avenue, El Paso, TX. 79903.

BACKGROUND

The subject property is currently zoned A-1 (Agricultural) and is currently vacant/undeveloped. The applicant is seeking to develop the subject property with a new apartment complex. The proposed R-2 zoning designation would permit a maximum of 15 dwelling units per acre. A large portion of the subject property currently exists within the City of Socorro City Limits and a small portion currently exists within the City of El Paso City Limits. The applicant will have to work out the development of the property with each municipality during the time of development. The proposed rezoning is only for the portion of the property within the City of Socorro City Limits.

According to the City of Socorro Comprehensive Master Plan Future Land Map, the projected land use for the subject property is commercial. The subject property is adjacent to R-1 (Single Family Residential) and R-2 (Medium Density Residential) zoned properties to the south, The City of Socorro City Limits to the west, M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to the east and the Middle Drain Canal and Union Pacific Railroad to the north. According to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, the referenced property lies within an area determined to be outside of the 500-year flood plain, more particularly described as Zone X.

On April 3, 2018 the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to table the proposed rezoning request and directed staff and the applicant's representative to do the following: (1) Investigate the issue of the subject property being located within the City of Socorro and the City of El Paso and see what would be needed from the City of El Paso in order for the proposed development to come

into fruition; (2) Discuss with the applicant the potential to limit the number of dwelling units for the proposed development.

The City of Socorro Planning and Zoning Department met with staff from the City of El Paso and it was discussed that if the applicant wishes to develop the portion of the subject property that is located within the City of El Paso, the applicant will have to go through the same process with the City of El Paso as they have to go through with the City of Socorro including rezoning the property, replatting the property and submitting building plans for permitting. The applicant also has the option to redesign the proposed development to make sure that it is developed completely within the City of Socorro and the applicant would not have to go through any process with the City of El Paso. The applicant does have the ability and right to continue with this proposed rezoning proposal.

Concerning the request to limit the number of dwelling units on the subject property, please see the attached response from the applicant.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

The applicant is seeking the proposed rezoning of the property to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) for the purpose of developing a new apartment complex.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends APPROVAL for the proposed rezoning with the following condition:

1. The apartment density shall be limited to 96 units within the property.

The Planning and Zoning Department recommends APPROVAL for the proposed rezoning.

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ORDINANCE 443

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACTS 11 & 11-A, BLOCK 6, SOCORRO GRANT FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL TO R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS:

That pursuant to Chapter 46 of the Codification of Ordinances of the City of Socorro, Texas, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Socorro, as amended, the zoning of Tracts 11 & 11-A, Block 6, Socorro Grant from A-1, Agricultural to R-2, Medium Density Residential with the following condition:

1. The apartment density shall be limited to 96 units.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2018.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

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ATTEST:

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Socorro City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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June 1, 2018

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Rosio Marin, HR Director

SUBJECT: Discussion and action to approve job description for Grants Coordinator in the Grants Writing Department.

SUMMARY

This action approves job description for Grants Coordinator position in the Grants Writing Department.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

This action approves job description for Grants Coordinator position in the Grants Writing Department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept): 05101 / 016

Funding Source: General Fund

Amount: \$45,000.00 to \$55,000.00 per year

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A

Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#) N/A

ALTERNATIVE

Decline job description.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

HR recommends approval of job description of Grants Coordinator position in Grants Writing Department.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

1. City Manager _____ Date _____
2. CFO _____ Date _____
3. Attorney _____ Date _____

**City of Socorro
Job Description**

Position

Job Title: Grants Coordinator	Department: Grants
FLSA Status: Exempt	Salary: \$45,000 to \$55,000
Approved: Pending	Last Revised:

General Purpose and Description:

Under administrative direction, research federal, state, and local grant availability. Coordinate, monitor, and manage grant opportunities and projects in area of assignment.

Duties, Functions and Responsibilities:

- Identify and coordinate grants planning activities. Research federal, state, local, and private funding sources to determine the availability of grants. Research laws, rules, and regulations impacting grant programs. Analyze grant opportunities for value and make recommendation based on findings. Work with directors and staff to analyze the feasibility of applying for grant programs in alignment with Department strategic plan. Develop, write, and edit grant proposals that support programs and activities. Consult with other City departments, state, and federal agencies as required for contract monitoring, program evaluations, and project development.
- Prepare long-term plans for rural and community development. Prepare applications for grants including Community Development Block Grants (CDGB), TWDB, USDA, BECC, NADBank, and others.
- Create and maintain grant funding resource database to track and facilitate planning and preparation of funding opportunities. Gather information and compile data for comprehensive interim and final reports such as financial, operating and statistical charts, graphs and spreadsheets as necessary for management and funding agencies. Assemble and record statistics related to grant and contract renewal dates. Approve mandated forms as authorized by grantor. Prepare and present ad hoc and recurring data or other accountability reports and recommendations. (Report for council)
- Responsible for comprehensive management of grants that have been awarded to the City; ensures funds are being spent to meet grant request and funding requirements, and funds are available to purchase items on grant budgets; keeps and updates grant budget ledgers to ensure minimal monies are left unspent and returned to funding agencies. Ensures adherence to internal policies for grant application; grant award acceptance; and budget amendment requests.
- Provides technical guidance and assistance to staff in: responding to federal, state, and local government requests for proposals as well as private foundation grant offerings; matters regarding progress and final reporting requirements for each grant. Meets with, negotiates, reaches consensus and communicates with grant and contracting officers, consultants, corporate and management personnel, other public entities, staff, and project managers.
- Involves application of: good knowledge of federal and state grant availability, audit requirements and grant administration; considerable knowledge in interpreting federal, state, city and county rules, regulations and guidelines related to grant proposal, management, and compliance; considerable knowledge of grant research principles and practices; considerable knowledge of data gathering and research methods and techniques; good knowledge of local, state, and federal grant laws, rules, and regulations related to municipal entities; good knowledge of grant funding sources, availability, and application; clear concise oral and written communication to prepare grant applications, funding presentations, reports, recommendations and other information to City Manager, City Council, department management, and regulatory agencies.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers, city departments, city officials, grant funding resource agencies, regulatory agencies, and the general public.
- Involves: application of strong organizational skills with exceptional attention to detail and the ability to work under tight deadlines as part of a team; ability to optimize plans and executions with urgency, demonstrate a proven track record in achieving results.
- Responsible for any assignments issued by the City of Socorro.
- Attendance is an essential function of the job.

**City of Socorro
Job Description**

Position

Minimum Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration or related field or an Associate's Degree and five (5) years of grant support experience or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- Possess a valid Texas class "C" Drivers License.

Equipment:

- Operates office equipment such as computers and software, calculator, copy machine, scanner, shredder, fax machine, and multi-line telephone.

Physical Requirements:

- Must be able to lift, transport, and position items and equipment weighing a minimum of 25 pounds.
- Must be able to remain in a stationary position for extended periods of time.
- The person in this position constantly operates a computer and other office productivity machinery, such as a calculator, copy machine, and computer printer.

Conditions of Employment:

- Pass Pre-Employment Drug Screening.
- Pass Background Check.
- Work flexible hours and overtime as required.
- Bilingual Skills: English & Spanish preferred.

_____ Mayor	_____ Date
_____ City Manager	_____ Date
_____ Human Resource Director	_____ Date
_____ Employee	_____ Date

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June 1, 2018

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Rosio Marin, HR Director

SUBJECT: Discussion and action to approve job description for City Planner Development Director in the Planning & Zoning Department.

SUMMARY

This action approves job description for City Planner Development Director position in the Planning & Zoning Department.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

This action approves job description for City Planner Development Director position in the Planning & Zoning Department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept): 05101 / 016

Funding Source: General Fund

Amount: \$60,000.00 to \$90,000.00 per year

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A

Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#) N/A

ALTERNATIVE

Decline job description.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

HR recommends approval of job description of City Planner Development Director position in Planning & Zoning Department.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

1. City Manager _____ Date _____
2. CFO _____ Date _____
3. Attorney _____ Date _____

**City of Socorro
Job Description**

Position

Job Title: Planning and Zoning Director	Department: Planning and Zoning
FLSA Status: Exempt	Salary: \$60,000 to \$69,347
Approved: 6/1/2017	Last Revised: 11/1/2012

General Purpose and Description:

Under administrative direction from the City Manager, direct the Planning & Zoning Department in preparing, revising, maintaining and implementing the comprehensive plan for the City of Socorro.

Duties, Functions and Responsibilities:

- Plan, organize, manage and direct operations of the planning department; organize programs for engineering review, field inspections, and code enforcement of commercial and residential designs and construction, and related permit issuance and customer service. Oversee and assign work that involves preparing, revising and maintaining a comprehensive plan that addresses the physical, economic, demographic, environmental and social components of the City. Oversee the specific functions of the department including comprehensive planning, subdivisions, form based codes, land development, land use, demographics, community development, and personnel administration. Explore and analyze methods for improving the planning process by developing plans and programs that are new and innovative. Manage priorities and progress of projects and activities.
- Formulate department-wide policies and strategies to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local statutory mandates, and architectural and engineering standards on such matters as building trades work, emergency management, environmental protection, fire prevention, flood control, flood plan management, housing safety, land grading and drainage, and zoning. Recommend operational adjustments to establish and modify methods to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of City's development control functions. Evaluate, devise, and implement short and long-range departmental goals, project priorities, and resources allocations.
- Develop and coordinate, lead and manage, the implementation of a strategic economic development plan that aligns with the City's comprehensive plan. Plan, organize, manage, and direct economic development programs, projects, and initiatives setting clear goals, objectives, and associated metrics of performance. Facilitate technology-based economic development; foster entrepreneurship and small business growth; sustainability based economic development; and develop sector or cluster specific projects or initiatives that strengthen the City's economic base.
- Coordinate and control department operations. Acquire and deploy personnel, materials, or other resources and arrange to maintain equipment to balance workflow and ensure availability of services as needed. In a manner consistent with City Charter, City Code and City Ordinances, represent the City's development control interests to the public as necessary to approve alternate materials and methods of code compliance, provide code interpretations, and resolve conflicts and complaints. Recommend appropriate amendments and variances to City Ordinances and City Code.
- Prepare and manage fiscal year budget for department. Conduct cost-benefit, statistical, or other analyses. Review suggestions for program improvements and staffing changes to assist in preparation of consolidated annual budget. Participate in capital improvement planning by recommending new and modified equipment and monitoring expenditures of budget in accordance with established City financial policies and procedures. Monitor and approve expenditures.
- Implement and enforce City Code, City Ordinances and department policies and procedures. Design, establish, and maintain an organizational structure and staffing to effectively accomplish the organization's goals and objectives. Prepare a variety of reports regarding department activities, accomplishments, and goals. Resolve problems associated with integration of processes with other City departments, other jurisdictions, and regulatory agencies. Oversee permit processing software operation, including studying technological developments to enhance system for integrating related database and permits tracing through plan review and inspection.
- Supervise large number of assigned personnel. Participate in hiring of staff, interview applicants and recommend hire, transfer, discipline, and assign merit pay or other employee status changes.

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Schedule, assign, and check work. Appraise employee performance and review evaluations. Provide for training and development. Enforce personnel rules and regulations and work behavior standards firmly and impartially. Counsel, motivate, and maintain harmony.

- Represent the department in a professional manner. Meet with City management and outside agency officials to inform of pending expansions or relocations. Make presentations to City management, Mayor and Council, boards and commissions members, and other officials as required. Interact with a variety of governmental agencies, architects, engineers, neighborhood associations, and others to gather and provide accurate information. Work with other city departments to provide assistance or gather information.
- Act as liaison for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment, and other Boards and Commissions responsible for Land use functions; assist in staff function to support the responsibilities and duties of these Boards and Commissions including preparation of notices, documents and reports for meetings, documentation, and providing recommendations for disposition of matters, monitoring and providing recommendations for amendments of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances (Chapters 38 and 46 of the City Code), other applicable ordinances, the Comprehensive Master Plan, and the zoning, land use, and transportation laws and regulations of Texas and the United States.
- Highly organized, dependable, and ability to keep matters confidential. Clear, concise oral and written communication to present reports. Establish and maintain effective working relationships with department, directors and supervisors, employees, and coworkers.
- Responsible for complying with all requirements for City employees as set forth in the most recent version of the City's Employee Handbook and as otherwise set forth in the City Code and City Ordinances.
- Responsible for any assignments issued by the City of Socorro.
- Attendance is an essential function on the job.

Minimum Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's degree, Master's preferred, in Urban or Regional Planning, Urban Design, Architecture, Engineering, Construction Administration, Business or Public Administration, or a related field from an accredited technical or academic institution.
- Five years of professional administrative experience in Architecture, Engineering, Building Construction, Planning, or Building and Zoning Codes Enforcement.
- Three years of supervisory experience.
- Valid Building Official Certification from the International Code Council obtained within six months of hire.
- Possess a valid Texas class "C" Drivers License.

Equipment:

- Operates office equipment such as typewriter, computers and software, calculator, copy machine, scanner, shredder, fax machine, and multi-line telephone.
- Experience in Accela, AutoCAD, and GIS preferred.

Physical Requirements:

- Must be able to lift a minimum of 25 pounds.
- Sits, stands for extended periods of time.
- Ability to work long hours on a periodic basis.
- Works indoors and outdoors, including adverse weather conditions, such as extreme cold, heat, heights, temperature swings and noise.
- Works in trenches and some exposure to mechanical, radiation, fume/odor and dust/mite hazards.

Conditions of Employment:

- Pass Pre-Employment Drug Screening.
- Pass Background Check.
- Work flexible hours, weekends, and overtime as required.
- Bilingual Skills: English & Spanish preferred.

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Mayor

Date

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Human Resource Director

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Employee

Date

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Job Description

Position

Job Title: City Planner Development Director	Department: Planning & Zoning Department
FLSA Status: Exempt	Salary: \$60,000 - \$90,000
Approved:	Last Revised: 6/1/2017

General Purpose and Description:

Under general supervision, directs the Planning and Development Department functions which include building inspections, code enforcement, business and building permitting, and development and management of programs to guide residential and commercial development in the City of Socorro. Assures compliance to state and Federal regulations, and City ordinances.

Duties, Functions and Responsibilities:

- Plan, organize, manage and direct operations of the planning department to achieve the City's short and long-term land use and development strategies and regulatory compliance objectives; organize programs for engineering review, field inspections, and code enforcement of commercial and residential designs and construction, and related permit issuance and customer service. Oversee and assign work that involves preparing, revising and maintaining a comprehensive plan that addresses the physical, economic, demographic, environmental and social components of the City. Oversee the specific functions of the department including comprehensive planning, subdivisions, form-based codes, land development, land use, demographics, community development, and personnel administration. Explore and analyze methods for improving the planning process by developing plans and programs that are new and innovative. Manage priorities and progress of projects and activities.
- Implement and enforce City Code, City Ordinances and department policies and procedures. Design, establish, and maintain an organizational structure and staffing to effectively accomplish the organization's goals and objectives. Prepare a variety of reports regarding department activities, accomplishments, and goals. Resolve problems associated with integration of processes with other City departments, other jurisdictions, and regulatory agencies.
- Coordinate and control department functions. Formulate department-wide policies and strategies to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local statutory mandates, and architectural and engineering standards on such matters as building trades work, emergency management, environmental protection, fire prevention, flood control, flood plan management, housing safety, land grading and drainage, and zoning. Recommend operational adjustments to establish and modify methods to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of City's development control functions. Evaluate, devise, and implement short and long-range departmental goals, project priorities, and resources allocations.
- Develop, coordinate, lead, and manage the implementation of a strategic economic development plan that aligns with the City's comprehensive plan. Plan, organize, manage, and direct economic development programs, projects, and initiatives setting clear goals, objectives, and associated metrics of performance. Facilitate technology-based economic development; foster entrepreneurship and small business growth; sustainability based economic development; and develop sector or cluster specific projects or initiatives that strengthen the City's economic base.
- Supervise assigned personnel. Participate in hiring of staff, interview applicants and recommend hire, transfer, and discipline. Schedule, assign, and check work. Appraise employee performance and review evaluations. Provide for training and development. Enforce personnel rules and regulations and work behavior standards firmly and impartially. Counsel, motivate, and maintain harmony. Works with employees on performance issues in coordination with Human Resources; responds to staff questions and concerns.
- Provides leadership to assure that services are provided in alignment with the City's strategic goals and community growth is consistent with City guidelines. Acquire and deploy personnel, materials, or other resources and arrange to maintain equipment to balance workflow and ensure availability of services as needed. In a manner consistent with City Charter, City Code and City Ordinances, represent the City's development control interests to the public as necessary to approve alternate materials and methods of code compliance, provide code

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interpretations, and resolve conflicts and complaints. Recommend appropriate amendments and variances to City Ordinances and City Code.

- Prepare and manage fiscal year budget for department. Conduct cost-benefit, statistical, or other analyses. Review suggestions for program improvements and staffing changes to assist in preparation of consolidated annual budget. Participate in capital improvement planning by recommending new and modified equipment and monitoring expenditures of budget in accordance with established City financial policies and procedures. Monitor and approve expenditures.
- Oversee permit processing software operation, including studying technological developments to enhance system for integrating related database and permits tracing through plan review and inspection.
- Represent the department in a professional manner. Work with other city departments to provide assistance or gather information. Interprets and explains policies, procedures, rules and regulations. Meet with City management and outside agency officials to inform of pending expansions or relocations. Make presentations to City management, Mayor and Council, boards and commissions members, and other officials as required. Interact with a variety of governmental agencies, architects, engineers, neighborhood associations, and others to gather and provide accurate information. Coordinates strategies to integrate services with other programs, departments and agencies.
- Act as liaison for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment, and other Boards and Commissions responsible for Land use functions; assist in staff function to support the responsibilities and duties of these Boards and Commissions including preparation of notices, documents and reports for meetings, documentation, and providing recommendations for disposition of matters, monitoring and providing recommendations for amendments of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances (Chapters 38 and 46 of the City Code), other applicable ordinances, the Comprehensive Master Plan, and the zoning, land use, and transportation laws and regulations of Texas and the United States.
- Responds to difficult and sensitive public inquiries and complaints and assists with resolutions and alternative recommendations.
- Highly organized, dependable, and ability to keep matters confidential. Clear, concise oral and written communication to present reports. Establish and maintain effective working relationships with department, directors and supervisors, employees, and coworkers.
- Responsible for complying with all requirements for City employees as set forth in the most recent version of the City's Employee Handbook and as otherwise set forth in the City Code and City Ordinances.
- Responsible for any assignments issued by the City of Socorro.
- Attendance is an essential function on the job.

Minimum Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's degree, Master's preferred, in Urban or Regional Planning, Urban Design, Architecture, Engineering, Construction Administration, Business or Public Administration, or a related field from an accredited technical or academic institution.
- Certified Professional Engineer (CPE) preferred.
- Five years of professional administrative experience in Architecture, Engineering, Building Construction, Planning, or Building and Zoning Codes Enforcement.
- Three years of supervisory experience.
- Valid Building Official Certification from the International Code Council obtained within six months of hire.
- Possess a valid Texas class "C" Drivers License.

Equipment:

- Operates office equipment such as computers and software, calculator, copy machine, scanner, shredder, fax machine, and multi-line telephone.
- Experience in Accela, AutoCAD, and GIS preferred.

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Physical Requirements:

- Must be able to lift, transport, and position items and equipment weighing a minimum of 25 pounds.
- Must be able to remain in a stationary position for extended periods of time.
- Ability to work long hours on a periodic basis.
- Works indoors and outdoors, including adverse weather conditions, such as extreme cold, heat, heights, temperature swings and noise.
- Works in trenches and some exposure to mechanical, radiation, fume/odor and dust/mite hazards.
- The person in this position constantly operates a computer and other office productivity machinery, such as a calculator, copy machine, and computer printer.

Conditions of Employment:

- Pass Pre-Employment Drug Screening.
- Pass Background Check.
- Work flexible hours, weekends, and overtime as required.
- Bilingual Skills: English & Spanish preferred.

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DATE: MAY 10, 2018

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: INTERIM CHIEF JASIEL MUNOZ

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (CISD) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018.

SUMMARY

See attached agreement

BACKGROUND

City of Socorro Police Department and the Canutillo Independent School District Police Department for law enforcement communications services.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

The Socorro Police Department and the Canutillo Independent School District through the MOU are requesting to assist in providing secure law enforcement sensitive communication to protect life, health, and property, against violations of law and breaches of the peace.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

ALTERNATIVE

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

1. Mayor of Socorro _____ Date _____
2. Chief of Police _____ Date _____
3. City Attorney _____ Date _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS

§ Interlocal Agreement and
§ Memorandum of Understanding For
§ Law Enforcement Communication Services
§ by and between the City of Socorro, Texas
§ Police Department and the Canutillo
§ Independent School District.
§

COUNTY OF EL PASO

This Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into on this 24 day of April, 2018, between the CITY OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT, a municipal law enforcement agency located in El Paso County, Texas (hereinafter referred to as "SPD") and the CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, an independent school district located in El Paso County, Texas (hereinafter referred to as "CISD") by and through its duly authorized officials, pursuant to and in compliance with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the CISD and SPD (collectively, the "Agencies") are authorized to enter into this MOU pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, SPD and CISD are respectively, a municipal entity and an independent school district, maintaining and operating facilities within El Paso County, Texas, and

WHEREAS, the Agencies have commissioned peace officers for the security, safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the peace officers; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Education Code, Section 37.081, requires that the jurisdiction of a peace officer employed by a school district shall be determined by the board of trustees and may include all territory in the boundaries of the school district and all property outside the boundaries of the district that is owned, leased, or rented by or otherwise under the control of the school district, and

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code, Section 37.081, requires that school district police departments and the law enforcement agencies with which it has overlapping jurisdiction shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that outlines reasonable communication and coordination efforts between the police department and other law enforcement agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Agencies each find that this undertaking is necessary for the benefit of the public, and that each party has legal authority to provide the governmental functions, which are the subject matter of this MOU, and

WHEREAS, the Agencies desire to specify the terms and conditions of an agreement

through which this mutually beneficial relationship may be affected; and

WHEREAS, the Agencies recognize and understand that the circumstances of an incident may necessitate that the requirements of this MOU be amended or revised, to allow the law enforcement officers of each party to better address the unique demands of a specific situation and provide appropriate mutual aid and support to each other, under the circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual undertaking hereinafter set forth and for adequate consideration given, the above named Agencies agree as follows:

I. Definitions

The following terms shall have the following meanings when used in this MOU:

- (a) "Peace officer" means a person elected, employed, or appointed as a peace officer under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law, and licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education;
- (b) "Chief Law Enforcement Officer" means the chief of police an independent school district or other appropriately designated official;
- (c) "Chief Administrative Officer" means the superintendent of an independent school district;

II. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to assist in providing secure and sensitive law enforcement communications necessary to protect health, life, and property, against violations of criminal law and breaches of the peace. The Agencies recognize and acknowledge that mutual cooperation and communication are in the best interest of their constituents, employees and the public, and the Agencies therefore pledge to meet on a periodic basis, to discuss the purpose of this MOU and to develop practices and procedures in keeping with this purpose.

III. Use of Dispatch and 911 Call Services

SPD agrees to provide 911 call services and dispatch services to CISD under this MOU. All emergency and police services calls will be handled and managed by the SPD dispatch and command center. Calls initiated within the SPD dispatch center that involve the jurisdiction of CISD will be routed and communicated from SPD to the appropriate and designated contact individual for CISD. SPD shall have no obligation to respond to any emergency or police services call within the jurisdiction of CISD, unless specifically agreed to by the command authority of SPD.

IV. Status of Responding Peace Officers and Command Authority

The designated law enforcement officer dispatched on behalf of a responding party shall at all times remain a peace officer of the responding party, and shall be under the command of the responding party's Chief Law Enforcement Officer.

V. Service of Arrest and Search Warrants

Whenever possible, a peace officer of SPD should notify the police department of CISD before serving any arrest or search warrant on the property of CISD. A peace officer of a school district may accompany a peace officer of SPD when the SPD peace officer is serving an arrest or search warrant on the property of CISD.

VI. Responsibility for Completing Investigation

The completion of any investigation upon termination of a response to request, or upon withdrawal from an initiated response, will remain under the jurisdiction and authority of the party having primary jurisdiction, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.

VII. Dispatching Calls Between Police Departments

The party receiving or dispatching, directing or routing a call relating to the provision made for law enforcement services by this MOU will:

- A. Maintain a record of calls received, routed and dispatched to any other party to this MOU, which record shall be available to all parties upon request;

VIII. No Waiver of Reimbursement for Services

No party to this MOU waives the right granted by Section 362.003(c), Texas Local Government Code, to request reimbursement for services performed under this MOU. The governmental entity whose authorized official requested the services, shall reimburse the governmental entity providing such services upon request, unless the responding entity had jurisdiction to perform the law enforcement services notwithstanding this MOU.

IX. Civil Lawsuits and Retention of Benefits Related to Employee Status

In the event that any person performing law enforcement, law enforcement services pursuant to this MOU shall be cited as a party to any civil lawsuit, state or federal, arising out of the performance of those services, he or she shall be entitled to the same benefits that he would be entitled to receive if such civil action has arisen out of the performance of his duties as a party of the department where he is regularly employed and in the jurisdiction of the party by which he is regularly employed. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any employee, officer or agent of any public body that may be a party to this

MOU.

X. Non-Waiver of Immunity

It is expressly understood and agreed that, in the execution of this MOU, no party waives nor shall be deemed hereby to waive any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to it against claims made by third parties and arising directly or indirectly out of the performance of this MOU. All privileges and immunities from liability, exemptions from laws, ordinances and rules, pension, relief, disability, worker's compensation, and other benefits which apply to the activities of officers, agents, or employees of either party when performing a function under this MOU shall apply to such officers, agents, or employees to the same extent while engaged in the performance of any of their functions and duties under the terms and provisions of this MOU. Each party reserves, and does not waive, its rights of sovereign immunity and rights under the Texas Tort Claims Act.

XI. Duration of MOU

This MOU shall be effective for a period beginning on the date first written above and ending on _____, and shall thereafter automatically renew for one year terms running from October 1 until September 30 of each year, unless terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of this MOU.

XII. Termination

Any party to this MOU may terminate it, by giving the other parties thirty (30) days prior written notice of its intent to terminate the MOU, mailed by certified mail and addressed to the person or officer of each other party designated under this MOU for notice.

XIII. Performance of Services

Law enforcement services, and all other services reasonably related thereto, which are provided under this MOU shall be performed in accordance with the standard operating procedures, rules, regulations, and ordinances of the department by which each such peace officer or employee providing such services is employed, and in conformity with the requirements and mandates of laws of the State of Texas and the United States.

XIV. Release and Indemnification

To the extent permitted by law each party to this MOU expressly waives all claims against every other party to this MOU for compensation for any loss, damage, personal injury, or death occurring as a consequence of the performance of this MOU, and shall, to the extent permitted by law, indemnify each other party for any liability arising out of the acts or omissions of its own employees and officers.

XV. Waiver of Subrogation

The parties hereby release each other, and their respective officers, agents, and employees, from any and all liability to each other or anyone claiming through or under them by way of subrogation or otherwise for any loss, injury or damage caused by or resulting from risks insured against under any insurance policy maintained by the parties.

XVI. Remedies

No right or remedy granted herein or reserved to the Parties is exclusive of any other right or remedy herein by law or equity provided or permitted; but each shall be cumulative of every other right or remedy given hereunder. No covenant or condition of this MOU may be waived without first obtaining consent of the Parties in writing. Forbearance or indulgence by either party shall not constitute a waiver of any covenant or condition to be performed pursuant to this MOU.

XVII. Severability

If any of the terms, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, provisions, covenants, conditions or any other part of this MOU, are for any reason held to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, provisions, covenants, conditions or any other part of this MOU shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

XVIII. Headings.

The headings of sections and subsections of this Agreement are for reference only and will not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

XIX. Applicable Law

This MOU is entered into subject to and is to be construed, governed and enforced under the laws of the State of Texas.

XX. Notice

Notice by any party to any other party hereto shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given only if delivered personally or sent by registered or certified mail, with proper postage attached addressed to the respective party as follows subject to change as the respective party may hereafter give notice to the other parties:

For the SPD:

Chief
City of Socorro, TX Police Department
670 Poona
Socorro, Texas 79927

For the CISD:
Dr. Pedro Galaviz, Superintendent
Canutillo Independent School District
P.O. Box 100
Canutillo, TX 79835

XXI. Public Information

This MOU is public information. To the extent, if any, that any provision of this MOU is in conflict with Tex. Gov't. Code Ann. Chapter 552 et seq., as amended (the "Texas Public Information Act") the same shall be of no force and effect. Each party agrees that it will notify the other party of any public information request which seeks disclosure of "law enforcement tactical information" and will assert a lawful objection or privilege to keep such information confidential.

XXII. No Joint Enterprise

This MOU does not, is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create any joint enterprise between or among the parties. CISD and SPD are independent legal entities. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create the relationship of employer and employee, or principal and agent, or any relationship other than that of independent parties contracting with each other solely for the purpose of carrying out the terms of this MOU. Neither party nor any of their respective agents or employees shall control or have any right to control the activities of the other party in carrying out the terms of this MOU.

XXIII. Entire Understanding

This MOU embodies the complete understanding of the parties hereto superseding all oral or written previous and contemporaneous agreements or understandings between the parties relating to matters herein; and, except as otherwise provided herein, must be modified in writing by the parties.

XXIV. Authorization

The undersigned officers and agents are properly authorized to execute this MOU on behalf of the parties hereto and each party hereby certifies to the other that any necessary resolutions extending such authority have been duly passed and are now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the date first

stated above.

(Signature pages follow)

CITY OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police

ATTEST:

Olivia Navarro
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jim Martinez
City of Socorro Attorney

Elia Garcia
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District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

DATE: June 7, 2018

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Christopher Rey, Chief of Police

CC: Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Approval request to waive the Building Permit Fees for the proposed construction of an addition to the Socorro Police Training Facility located on Vineyard Rd.

PETITIONER:

Socorro Police Department

EVENT LOCATION:

317 Vineyard Dr. Socorro, TX. 79927

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning and Zoning Department recommends APPROVAL because it is a project that will benefit the public by allowing them a closer office to conduct business with the Socorro Police Department.

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DATE: March 15, 2018
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Adam Ochoa, Planning & Zoning Director
CC: Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

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Olivia Navarro

From: Adriana Rodarte <citymanager@ci.socorro.tx.us>
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:32 PM
To: Olivia Navarro
Subject: FW: Agreement for Vista Bonita

Please attach this email as back up for update on Vista Bonita.

From: Conrad Conde [mailto:CConde@condeinc.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:09 PM
To: Adriana Rodarte <citymanager@ci.socorro.tx.us>; P&Z Director <aochoa@ci.socorro.tx.us>; landcomanagement@gmail.com; Yolanda Giner <yginer@eplawyers.com>; Yvonne Conde-Curry <ycurry@condeinc.com>; Michael M. Birkelbach <mbirkelbach@condeinc.com>
Subject: RE: Agreement for Vista Bonita

Adriana- wish we could give you a date – the owner is just waiting to hear back from their attorney

From: Adriana Rodarte [mailto:citymanager@ci.socorro.tx.us]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:08 PM
To: Conrad Conde <CConde@condeinc.com>; P&Z Director <aochoa@ci.socorro.tx.us>; landcomanagement@gmail.com; Yolanda Giner <yginer@eplawyers.com>; Yvonne Conde-Curry <ycurry@condeinc.com>; Michael M. Birkelbach <mbirkelbach@condeinc.com>
Subject: RE: Agreement for Vista Bonita

Thank you for your prompt response. Do you happen to have an estimated time frame?

From: Conrad Conde [mailto:CConde@condeinc.com]
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Adriana –we are still pending the owners Attorneys draft for your review.

From: Adriana Rodarte [mailto:citymanager@ci.socorro.tx.us]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 9:51 AM
To: Conrad Conde <CConde@condeinc.com>; P&Z Director <aochoa@ci.socorro.tx.us>; landcomanagement@gmail.com; Yolanda Giner <yginer@eplawyers.com>; Yvonne Conde-Curry <ycurry@condeinc.com>; Michael M. Birkelbach <mbirkelbach@condeinc.com>
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Good morning Mr. Conde, hope this e-mail finds you well. Could you please provide me a status on the agreement?

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager



City of Socorro, Texas
124 S. Horizon Blvd.
Socorro, Texas 79927
Work: (915)858-2915 ext. 5002
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Subject: Re: Agreement for Vista Bonita

Adam, the attorney has drafted the agreement and pending the owners review and approval. Once we have the owner approval- we will forward to you all.

Thanks and have a great EASTER weekend

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 30, 2018, at 7:37 AM, Adam Ochoa <aoschoa@ci.socorro.tx.us> wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Conde,

What is the statues on the agreement that your applicant and his attorneys were to submit to the City for the development of Phase 4 of Vista Bonita Estates? Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Adam Ochoa

Planning & Zoning Director
City of Socorro, Texas
860 N. Rio Vista
Socorro, TX. 79927
(915)872-8531
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City of Socorro Planning & Zoning Department

Vista Bonita Estates Subdivision Unit 1

Comments

1. There is 30 feet of Natural Gas Co. ROW within this subdivision. Since it is ROW, it should be removed from within any proposed lot. It cannot be part of any proposed lot. Please adjust lots as needed as long as they still meet the minimum lot size requirement.
2. Please provide the date of the survey.
3. Please provide ALL location and descriptions of all monuments found or set within the plat area. Include benchmarks within elevations shown and property corners.
4. Please provide the total acreage of the subdivision to the forth decimal place.
5. Lot sizes shall also be provided in acreage to the forth decimal place.
6. Please provide certification that all monuments are in place.
7. Please provide approval from all land authorities and utility companies having franchise in the area, including the adjacent railroad granting access to the subdivision.
8. Please make sure that the new addresses on Burbridge Road align with the those existing to the other side of the railroad tracks.

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The applicant will assume responsibility to verify the Sequence Letter and the

Existing name with E.P. 03

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ID	OWNER INFO				VEHICLE INFO				INSURANCE INFO				SALES INFO			
	NAME	DOB	AGE	SEX	TYPE	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	INSURANCE	COVERAGE	DATE	AMOUNT	SALES	DATE	AMOUNT	
1	John Doe	1985-03-15	37	M	Sedan	Toyota	Camry	2018	ABC Insurance	Full Coverage	2023-01-01	\$1200	XYZ Sales	2023-02-15	\$15000	
2	Jane Smith	1990-07-22	32	F	SUV	Ford	Explorer	2020	DEF Insurance	Partial Coverage	2023-03-10	\$800	ABC Sales	2023-04-01	\$18000	
3	Michael Johnson	1978-11-05	44	M	Truck	Chevrolet	Silverado	2019	GHI Insurance	Full Coverage	2023-05-20	\$1100	DEF Sales	2023-06-10	\$22000	
4	Emily Davis	1992-09-18	30	F	Coupe	Ford	Mustang	2021	JKL Insurance	Full Coverage	2023-07-05	\$900	GHI Sales	2023-08-20	\$20000	
5	Robert Brown	1988-04-10	34	M	Sedan	Honda	Accord	2022	MNO Insurance	Partial Coverage	2023-09-15	\$700	JKL Sales	2023-10-01	\$16000	
6	Sarah Wilson	1995-12-01	27	F	SUV	Jeep	Wrangler	2020	PQR Insurance	Full Coverage	2023-11-20	\$1000	MNO Sales	2024-01-05	\$19000	
7	David Miller	1980-06-25	42	M	Truck	RAM	2500	2018	STU Insurance	Full Coverage	2024-02-10	\$1300	PQR Sales	2024-03-01	\$25000	
8	Lisa Anderson	1993-08-12	29	F	Coupe	BMW	3 Series	2021	VWX Insurance	Partial Coverage	2024-04-05	\$850	STU Sales	2024-05-15	\$21000	
9	Christopher Lee	1987-02-28	35	M	Sedan	Audi	A4	2020	YZA Insurance	Full Coverage	2024-06-20	\$1150	VWX Sales	2024-07-10	\$23000	
10	Amanda Taylor	1991-10-03	31	F	SUV	Volvo	XC60	2019	BCD Insurance	Full Coverage	2024-08-15	\$1050	YZA Sales	2024-09-01	\$24000	

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DESCRIPTION OF VISTA BONITA ESTATES SUBDIVISION UNIT 1

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LINE TABLE	
LINE	LENGTH BEARING
1	7.38 105°05'N
2	14.41 144°12'E
3	25.93 222°19'W
4	25.70 306°09'W
5	14.06 143°03'W

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_____ Date _____

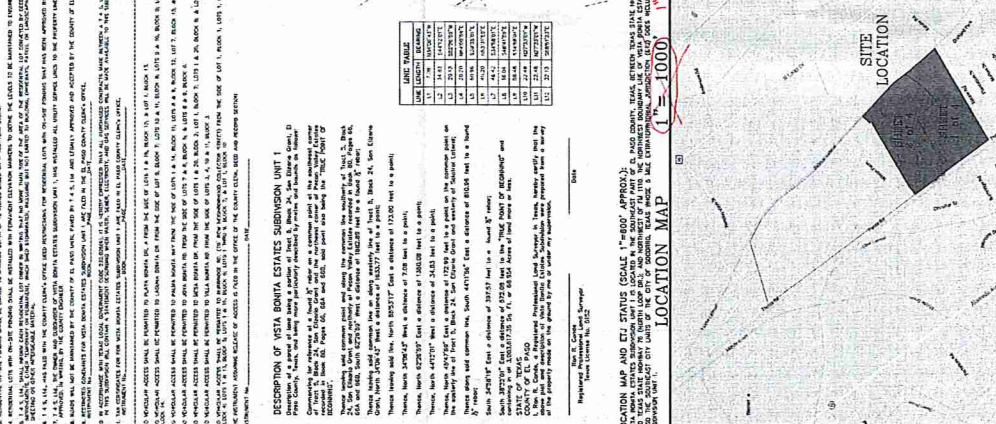
Don E. Cooke
Registered Professional Land Surveyor
Texas License No. 9152

LOCATION MAP

$1'' = 1000'$ $1'' = 600'$

Loop 170
Highway 170
Project Area

Map showing the site location within a larger regional context, including labels for 'SITE LOCATION' and 'TOWN'.



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James C. Curry, P.C.

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DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING CO. – EL PASO, LLC
10737 GATEWAY BLVD. WEST SUITE 112 • EL PASO, TEXAS 79935 • (915)629-0401

February 19, 2018

Ms. Adriana Rodarte
City Manager
City of Socorro
124 S. Horizon Blvd.
Socorro, Texas 79927

RE: Review of the revised Vista Bonita Estates Plat submitted February 08, 2018.

Ms. Rodarte, we have reviewed the revised Vista Bonita Estates Plat submitted to us on February 8, 2018. In reviewing of the revised Plat(s), we submit the following comments and recommendations:

Final Plat sheet 1 of 2 or 4?:

1. Recommend that the City of Socorro coordinate the wording on the "Dedication Statement" with the EPNG Co.
2. There is a note on the 10' Utility Easements that states that the easements shall also be irrigation easements. Does that mean that irrigation ditches will be cut across streets and lots? If so who will maintain the ditch crossings at the streets? Also should the irrigation easements be included in the Dedication Statement?
3. Recommend adding statement on the Plat sheets on who will be responsible for constructing structures across the Salatral Lateral from Vista Bonita Estates to future Development.
4. Recommend that the Developer will install street monuments at all intersections.
5. Recommend adjustment of alignment at the Railroad Crossing for thru traffic.
6. On the Location Map, should the sheets be 1 and 2 of 2?

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Drainage Plan sheet 3 of 4:

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2. Recommend adding statement on the Plat sheets on who will be responsible for constructing structures across the Salatral Lateral from Vista Bonita Estates to future Development.
3. The portion of Burbridge Rd abutting the Salatral Lateral will need to be graded up to the grade of a future bridge crossing.
4. The Elevation for the Finish Grade on the Typical On Site Lot Ponding Plan, provide 0.0 reference elevation and clarify location of 0.83' elevation (0.83 elev show on home pad).
5. On the Typical Lot Grading Plan View we recommend that the Cross section be move to where the driveway path will be situated and that the cross section show that the proposed driveway slope down towards at low point on the driveway.
6. There is a Finish Grade elevation shown on the proposed Finish Floor/Building Pad site that is incorrect.

Water and Sewer Plan sheet 4 of 4:

1. Call out stub outs for the water and sewer lines along Burbridge Rd. and the Salatral Lateral.
2. Check the existing and proposed legend symbols for the water and sewer lines.

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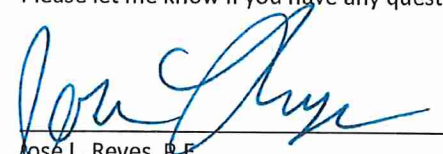
Additional Comments:

1. Will the El Paso Natural Gas (EPNG) parcels being traversed by dedicated streets be dedicated to the public or will they remain EPNG ROW? Or will the County be granted an access easement? If this Subdivision remains On-Site Ponding Subdivision how will the parcels belonging to the EPNG be graded to receive runoff?
2. Evaluate the intersection of Trent Rd. at the Railroad crossing for safer turning movements.

We also reviewed the Vista Bonita Estates Traffic Impact Study, we submit the following comments and recommendations:

1. Intersection of Trent Road and Burbridge Road - the intersection does not appear to line-up well and is a bit offset, it is recommended to better align the intersection (widen the roadway or adjust alignment) so the travel lanes line up. Also, recommend improving the EB right turn curb radii.
2. Recommend a right turn lane into the development from WB Trent Rd. to NB Burbridge Rd.
3. Recommend adding illumination at the intersection for increased safety.
4. Add signing and pavement markings for the RR crossing.
5. Page 14 – some of the Table 1.3 volumes do not appear to match the intersection volumes.
6. Update Traffic Impact Study to reflect revisions to subdivision.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these comments.



Jose L. Reyes, P.E.
Office Manager
Dannenbaum Engineering

Attached: Subdivision Redline Comments

VISTA BONITA ESTATES SUBDIVISION UNIT 1 is a lot of land that is flat due to being former farm land. The current subdivision retains its own runoff and there is no drainage aside entering or exiting the site. Within the subdivision, the lots will retain their own runoff. The streets will drain to the lots and the lots shall provide sufficient storm-water retention to capture $\frac{1}{8}$ of the street runoff obutting each lot and the corner lots shall retain $\frac{1}{2}$ of the street obutting the front and sides of each lot. The local streets have 36 feet of curb height. The sidewalk shall be finished at least 1 foot higher than the curb height. The residential lots will have a finished pad of asphalt that is 18 inches higher than the curb height of a minimum in order to prevent storm runoff infiltration into the residential homes.

Since Vista Bonita Estates Subdivision Unit 11 is an on-site ponding subdivision, the lot owners are responsible for maintaining adequate provisions to accommodate all storm-water runoff generated from their respective lot, plus 1/3 of the runoff generated from all abutting street right-of-ways directly fronting the lot. Residential On Site Ponding shall be limited to a maximum depth of 12 inches based on 100 year storm event. Residential lots shall have permanent elevation markers installed to define the levels in which the effective on site ponding are maintained. To more than 12 inches above the finished grade, the lot owner shall be responsible for limited landscaping, including, but not limited to, buildings, driveways, sidewalks, patios or landscaping underlaid with plastic sheathing or other impermeable material.

Visita Bonita Estates Subdivision Unit 1, as per Federal Emergency Management Agencies Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel number 480212-0277B, effective date of September 4, 1991 is located in Flood Zone X (unshaded). No portion of Visita Bonita Estates Subdivision Unit 1 is shown to be within a special flood hazard area subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year.

The 100-year flood is thus contained within each residential lot. As further noted, the finished floor elevation of each house is required to be at least 18 inches above the top of the average height of the curb in front of the lot, or 12 inches above the natural ground level surrounding the foundation, whichever is higher.

See typical graded lot detail below.

Certification:

Under local Govt. code §232.021 (4), "floodplain" means any area in the 100-year floodplain that is susceptible to being inundated by water from any source or that is identified by FEMA under the National Flood Insurance Act. By my signature below, I certify that the 100-year floodplain as so defined is contained within the following areas of Vista Bonita Estates Subdivision Unit 1:

ENGINEER:
Yvonne C. Curry
(Registration No. 64648 Tx.)

DATE: _____

MAP OF TOPOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE
(MAPA DE TOPOGRAFIA Y DRENAJE)
(DRENAJE PLUVIAL)



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Bojo §232.021 de código de gobierno local (4), "Inundación" significa cualquier zona por el agua de cualquier fuente o que se identifica por FEMA bajo la ley nacional de inundación de 100 años como así definido está contenido dentro de los siguientes:

VISTA BONITA ESTATES SUBDIVISION UNIT 1

BEING PORTION OF TRACT 5, BLOCK 24,
SAN ELIZARIO GRANT,
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS
CONTAINING: 68.954± ACRES

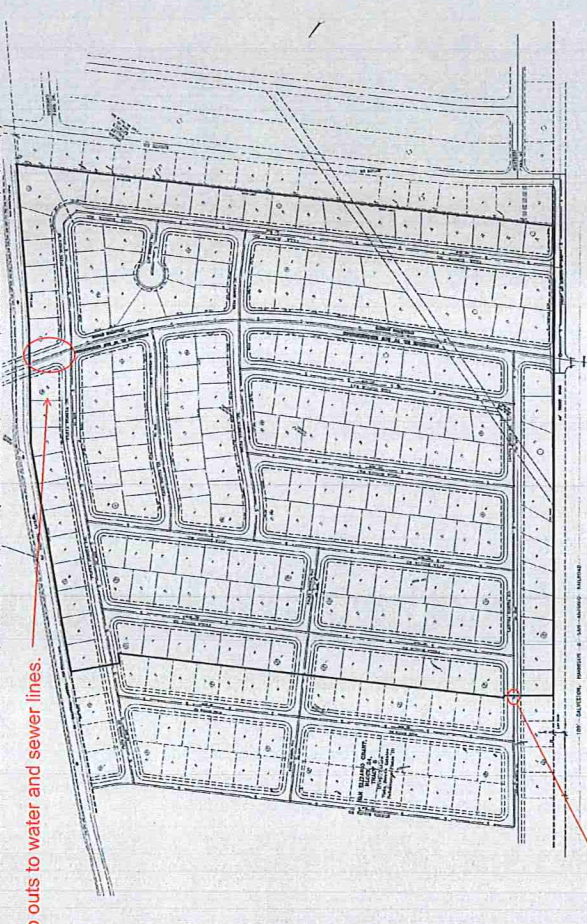
REPORT FINAL DE INGENIERIA PARA EL FRACCIONAMIENTO VISTA BONITA ESTATES SUBDIVISION UNIT 1 (FINAL ENGINEERING REPORT FOR VISTA BONITA ESTATES SUBDIVISION UNIT 1)

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Certificaciones:
Certifico que las instalaciones de servicio de agua y aguas residuales descritas anteriormente son conformes con las normas del modelo adoptado bajo sección 16.343, Water Code.

MAP OF WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (MAPA DEL SISTEMA DE DISTRIBUCION DE AGUA)



Sheet 4 OF 4

FINAL ENGINEERING REPORT FOR VISTA BONITA ESTATES SUBDIVISION UNIT 1

WATER FACILITIES: DESCRIPTION, COST, AND OPERABILITY DATE

VISTA BONITA ESTATES SUBDIVISION UNIT 1, will be provided with potable water by the LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, T. 4 S., R. 10 E., and Lower Valley Water District will provide water to the subdivision. The water supply for the subdivision will be provided by the Lower Valley Water District, which is a public utility. The water supply for the subdivision will be provided by the Lower Valley Water District, which is a public utility. The water supply for the subdivision will be provided by the Lower Valley Water District, which is a public utility.

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Certifications:
I certify that the water and sewage service facilities described above are in compliance with the Model Rules adopted under Section 16.343, Water Code.

ENGINEER: Yvonne C. Curry
(Registration No. 64648 Tx.)

DATE:

MAP OF WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (MAPA DEL SISTEMA DE DISTRIBUCION DE AGUA)



Sheet 4 OF 4



PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL

Date: January 30, 2018

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Plat of proposed subdivision done by a registered land surveyor showing easements.
2. Title guarantee by a Certified Abstractor showing that the applicant owns or controls the proposed property and that the property is free from any liens or other encumbrances.
3. Property deed of proposed subdivision.
4. Property Tax Certificate.

Application must be completed and validated prior to subdivision processing.

Subdivision Name: Vista Bonita Estates Subdivision Unit 1

1. Legal description of Area: Being a Portion Tract 5, Block 24, San Elizario Grant, El Paso County, Texas.

2. Proposed Land Uses:

	Acres	Sites		Acres	Sites
Single Family	55.163	200	Office		
Duplex			Street & Alley	13.791	1
Apartment			Ponding/Drainage		
Mobile Home			Institutional		
P.U.D.			Other (Specify)		
Park/Pond					
School					
Commercial			Total No. Sites	201	
Industrial			Total Acreage	68.954	

3. What is existing zoning of the above described property? N/A
4. Will the residential sites, as proposed, permit development in full compliance with all zoning requirements of the existing residential zone(s). Yes X No

5. Which of the following public improvements will be installed in this development:

Pavement	X	Water Lines	X
Sidewalks, Curb and Gutter	X	Street Name Signs	X
Storm Sewer	X	Protective Fence	X
Flood Retention Pond	X	Guardrails	
Fire Protection		Street Lights	X
Survey Monuments	X	U/G Electric Lines	X
Sanitary Sewer	X	Other (Specify)	

6. Are sidewalks proposed along all dedicated streets? Yes X No _____
If only along some streets, which ones? _____

7. What type of telephone easements are proposed?

Underground _____ Overhead _____ Both X

What type of electrical easements are proposed?

Underground _____ Overhead _____ Both X

What type of cable T.V. easements are proposed?

Underground _____ Overhead _____ Both _____

8. What type of drainage is proposed?

On Site Ponding

9. Remarks and/or explanation of special circumstances:

10. Owner of record: T 4 S, LLC P.O. Box 3860, Fabens, TX 79838 915-592-0283

Name & address

Zip

Phone

11. Developer: T 4 S, LLC P.O. Box 3860, Fabens, TX 79838 915-592-0283

Name & address

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12. Engineer: Conde, Inc., 6080 Surety Drive, Ste. 100, El Paso, TX 79905 915-592-0283

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Applicant's Signature: _____

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RESOLUTION 542

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Socorro recognized the need for a Parks Master Plan ("the Plan") to provide goals, objectives, assessments, standards, recommendations and strategies for implementation over a ten year period in an effort to provide for and improve parks, recreational facilities, trails, and open spaces in the City of Socorro; and

WHEREAS, a primary objective of the Plan is to identify, prioritize and provide park and recreational infrastructure and services desired by the citizens of Socorro; and

WHEREAS, in order to address recreational needs now and in the future, the City of Socorro sought input through an online survey, a public input meeting, the public officials and meetings with City staff; and that input has been incorporated into the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan complies with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department master plan guidelines, which require parks and recreation needs to be prioritized and addressed in an action plan format; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having considered the results of the study conducted by Parkhill, Smith & Cooper for the City of Socorro, determines that the Plan is reasonable and appropriately adopted under Chapter 213 of the Texas Local Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO:

1. That the Parks Master Plan for the City of Socorro, Texas ("the Plan"), attached hereto, is hereby officially adopted and supersedes in its entirety Section VII Parks & Recreation of the City of Socorro's 2014 Comprehensive Master Plan.

2. That the Plan and its incorporated 10 year action plan be used to, among other things, prioritize and guide the provision for improved parks, recreational facilities, trails and open space, and provide guidance in the designation and use of funding to support the City of Socorro parks and recreation system.

3. That adoption of the Plan shall not commit the City of Socorro to specific funding levels or implementation strategies, but shall provide guidance for the City's vision for parks and recreation services.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of June, 2018.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

Elia Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James A. Martinez
Socorro City Attorney

PARKS MASTER PLAN

City of Socorro, Texas

2017 to 2027



1.26.2018 DRAFT

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On behalf of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc., we would like to extend our appreciation to the Socorro community for the opportunity to assist you in developing this report.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of this plan is to serve as a comprehensive guide and planning tool to assist the City of Socorro in making informed decisions regarding the development of the parks system and establish a framework for long-range facility master planning efforts over the next ten years. The plan will address the demographic profile of the community and future population growth; establish citizen-driven goals and objectives and create a vision for the future of the parks system; rely on significant community outreach and public input; define local park standards and benchmark the system against peer communities; inventory existing park amenities and recreation opportunities and determine future park needs; and finally, prioritize needs and outline a realistic timeline with funding resources identified for the strategic implementation of the parks master plan.

Plan Duration

Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc. was engaged by the City of Socorro, Texas to develop this master plan in February 2016. The intended duration of this master plan is ten years, from 2017 to 2027. Data used in this study was collected during the summer of 2016. It is recommended that the information contained in this report be reviewed regularly and updated at no longer than a five-year interval. The findings of this study are detailed in the following report.

Coordination with other plans

The Town of Socorro completed a Comprehensive Plan for the community in 2014 with support from a consultant team led by Sites Southwest. The comprehensive plan laid the groundwork for this master plan and effort was made to coordinate this plan with the Comprehensive Plan and build upon it with further detail.

City of Socorro

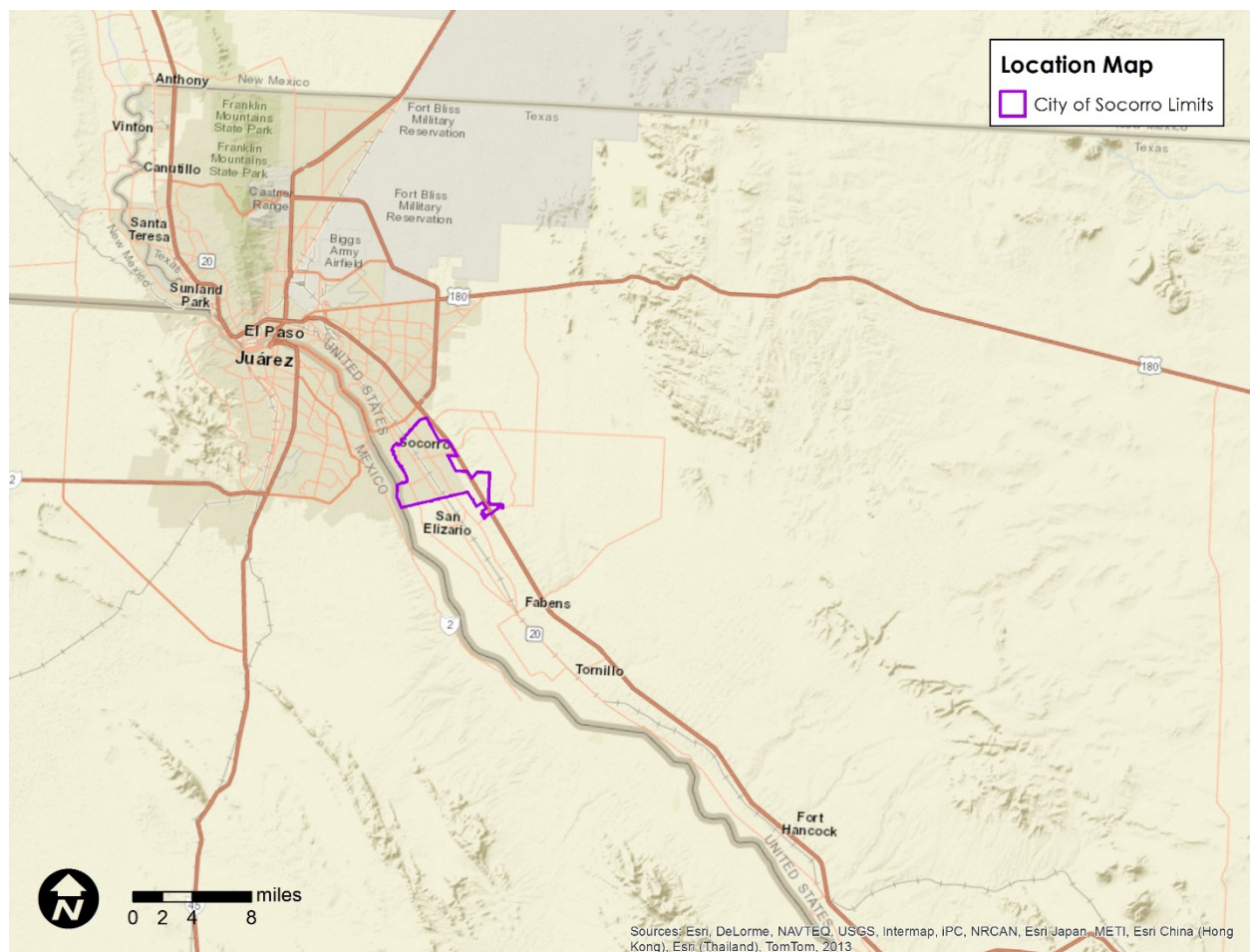
Unit of Government

Socorro, Texas, is a city of more than 32,000 people in El Paso County on the Mexico border and is located about ten miles southeast of downtown El Paso. The city is located in the middle of the West Texas portion of the Mission Valley Trail. To the east of the City of Socorro is the San Elizario Mission; to the west, the Ysleta Mission. Socorro is El Paso County's second-largest municipality, after El Paso.

The City of Socorro operates under a city council/city manager form of government. Residents are represented on the city council by six elected members, a mayor and five city council members including four council districts and one at-large representative.

This master plan is comprehensive and covers the entire jurisdiction of the City of Socorro. The city limits of Socorro includes approximately 22 square miles of land.

Figure 1. Location Map



History

Socorro was settled in the aftermath of the 1680 Pueblo Revolt, which resulted in the expulsion of all Spanish settlers from New Mexico. In 1682, the Spanish established a mission in Socorro, formally known as Nuestra Señora de la Limpia Concepción de los Piros de Socorro del Sur. The first permanent structure was built in 1691 but was swept away by floodwaters of the Rio Grande in 1744. Shortly afterward a second church was built and subsequently washed away in 1829 when the Rio Grande cut a new channel south of the old one. The main structure of the present Socorro mission was completed in 1843. By that time the town of Socorro had developed around the mission and had a population of 1,100.

The town was a part of Mexico from 1821 to 1848, when it became a part of the State of Texas as a result of the US-Mexican War. For the rest of the 19th century Socorro remained a small farming community. Locally constructed acequias supplied water for agricultural crops, which included vineyards, fruit trees, and grains. The town, together with other Rio Grande communities, played an active role in county politics until 1881 when the railroads arrived and shifted the political power structure to the City of El Paso.

In 1916, the construction of Elephant Butte Dam along the Rio Grande resulted in an agricultural revolution that transformed the family-based system into large-scale agricultural production on plantation-sized estates. Small farms, manual labor, and vineyard culture gave way to large landholdings where machinery was used in the cultivation of cotton and alfalfa. By 1920, cotton was beginning to rival copper as the area's principal industry. Socorro's population was 2,123 in the mid-1930s, but fell to 350 by 1941 and remained static for several decades thereafter.

During the 1960s and 1970s the number of residents increased at a rapid rate. Developers built residential subdivisions that lacked paved streets, water, and sewer lines. Residents of these antiquated neighborhoods—also known as colonias—put great pressure on existing wells throughout Socorro as the town's population grew from 10,000 in the middle 1970s to 18,000 in the late 1980s and 22,995 in 1990. By 2000, Socorro's population was 27,152. In recent years the Lower Valley Water District Authority received the necessary assistance to begin construction of new water and sewage systems for the area.

Throughout its long history, the Town of Socorro has unincorporated and reincorporated several times. In 1985 the threat of annexation of the entire town by El Paso sparked the most recent effort to reincorporate Socorro. The result ended with Socorro residents blocking El Paso's plan to annex the town by a margin of 263 votes to remain a separate corporation. Since then, Socorro has continued to grow. The City adopted a

Comprehensive Master Plan (1988), as well as ordinances and codes to regulate land use and halt uncontrolled growth. It also created a Historic Landmark Commission to encourage historic preservation.

Sources: Adapted from the City website and 2014 Comprehensive Master Plan

Role in providing Parks and Recreation

This master plan creates a vision and strategic plan for the park system including park development and recreational services to serve the needs of the residents of Socorro. It will serve as the roadmap for the next 10 years and allow for fiscally responsible implementation. The ultimate goal of this plan is to aid in the creation an equitable, balanced system that contributes to a vibrant, thriving community.

Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives for the master plan and park system include:

1. Provide parks and recreational services that at a minimum **meet the level of service needs** of the residents with **practical standards**.
2. Provide **well-maintained** park amenities that are **operationally and financially sustainable** and do not exceed the capacity of city staff and resources.
3. Provide parks that are **safe and secure**.
4. Provide recreational opportunities and amenities for residents of **all ages**.
5. Identify and acquire new parkland in underserved areas where to improve **equitable access and geographic reach** where recreational access is limited. Identify areas in need of park service, and develop new parks in those areas as funding allows.
6. Ensure that all parks are **ADA-accessible** and make improvements where needed.
7. Develop parks that are **environmentally sustainable** using construction techniques and maintenance practices that promote water conservation and long-term viability of landscaping, with an emphasis on xeriscaping.
8. Promote access to parks with sidewalks and **connectivity of the park system** through a city-wide trail system, preserving green infrastructure where possible.
9. Work with the Socorro Independent School District to develop an **agreement on the joint use** of recreational facilities.
10. Modify the **subdivision regulation** to require developers to provide cash in lieu of land where a new subdivision is within the geographic service area of an existing park as defined by an adopted level of service standard, or alternatively, provide land in an area outside of an existing park service area.

2. METHODOLOGY AND APPROACH

This master plan was created in partnership between city staff and the consultant team of Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper, Inc. Members of the Park Board played an advisory role throughout the planning process. Furthermore, considerable attention was given to the input of the Socorro residents who participated in an online survey and town hall meeting.

Process

Inventory of Facilities

The master planning process began with taking an inventory of current facilities within the park system. This step was crucial to assessing needs and gaps in services and amenities.

Demographic Analysis

Population and socio-economic data was analyzed to benchmark the existing profile of Socorro residents and forecast future needs based on population projections.

Goals and Objectives

Specific goals and objectives were identified based on staff discussion in addition to comments received from the community outreach efforts, and coordinated with the most recent Comprehensive Plan.

Standards Development

Level of Service standards were developed to identify needs and provide a consistent, equitable benchmark by which to provide services and amenities throughout the entire jurisdictional area.

Needs Assessment

In addition to the efforts outlined above, further needs were identified using a combination of a demand-based, standard-based, and resource-based approaches.

Prioritization

A priority list was created ranking the needs identified during the planning process from highest to lowest, compiled by recreation elements, and separated by outdoor and indoor needs.

Implementation Plan

The implementation was developed by identifying all possible sources of funding for park improvements and assigning a budget and timeline to each park improvement and/or recreational element.

Public Input

Community outreach was established as a high priority from the beginning of the master planning process. Public input was gathered through a town hall meeting, the Park Board, and an online survey.

Documentation of the public input efforts can be found in an appendix to this report, including the public meeting notice, town hall sign-in sheet, a copy of the online survey, and the summary of the online survey results.

3. FACILITY INVENTORY

The City of Socorro provided the consultant team with a current inventory of the park system. Each facility was visited to confirm existing conditions and identify and document further concerns or issues.

The following pages document the current facility inventory.

Park Facilities

The City of Socorro currently operates 10 parks as listed in the table below, totaling approximately 46 acres. The size of parks are generally small, ranging from less than one-acre up to just over 11 acres.

Park	Type	Acres
Amistad Park	Neighborhood	2.1
Bulldog Park	Community	6.2
Cielo Del Rio Park	Mini	0.8
Cougar Park	Community	10.4
Mauro Rosas Park	Neighborhood	3.1
Moon Park	Neighborhood	2.5
Paradise Park	Neighborhood	1.5
Rio Vista Park	Community	11.4
Valle del Sol Park	Neighborhood	4.4
Montreal Park	Neighborhood	3.7
Total Park Acreage		46.1

Undeveloped Parks

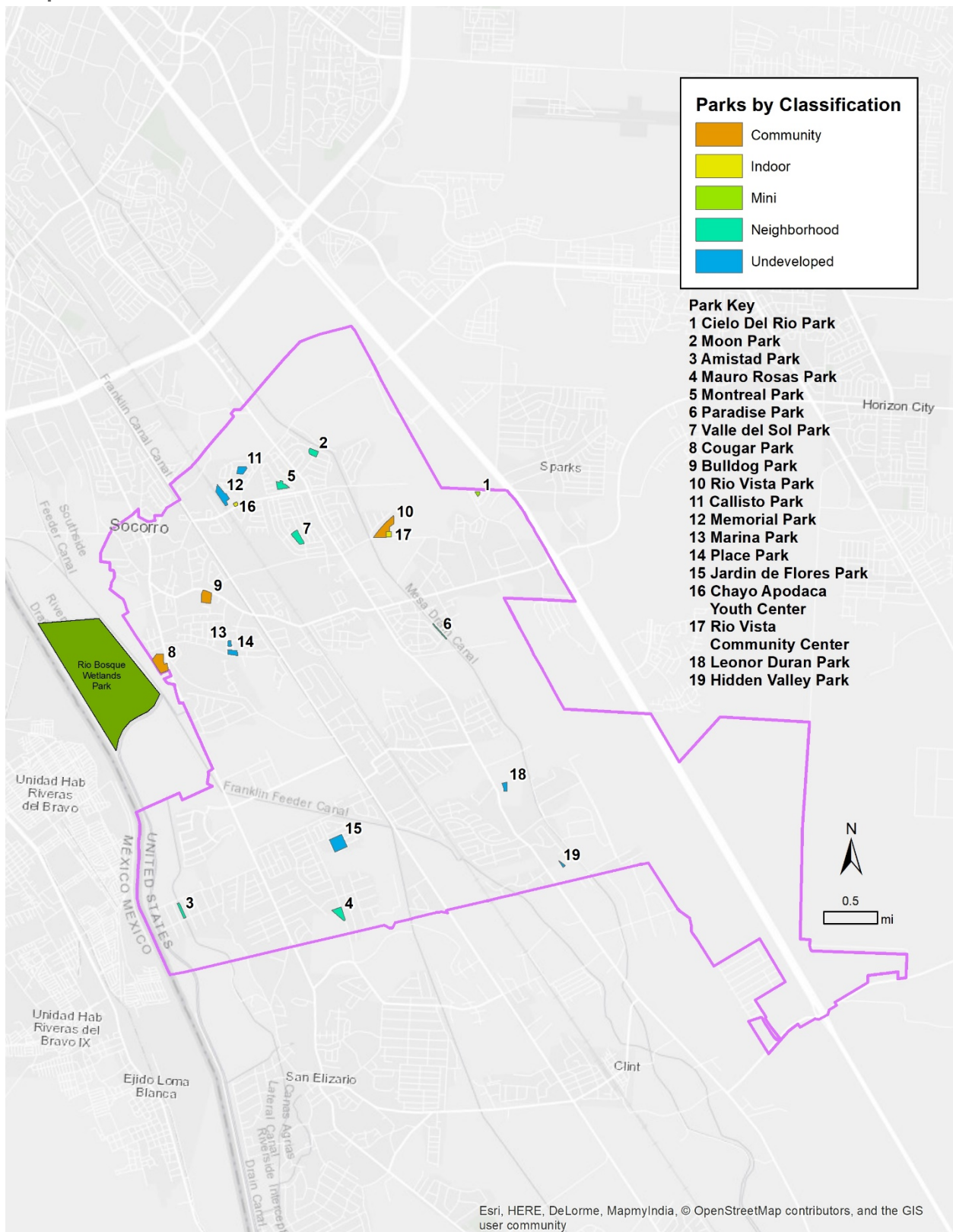
The city owns an additional 26.3 acres of park land across 7 park sites that are undeveloped. Many of these sites currently serve as stormwater retention areas.

Park	Current Use	Potential Use	Acres
Callisto Park	Drainage/Open Space	Neighborhood Park	3.3
Hidden Valley Park	Vacant/Undeveloped	Mini Park	0.7
Jardin de Flores Park	Drainage/Open Space	Community Park	10.1
Leonor Duran Park	Vacant/Undeveloped	Mini Park	2.0
Marina Park	Drainage/Open Space	Mini Park	1.0
Memorial Park	Vacant/Undeveloped	Community Park	6.7
Place Park	Vacant/Undeveloped	Neighborhood Park	2.5
Total Park Acreage			26.3

Indoor Facilities

In addition to parks, Socorro operates 2 indoor facilities, Rio Vista Community Center and Chayo Apodaca Youth Center, offering recreational and community programs.

Map of Park Facilities



Parks managed by others

The residents of Socorro are served by a regional park adjacent to the city limits on the west side named Rio Bosque Park. Rio Bosque Park is a 372-acre regional park in the City of El Paso park system, but managed by the University of Texas at El Paso through its Center for Environmental Resource Management.

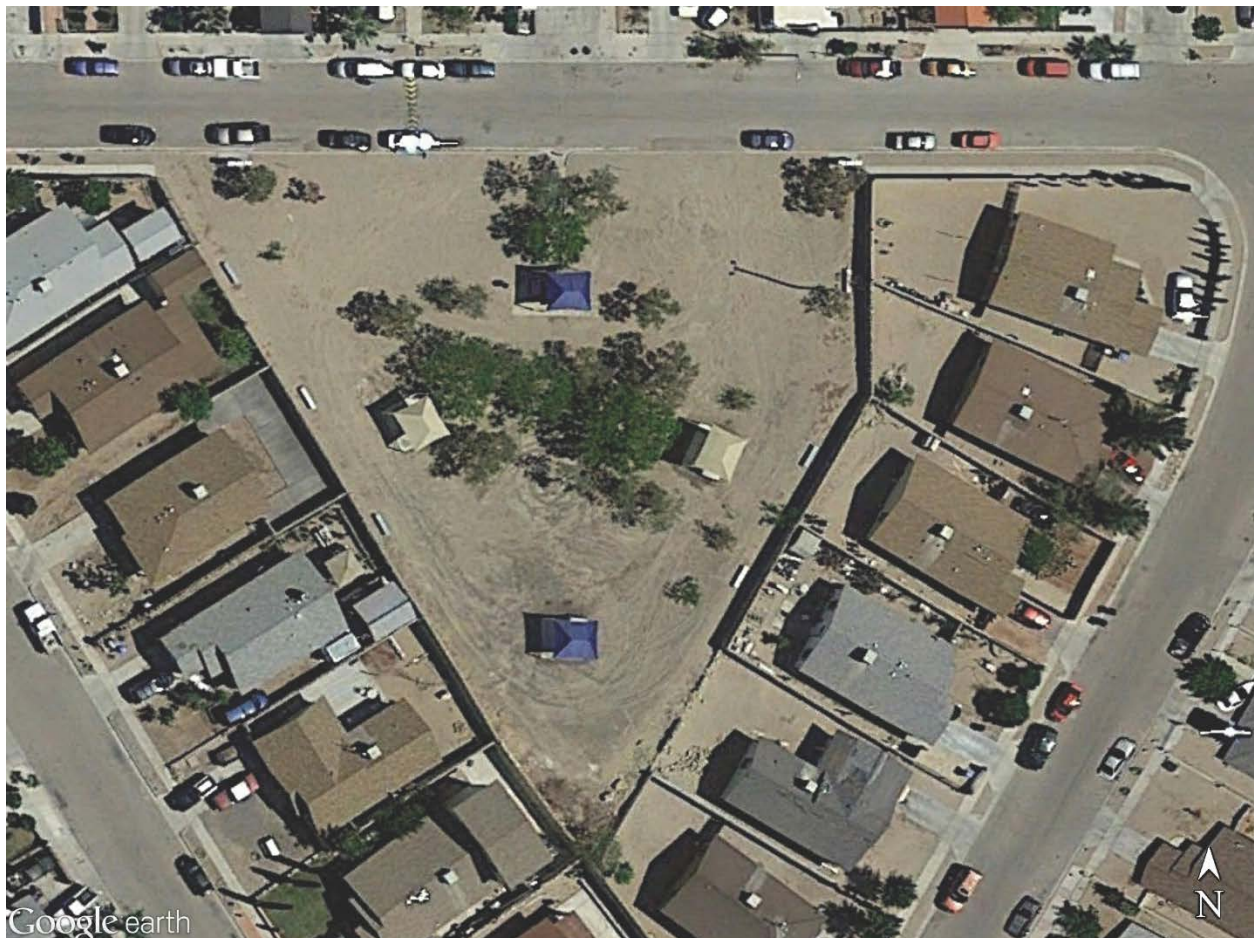
Socorro ISD Park Facilities

There is currently not a joint-use agreement between the City of Socorro and Socorro ISD allowing for the use of school-owned recreational areas and amenities by residents. One of the goals determined in both the Comprehensive Plan and this plan is to develop such as agreement.

The following pages provide detailed descriptions of each park facility.

1. Cielo Del Rio Park

Cielo Del Rio Park is Socorro's smallest park at 0.77 acre in size. It is located in the Cielo Del Rio Subdivision in the eastern-most portion of Socorro, adjacent to I-10. The park contains a picnic table and shade structure, one trash receptacle, six benches, and a total of 20 trees. There are no bathroom facilities, playing fields, or playground equipment. Cielo Del Rio Park does have an ADA-accessible access ramp and ample streetside parking. The park's overall landscape is in poor condition, however, and there is no signage identifying the property as a public park.



2. Moon Park

Moon Park is a 2.56 acre neighborhood park located in the Delip Subdivision, found in the northeastern portion of Socorro. Moon Park has a soccer field, an open play area with playground equipment, two basketball courts, a handball court, and walking trail. The park also has a gazebo, portable bathroom facilities, five picnic tables, three shade canopies, four grills, eight benches, and five trash receptacles. Moon Park has signage identifying it as a public park, grass and more than 20 trees; however, the park's landscape is in poor condition.



3. Amistad Park

Amistad Park is 2.06 acres in size and is located in the Gran Valle Subdivision in the southwestern portion of Socorro. Amistad Park contains a soccer field, an open play area with playground equipment, a basketball court, a walking trail and 12 trees. The park also contains one trash receptacle. Amistad Park does not have bathroom facilities or any shade structures. In addition, the park's grass and overall landscape are in poor condition and there is no signage identifying the property as a public park.



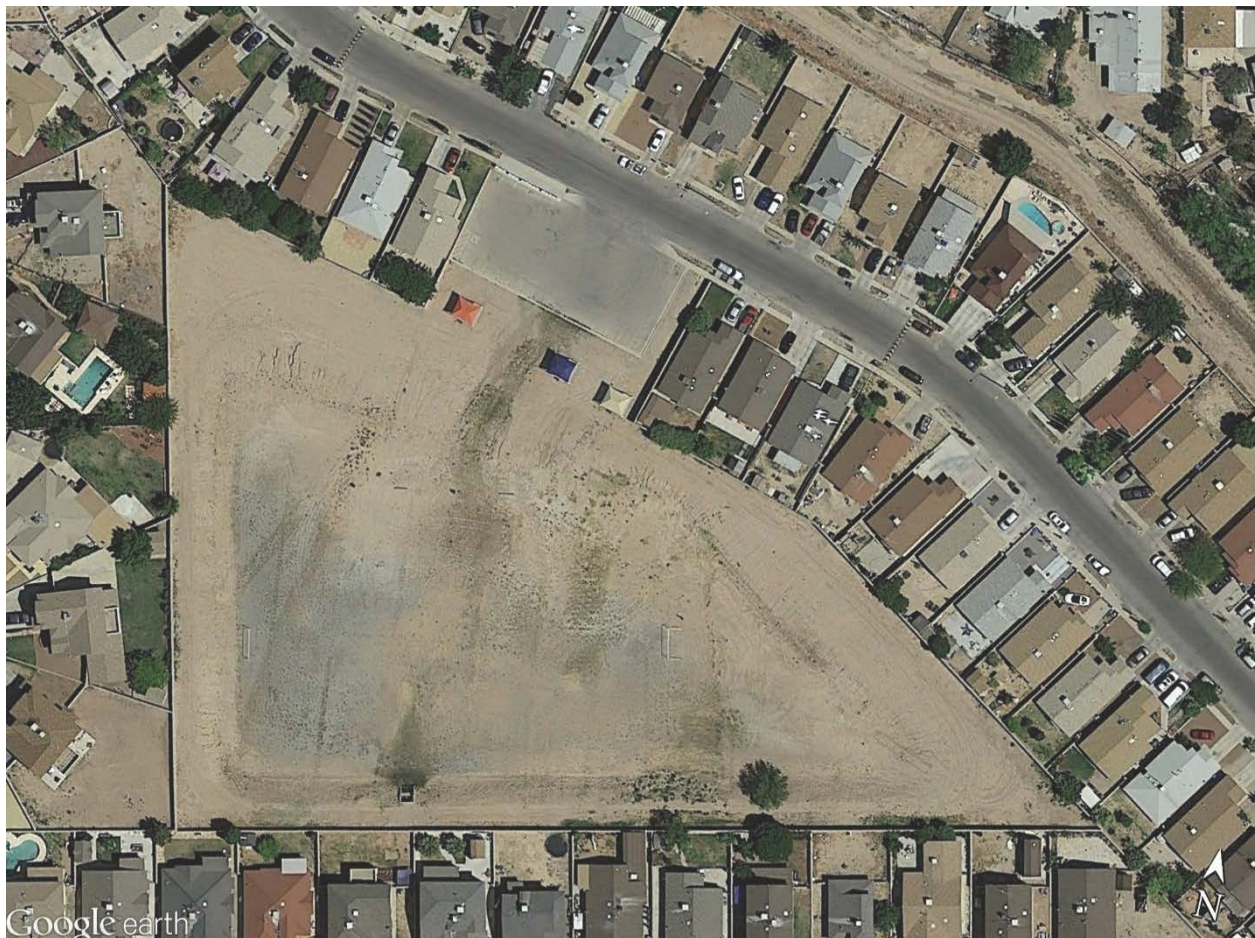
4. Mauro Rosas Park

Mauro Rosas is 3.1 acre neighborhood park and is located in the Flor del Rio Subdivision in southern Socorro. The park was formerly known as Bonita Park and recently underwent a renovation. The park now has a walking trail, playground, restroom facility, and two basketball courts.



5. Montreal Park

Montreal Park is a 3.64 acre park located in the Montreal Estates subdivision in northern Socorro. The park, which also serves as drainage facility for the subdivision, includes a soccer field and an open play area, but has no other amenities. The park has no trees or grass, and its landscape is in poor condition. While there is a parking area for Montreal Park, there are no signs identifying it as a public park.



6. Paradise Park

Paradise Park is 1.49 acres in size and located between the Country Green and Cottonwood Cove Subdivisions in east-central Socorro. The park's amenities include a handball court, a baseball field, and an open play area with playground equipment. Paradise Park also contains three picnic tables with trash receptacles. While the park has grass and more than 35 trees, the landscape is in relatively poor condition. In addition, Paradise Park lacks bathroom facilities, a designated parking area, and signage identifying it as a public park.



7. Valle del Sol Park

Valle del Sol Park is 4.41 acres in size. The park, which also serves as a drainage facility, is located in the Valle del Sol Subdivision in north central Socorro. It includes an open play area with playground equipment, three picnic tables and four trash receptacles. Rio Vista Park also has grass, more than 15 trees, and a sign identifying it as a public park; however, the park's landscape is in poor condition. In addition, there are no parking areas or bathroom facilities.



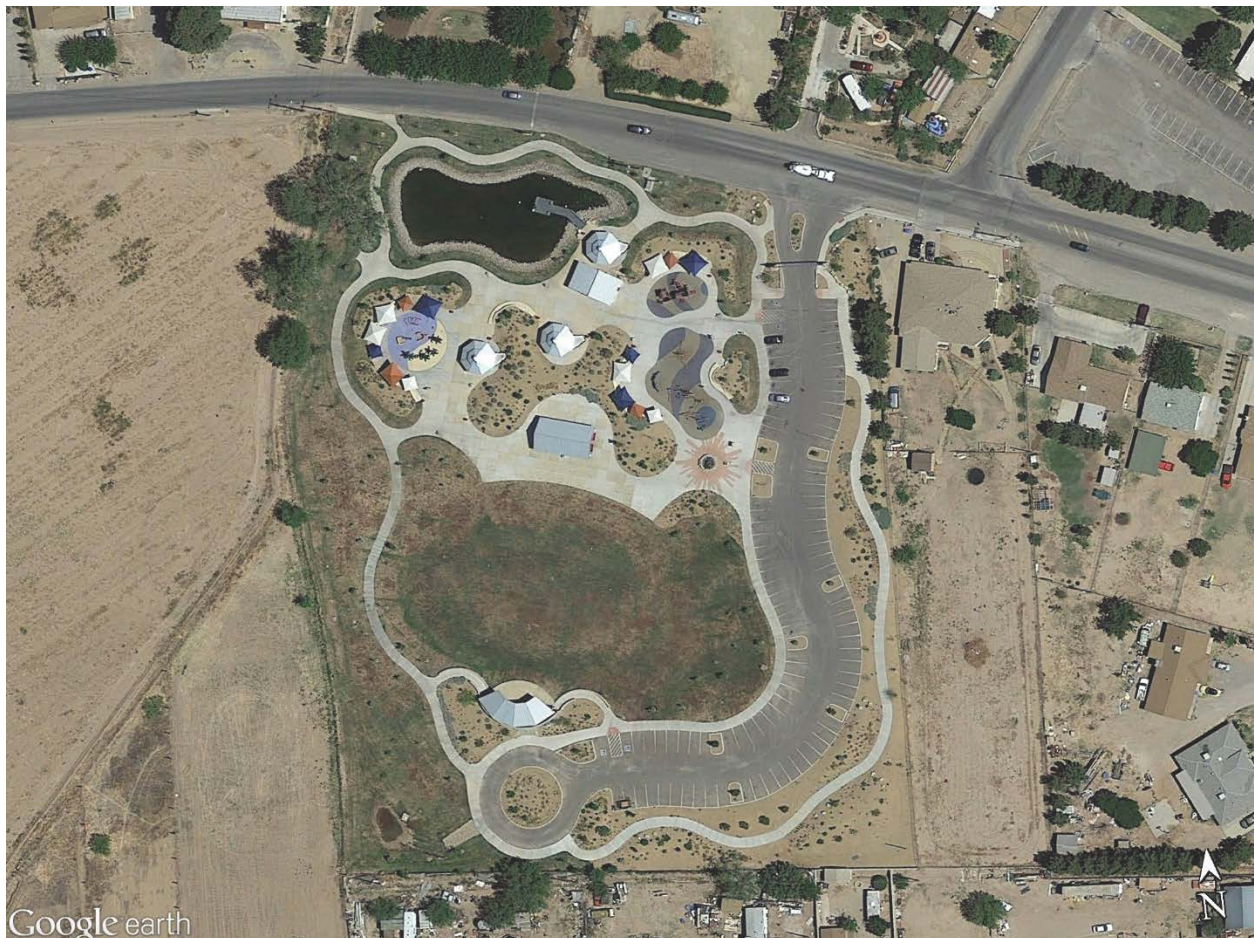
8. Cougar Park

Located off of Socorro Road in the city's Historic Mission District, Cougar Park is Socorro's largest park at 10.43 acres in size. Cougar Park contains a soccer field, three baseball fields with bleachers, a basketball court, 10 picnic tables, bathroom facilities, six trash receptacles, three grills, and eight benches with shade canopies. While the park also has grass and more than 20 trees, the landscape is in relatively poor condition. The park has an open play area with three sets of playground equipment, as well as parking and signage identifying it as a public park.



9. Bulldog Park

The Bulldog Championship Park along Buford Road opened in August 2012. It features an entry sculpture, a splash pad, plaza, playgrounds, open space and amphitheater with open space for public seating. It also incorporates parking and an outer loop trail that connects to all the amenities. The park's detention pond and bridge acts as a focal point and allows the park to reuse recycled graywater for irrigation purposes.



10. Rio Vista Park

Rio Vista Park is 11.42 acres in size and is located adjacent to the County Courthouse in the City's northeastern portion. The park has three baseball fields and an open play area with playground equipment, eight picnic tables, seven trash receptacles, four benches and a bathroom facility. Rio Vista Park also has grass, more than 80 trees, a parking area, and two signs identifying it as a public park; however, the park's landscape is in poor condition.



Park Amenities Summary Table

	Amistad Park	Cielo Del Rio Park	Cougar Park	Maura Rosas Park (Bonita)	Moon Park	Paradise Park	Rio Vista Park	Valle del Sol Park	Montreal Park	Bulldog Park	Total
Soccer Fields	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
Baseball Fields	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	6
Basketball Court	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	7
Football Field	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Handball Court	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Open Play Areas	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Playgrounds	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	11
Exercise Station	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bathroom Facilities	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	4
Shade Structures	0	4	8	0	8	5	0	5	3	15	48
Gazebos	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	4
Amphitheatre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Picnic Tables	0	4	10	0	5	3	8	3	3	20	56
Benches	0	6	8	1	8	0	4	7	0	10	44
Trash Receptacles	1	1	6	0	5	3	7	4	4	10	41
Grills	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	10
Trail/Walks	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
Pond	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Splash Pad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Pier/Dock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Trees	12	20	20	18	20	35	80	15	13	45	278
Parking Spaces	0	10	29	0	10	0	70	0	22	94	235
Site Lighting	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	
Park Signage	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	
Fencing	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	
ADA Accessible	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	
Irrigation	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	
Grass	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	
Landscaping	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	

4. DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographics play a key role in park planning. Like any public service or resource, a park system must have a capacity to satisfy the current population, while master planned to meet the needs of future growth. Deciding where and what to improve in a park system is dependent on the distribution, density, and diversity of the residents for which the park system serves.

The following demographic analysis summarizes the unique profile of Socorro residents. Data sources include US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, and Texas Water Development Board.

Population

Despite steady growth from 2000-2010 at an average annual rate of 1.8%, population has slowed to only 0.5% per year between 2010 and 2015. These rates are consistent with the growth trend for the region as shown in the table below.

Figure 2. Population, 2000-2015

	2000 Population	2010 Population	2015 Population	2000-2010 Avg Annual % Change	2010-2015 Avg Annual % Change
Town of Socorro	27,152	32,013	32,877	1.8%	0.5%
City of El Paso	563,662	649,085	676,325	1.5%	0.8%
El Paso County	679,622	800,647	831,095	1.8%	0.8%

Over the next 5 years, Texas Water Development Board projects population growth to continue in the region, although at a faster rate than Socorro has experienced in the previous decade. By the end of this plan's duration in 2027, Socorro is likely to have a population of near 40,000.

Figure 3. Population Projections, 2015-2030

	2015 Population	2020 Population	2030 Population	2000-2010 Avg Annual % Change	2010-2015 Avg Annual % Change
Town of Socorro	32,877	37,031	42,267	2.5%	1.4%
City of El Paso	676,325	734,031	822,625	1.7%	1.2%
El Paso County	831,095	925,565	1,055,903	2.3%	1.4%

Age

A comparison of the 2010 and 2015 population pyramids (shown below) indicate a declining school age population and an increasing senior age population. Also of significance is the shift from a balanced sex distribution to a female dominant pyramid.

Figure 4. Population Pyramid, 2010

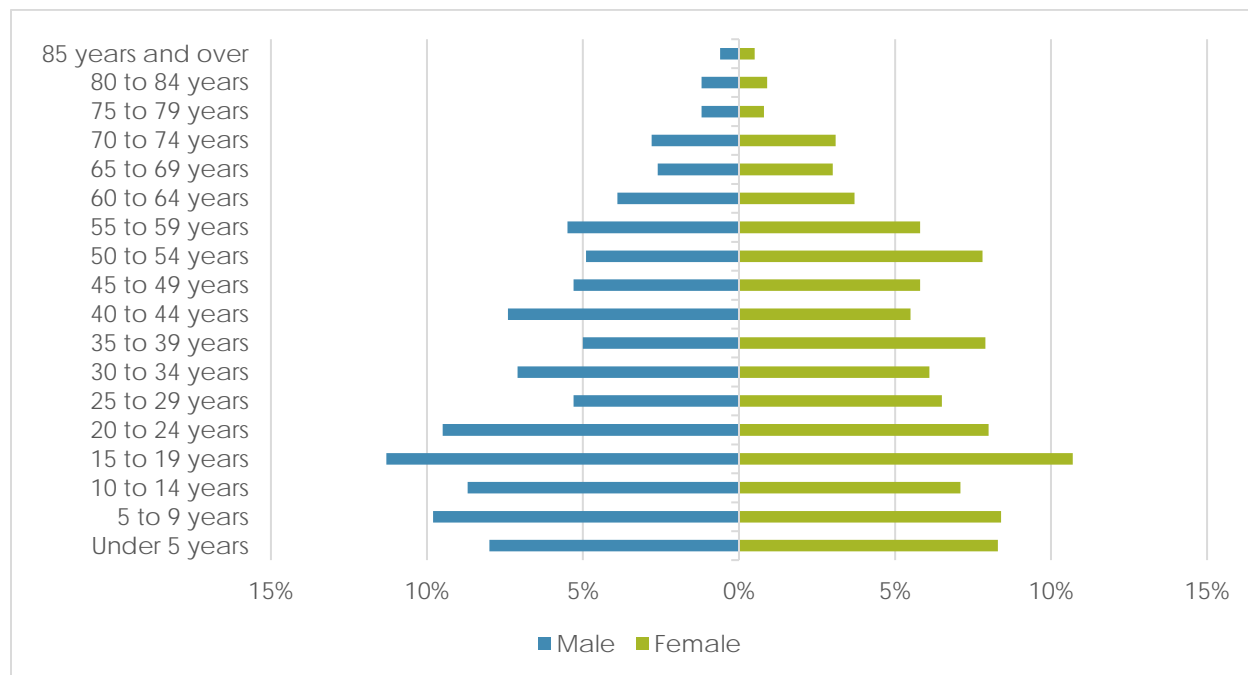
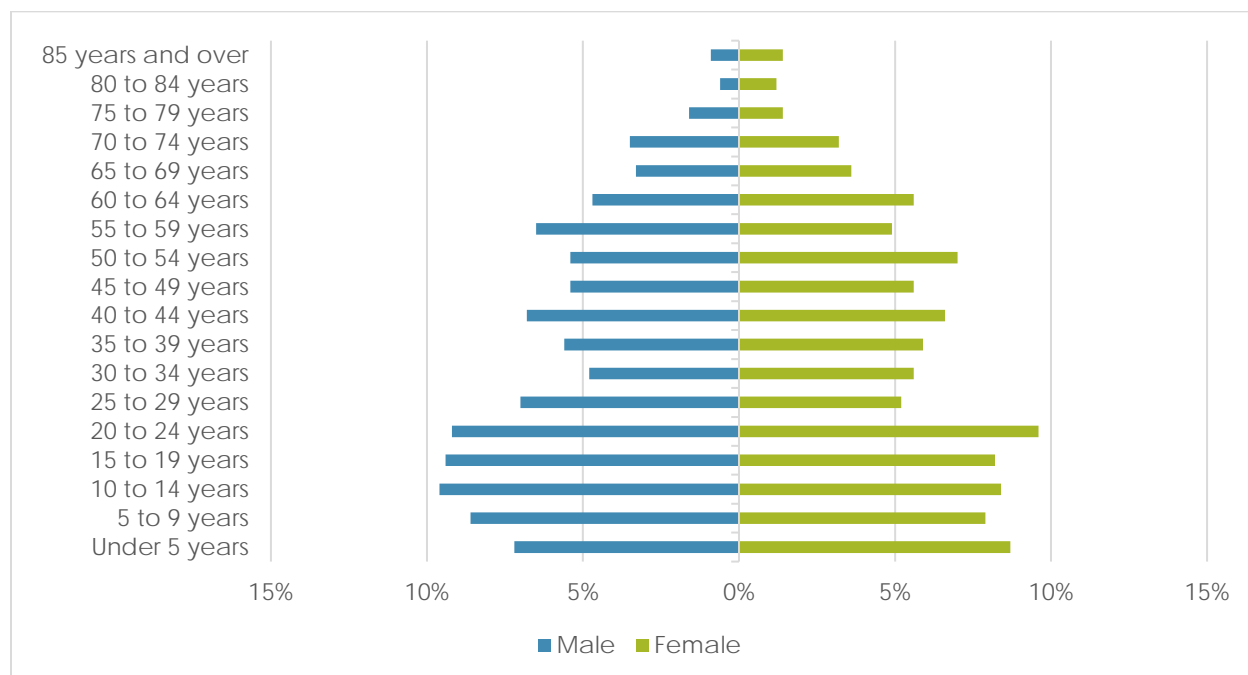


Figure 5. Population Pyramid, 2015



Ethnicity

Socorro has a predominantly White Hispanic population at 85% of the total population, with a vast majority (95%) of these residents identifying as Hispanic or Latino of Mexican descent. The second most represented race in Socorro is Native American at 2.5%. No other single ethnicity represents more than a single percentage outside of White Hispanic and Native American.

Figure 6. Population by Ethnicity

	Population	Percent
White	28,036	85.3%
Black	288	0.9%
Native American	775	2.4%
Asian	106	0.3%
Hawaiian	96	0.3%
Other	4,154	12.6%
	32,877	

Housing

Socorro residents predominantly live in single family homes. However, one out of 5 homes in the community are mobile homes, which is a significantly higher ration than seen in the neighboring city of El Paso.

Figure 7. Housing Units by Type, 2015

	Units	Percent
Single Family	6811	71.0%
Multi Family	843	8.8%
Mobile Home	1939	20.2%
Total	9593	

Income

Socorro is economically disadvantaged in comparison to El Paso County and the State of Texas, with a third of residents living at or below the poverty line. Additionally, unemployment is significantly higher than the county and state rates.

Figure 8. Income and Poverty

	Socorro	El Paso County	Texas
Median Household Income	\$30,789	\$41,637	\$53,207
Per Capita Income	\$11,885	\$18,880	\$26,999
Percent in Poverty	33.5%	22.8%	17.3%
Unemployment Rate	10.5%	8.4%	7.0%

5. STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

A key purpose of this plan is to measure the adequacy of the park system against a fair, established benchmark. This allows an accurate assessment of how well the current park system is meeting the needs of the present population, in addition to laying the foundation for planning to meet the forecasted demand of the future population.

Many park master plans rely on the National Recreation and Park Administration (NRPA) guidelines as a metric for developing level of service standards. The NRPA guidelines are widely accepted and therefore is important to compare the Socorro park systems against these standards as a point of reference.

However, municipalities and other parks and recreation providers are not one in the same. Comparing a local park systems against peers across the nation, with different demographic profiles and operational environments is not an apples to apples comparison. Therefore, this plan also outlines level of service standards and concepts that are unique for Socorro.

NRPA Standards and Park Classifications

The NRPA guidelines are a common standard by which park providers can establish a basis for acquiring land, developing parks, and justifying the need for additional park and recreational amenities and services.

The following section defines each of the six park classifications established by the NRPA guidelines and that were used in the master planning of the Socorro park system.

Park Classifications

1. Mini (Pocket) Park

A mini park or “pocket” park is the smallest park type. They are typically less than one acre in size with a service radius of one-quarter mile. The typical use or purpose of a mini park is to serve an isolated or unique need to a concentrated population, and are often provide a passive recreation opportunity.

2. Neighborhood Park

The neighborhood park is often the most frequently used by local residents, serving as a cohesive element within a neighborhood that contributes to a sense of community. They are often located near the center of a neighborhood with a service radius of one-half mile. A neighborhood park generally ranges in size from 1 to 10 acres and typical amenities include playgrounds, athletic fields, shade structures, and open space with landscaping.

3. Community Park

A community park serves several neighborhoods and therefore has a service radius of 2 miles. Unlike a neighborhood park, they are often accessed by driving rather than walking and often need off-street parking. More active in nature, typical amenities include practice and game fields for sport leagues, community centers, walking trails, and areas for special events. The typical size of a community park ranges from 10 to 25 acres.

4. Regional Park

A regional park is the largest park type found in small community at over 25 acres. The service area is 5 or more miles as they serve the entire community and often serve surrounding cities as well. Typical serving both passive and active recreational needs, amenities are often unique including hiking, mountain biking, wildlife viewing, fishing, boating, wildlife viewing, or natural conservation areas.

5. Special Use Park

Parks and facilities that are often classified as a special use park include golf courses, gardens, nature centers, zoos, amphitheaters or town squares. These facilities are unique and vary by community so standards are not applicable.

6. Linear Park

Linear parks are greenbelts or other natural corridors that are often used to link components of the park system and community together for greater access and connectivity. They allow for providing opportunities for walking, jogging, biking, and other exercise activities and are often created to protect the natural resources along a greenbelt.

Local Standards and Concepts

In order for Socorro to provide adequate facilities a set of standards and design criteria should be followed. It is critical that Socorro determine standards that are appropriate and applicable to this community, reflective of the unique social and geographical conditions of the area.

The following table establishes the local standards and concepts by which the City of Socorro defines as their level of service criteria, as adapted from the NRPA guidelines.

Figure 9. Socorro Park Standards

Type	Size	Service Area	Acres per 1,000 Pop.
Mini/Pocket	1/4 - 1 ac	1/2 mi	1/2 ac
Neighborhood	1-10 ac	1 mi	1 ac
Community	10-25 ac	2 mi	5 ac
Regional	25-100 ac	4 mi	10 ac
Special Use	Varies	n/a	n/a
Linear	Varies	n/a	n/a

A map of each park type showing the service area coverage is on the following page.

Figure 10. Service Areas Map



6. NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Following the public survey, facility inventory, and development of standards the master planning process began a thorough assessment of needs based on a combination of four approaches:

1. **Demand-based**

The demand-based approach relied on information gathered from the community town hall meeting and the online public survey to determine how much the residents want or demand specific improvements to the park system.

2. **Standards-based**

The standards-based approach uses the standards and concepts outlined in the previous chapter as a benchmark to determine if the needs of the residents are being met based on population size and geographic distribution of residents.

3. **Resource-based**

The resource-based approach examines the assets and resources of the area for open space and other natural resources and defines how these resources can be utilized in the development of unique improvements to the park system.

4. **Metrics-based**

The metrics-based approach utilizes a comprehensive database of operational information collected from park agencies across the United States to benchmark and compare the Socorro park system to peers with similar systems nationwide.

The following pages summarize the results of each approach to the needs assessment.

Demand-based

Town Hall Meeting

A town hall style public input meeting was held on June 15, 2016. The event was attended by city staff, the consultant team, members of the park board, and residents of Socorro. Following a presentation by the consultant team on the master planning purpose and process, residents of Socorro were invited to provide feedback and recommendations to guide the master plan.

The discussion focused on the desire to have safe, secure, and accessible parks for all residents. Residents expressed concern regarding the lack of maintenance on park facilities and the declining quality of older park amenities.

Specific park improvements requested included:

- Site lighting
- Replacement of play equipment and other worn down amenities
- Concrete walking and biking trails
- Neighborhood sidewalks
- New parks in underserved areas

Documentation of the town hall meeting is provided in an appendix to this report.

Online Survey

Following the town hall meeting, an online survey provided to all residents. The survey asked residents for feedback regarding their satisfaction with the current park system, their priorities for future park improvements and development, and the opportunity to provide open-ended comments to express further requests and concerns.

Specific park improvements requested included:

- Site Lighting
- Replacement of play equipment and other worn down amenities
- Concrete walking and biking trails
- Neighborhood sidewalks
- New parks in underserved areas
- Programs, activities, and classes for English language speakers

- Signage
- Additional baseball and softball fields
- Additional basketball courts
- Additional Soccer fields
- Pet waste informational signage and enforcement
- Restroom facilities
- Grass open play areas
- Irrigation
- Aquatic facility with pool
- Dog park
- Shade structures/pavilions
- Off-street parking

The online survey form and a detailed summary of responses are provided as an appendix to this report.

Standards-based

Chapter 5 Standards and Guidelines established standards and concepts by which Socorro can assess the adequacy of the park system primarily using two standards:

1. **Acres per 1,000 Residents**
2. **Service Area in Miles**

A unique standard was established for each park type.

Acres per 1,000 Residents

The following table assesses the current park system by each classification, addressing each classification using the current population and a projected population looking out 10 years for the duration of this master plan.

For the purposes of this analysis, the most recent known population estimate of 32,877 was used for the current 2017 population. For the projected population, an assumed 40,000 residents was determined by interpolating projections provided by Texas Water Development Board for 2020 and 2030.

Figure 11. Standards-based Needs Assessment

	Acres per 1,000 Pop. Standard	Current Acres	Standards- based Acres	2017 Current Needed Acres	2027 Projected Needed Acres
Mini	0.5	0.8	16.4	15.6	19.2
Neighborhood	1	17.2	32.9	15.7	22.8
Community	5	28.1	164.4	136.3	171.9
Regional	10	0	328.8	328.8	400.0
Total	16.5	46.1	542.5	496.4	613.9

Service Areas

The level of service map in Chapter 5 indicated is strong geographic indicator of large gaps in service areas. The northern half of Socorro has adequate access to all park types, particularly neighborhood and community parks. However, service area coverage is lacking in the southern, mainly southeastern, area of the community.

The southern half of Socorro is an area of continued growth and development in the city with new subdivisions being planned in this area. Based on the service are map, land acquisition and new parks for each classification should be focused in this area to provide equitable access to parks and recreation services to all Socorro residents.

Resource-based

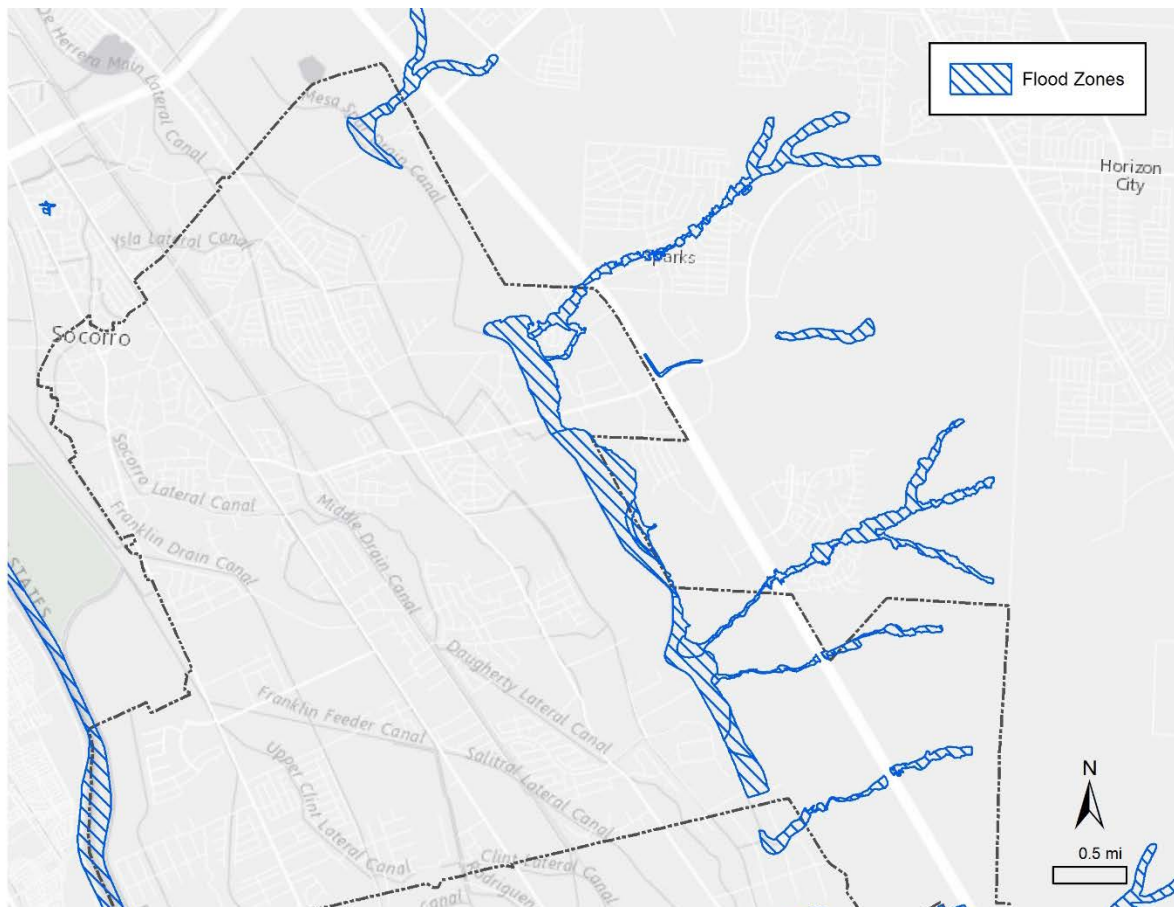
Natural physical factors influencing development

Socorro sits at an elevation approximately 3,661 feet above sea level and is 22.05 square miles in size. Its topography is relatively flat and its soil suitable for agriculture, which has been the dominant land use for much of its history. This contrasts with land to the northeast and west of its boundaries which has a much more varied topography and elevations ranging from 3,689 to more than 4,000 feet above sea level. This disparity in elevation accounts for the flood zones along the eastern border of town.

Flood Zones

Much of the eastern border of Socorro is a linear flood plain zone. While this is a hindrance to physical development of buildings, the Socorro staff identified this area as unique resource upon which to develop a recreational use. The southern portion of this flood zone is mainly a sandy desert-like area that provides an opportunity to develop a park with a system of trails for pedestrian and/or vehicular use including hiking, mountain-biking, off-road motorcycling, ATV riding, or 4x4 truck use.

Figure 12. Flood Zones Map



Metrics-based

Two common and useful metrics for benchmarking a park system against peer agencies is to look at the number of parks per 10,000 residents, and the number of park acres per 1,000 residents. The following metrics-based analysis was performed based on a comprehensive database of park information collected from several sources, including the National Recreation and Park Association, the Trust for Public Land, and data collected by the consultant team directly from partnering park agencies.

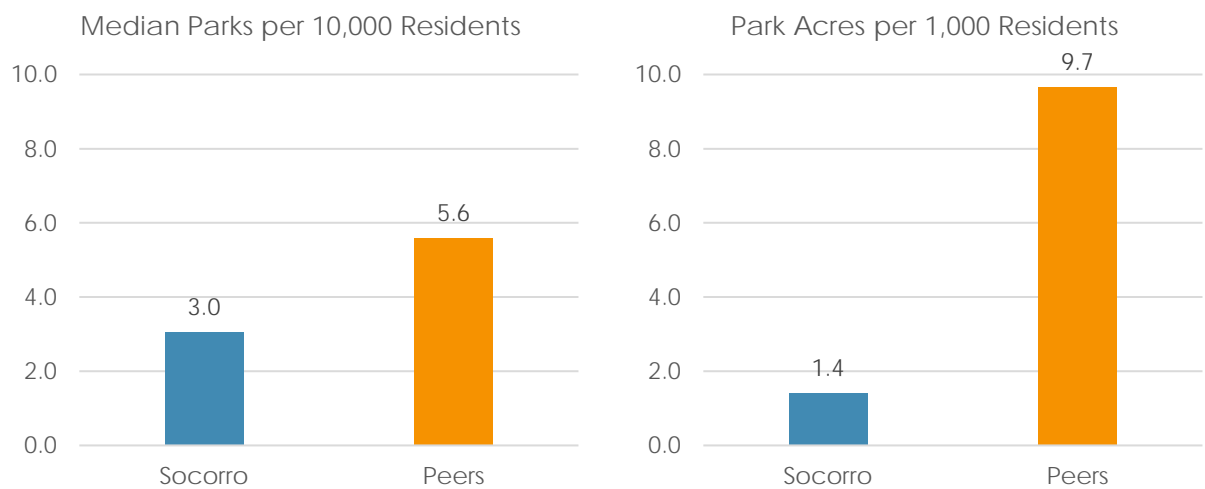
Parks per 10,000 Residents

For a community between 20,000 to 40,000 residents, parks per 10,000 residents range from 1 to 30. Socorro, with a population of 32,877 and 10 parks, provides 3.0. As shown in the chart below, the median parks per 10,000 residents provided by peers is 5.6.

Park acres per 1,000 Residents

For a community between 20,000 to 40,000 residents, park acres per 1,000 residents range from 1 to 40. Socorro, with a population of 32,877 and 46.1 acres, provides 1.4. As shown in the chart below, the median acres per 1,000 residents provided by peers is 9.7.

Figure 13. Median Parks per 10,000 Residents and Park Acres per 1,000 Residents



For Socorro to provide park land consistent with peers, it would need to add 8 additional parks and 273 additional acres based on the 2015 population.

7. PRIORITIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Priority List of Needs

Developing a list of recreational and park needs was created using input from the following sources:

- Resident Input (Town Hall and Online Survey)
- City Staff (City Manager and Public Works)
- Public Officials (Mayor, Council, Parks Board)
- Consultant Team (Parkhill, Smith and Cooper)

Each of these groups examined the inventory, standards, and needs assessment as identified in this report and developed the following priorities, sorted by high, moderate, and low rankings.

Outdoor Priorities

HIGH PRIORITY	MODERATE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY
Grass	Aquatics Center	ATV Trails
Grills	Benches	Baseball Fields
Irrigation Systems	Fencing	Basketball Courts
Multipurpose Fields	Parking	Dog Park
Park Signage	Park Land Acquisition	Exercise Stations
Picnic Tables	Splashpads	Pavilions
Playgrounds	Trees	Restrooms
Shade Canopies	Drinking Fountains	Soccer Fields
Site Lighting		
Trash Receptacles		
Walking Trails		

Indoor Priorities

City staff and residents did not identify any indoor capital improvement needs as a priority at this time; however, residents desire to see additional youth and adult programs and activities be provided at the existing recreational centers.

Implementation

Funding Resources

The City of Socorro intends to draw upon several funding sources to implement the projects identified in this master plan, including the following:

1. City General Fund
2. In-house Labor
3. General Obligation Bond
4. Grants
5. Private Donations
6. Corporate Sponsorships
7. Fees/Charges
8. Foundations/Gifts
9. Park Dedication Fee
10. Volunteerism/In-Kind

Summary Action Plan Table

A summary action plan table is provided on the following pages identifying the proposed improvement or park amenity by ranking, location, budget, potential funding source, and a general timeline for implementation.

Costs shown in summary action plan table are general, rough order of magnitude cost opinions without detailed design analysis. Costs will vary dependent upon several factors including site location, market conditions, and design intent.

The summary action plan table is intended to guide planning decisions but remain flexible throughout the duration of the plan. Priorities and needs may change in the course of implementation. The timeline for projects is dependent upon the availability of funds among other factors.

A matrix of proposed improvements by location and a description of each proposed improvement with greater detail regarding scope and intent follows the table.

Figure 14. Summary Action Plan Table

OUTDOOR NEEDS	PRIORITY RANKING	PARK LOCATIONS	BUDGET / UNIT COSTS	FUNDING SOURCES	TIMELINE
Grass	High	See matrix below	\$0.10-\$0.20/sf	See list above	1-2 years
Grills	High	See matrix below	\$250-\$500	See list above	1-2 years
Irrigation Systems	High	See matrix below	\$15k-\$20k/ac	See list above	3-5 years
Multipurpose Fields	High	See matrix below	\$5k-\$10k	See list above	3-5 years
New Neighborhood Parks	High	See matrix below	\$500k-\$750k	See list above	3-5 years
Park Signage	High	See matrix below	\$750-\$1k	See list above	1-2 years
Picnic Tables	High	See matrix below	\$1k-\$2k	See list above	1-2 years
Playgrounds	High	See matrix below	\$50k-\$75k	See list above	1-2 years
Shade Canopies	High	See matrix below	\$10k-\$20k	See list above	1-2 years
Site Lighting	High	See matrix below	\$20k-\$40k	See list above	3-5 years
Trash Receptacles	High	See matrix below	\$500-\$1k	See list above	1-2 years
Walking Trails	High	See matrix below	\$20-\$30/lf	See list above	3-5 years
Aquatics Center	Moderate	See matrix below	\$2m-\$3m	See list above	5-10 years
Benches	Moderate	See matrix below	\$500-\$1k	See list above	1-2 years
Fencing	Moderate	See matrix below	\$60-\$80/lf	See list above	3-5 years
Parking	Moderate	See matrix below	\$2,500/stall	See list above	3-5 years
Park Land Acquisition	Moderate	See matrix below	\$50k-\$75k/acre	See list above	5-10-years
Splashpads	Moderate	See matrix below	\$100k-\$200k	See list above	5-10 years
Trees	Moderate	See matrix below	\$500-\$750	See list above	1-2 years
Drinking Fountains	Moderate	See matrix below	\$2k-\$3k	See list above	3-5 years
ATV Trails	Low	See matrix below	\$250k-\$500k/mile	See list above	5-10 years
Baseball Fields	Low	See matrix below	\$500k-\$750k	See list above	5-10 years
Basketball Courts	Low	See matrix below	\$75k-\$100k	See list above	5-10 years
Dog Park	Low	See matrix below	\$250k-\$500k	See list above	5-10 years
Exercise Stations	Low	See matrix below	\$50k-\$75k	See list above	3-5 years
Pavilions	Low	See matrix below	\$25k-\$50k	See list above	5-10 years
Restrooms	Low	See matrix below	\$50k-\$75k	See list above	5-10 years
Soccer Fields	Low	See matrix below	\$20k-\$40k	See list above	5-10 years

Proposed Improvements by Park Location Matrix

OUTDOOR NEEDS	PRIORITY RANKING	Amistad	Bulldog	Cielo Azul	Cougar	Mauro Rosas	Montreal	Moon	Paradise	Rio Vista	Valle del Sol	Callisto	Cielo Del Rio	Flores	Leonor Estates	Marina	Memorial	Place	Veterans	Future Linear Park
Grass	High	•	•					•		•	•									
Grills	High	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•									
Irrigation Systems	High																			
Multipurpose Fields	High																			
New Neighborhood Parks	High											•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Park Signage	High	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•									
Picnic Tables	High																			
Playgrounds	High	•		•	•		•	•	•		•									
Shade Canopies	High	•					•													
Site Lighting	High	•			•	•		•	•	•	•									
Trash Receptacles	High																			
Walking Trails	High	•		•		•		•	•		•									
Aquatics Center	Moderate																			
Benches	Moderate				•					•	•									
Fencing	Moderate						•													
Parking	Moderate				•	•														
Park Land Acquisition	Moderate																			
Splashpads	Moderate																			
Trees	Moderate					•														
Drinking Fountains	Moderate									•										
ATV Trails	Low																			•
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Basketball Courts	Low								•											
Dog Park	Low																			
Exercise Stations	Low										•									
Pavilions	Low																			
Restrooms	Low																			
Soccer Fields	Low	•									•									

Proposed Project Scope and Intent

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
Grass	Overseed turfgrass areas with drought tolerant seed mix
Grills	Charcoal barbecue grill
Irrigation Systems	Automated underground sprinkler system at turfgrass areas and trees
Multipurpose Fields	Open play area with irrigated turfgrass
New Neighborhood Parks	Develop existing undeveloped parkland with standard neighborhood park amenities
Park Signage	Standard wooden park sign
Picnic Tables	Seating for 6
Playgrounds	Prefabricated playground for ages 2-12 years
Shade Canopies	Fabric shade canopy
Site Lighting	12' pedestrian pole lighting
Trash Receptacles	Surface-mounted with lid enclosure
Walking Trails	4' wide crushed gravel walking trail
Aquatics Center	Outdoor pool with splashpad and waterpark amenities
Benches	Benches with backrest and armrests
Fencing	Chain-link fencing
Parking	Concrete parking lot

Park Land Acquisition	Purchase of park land sites
Splashpads	Prefabricated splashpad
Trees	3 inch caliper shade trees
Drinking Fountains	Steel drinking fountain, utility extension not included
ATV Trails	Compacted surfacing for multipurpose trails at future linear park site
Baseball Fields	Youth or adult baseball fields with lighting, bleachers, and shade canopies
Basketball Courts	Basketball court with lighting
Dog Park	Dog park including fencing, seating, and shade canopies
Exercise Stations	A group of 4-5 exercise stations along walking trail
Pavilions	Prefabricated steel/wood pavilion,
Restrooms	Prefabricate restroom facility not including utility extensions
Soccer Fields	Striped soccer field with goals and bleachers, no lighting

8. APPENDICES

Public Input Documentation

Town Hall Meeting

Notice

Sign-in

Resident Survey

Form

Summary of Responses

Proof of Adoption

Formal resolution/ordinance

PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Socorro is seeking public input regarding our Parks and Recreation system.

Please join us and voice your opinion to help establish a vision and direction for the future of our park system. The public input received will guide the goals and objectives of the new Parks Master Plan currently being drafted.

Wednesday June 15, 2016 6:30 PM

City Chambers

860 N. Rio Vista Rd.

For more information (915) 858-2915



Meeting Sign-In

Project: City of Socorro Master plan

Date: June 15, 2016

Facilitator: Psc engineering

Time: 6:30 pm

Place/Room: City of Socorro chambers

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Socorro Parks Master Plan Resident Survey (Encuesta del Plan Maestro para Parques de la Ciudad de Socorro)

The City of Socorro, Texas is currently creating a master plan for the parks and recreation system. This survey allows the residents of Socorro to provide input that will be used to assess current needs and develop priorities for future development of the Socorro park system.

(La ciudad de Socorro, Tejas está diseñando un plan maestro para los parques y sistema de recreación. Esta encuesta permite a los residentes de Socorro proporcionar puntos de vista que se utilizarán para evaluar las necesidades actuales y elaborar las prioridades para el desarrollo futuro del sistema de parques de la ciudad.)

* Required

Park Satisfaction (Satisfacción de los Parques)

The following questions address your satisfaction with the current park system.

(Las siguientes preguntas están dirigidas a su satisfacción actual con el sistema existente de parques.)

1. **Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of parks and recreation services provided in Socorro? (En general, cuán satisfecho está usted con la calidad de los servicios de parques y recreación proporcionados por la Ciudad de Socorro?) ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very satisfied (Muy satisfecho)
- ☐ Satisfied (Satisfecho)
- ☐ Somewhat satisfied (Algo satisfecho)
- ☐ Not satisfied (Nada satisfecho)
- ☐ Very unsatisfied (Muy insatisfecho)

2. **How would you rate the overall condition of parks? (Cómo calificaría el estado general de los parques?) ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very good (Muy bueno)
- ☐ Good (Bueno)
- ☐ Fair (Regular)
- ☐ Poor (Malo)
- ☐ Very poor (Muy pobre)

3. How would you rate your satisfaction with the maintenance of parks? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción en el mantenimiento de los parques?) *

Mark only one oval.

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4. How would you rate your satisfaction with the safety and security of parks? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción con la seguridad y protección de los parques?) *

Mark only one oval.

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5. How would you rate your satisfaction with the quantity of parks? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción con la cantidad de parques?) *

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6. How would you rate your satisfaction with the location of parks (distance from your home)? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción con la ubicación de los parques (distancia desde su casa)?) *

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7. How would you rate your satisfaction with the variety of park amenities? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción con la variedad de las instalaciones y juegos en los parques?) *

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8. How would you rate your satisfaction with sports and athletic fields? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción con las canchas de deportes y campos de atletismo?) *

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9. How would you rate your satisfaction with the recreation centers and programs? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción con los centros y programas de recreación?) *

Mark only one oval.

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Not satisfied (No satisfecho)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Satisfied (Satisfecho)

Park Utilization (Uso de Parques)

The following questions address your utilization of the current park system.

(Las siguientes preguntas estan dirigidas al uso que usted le da al sistema de parques.)

10. How often do you or a member of your household typically visit a park? (Con qué frecuencia usted o un miembro de su hogar suelen visitar un parque?) *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Daily (Diariamente)
- ☐ Weekly (Semanalmente)
- ☐ Monthly (Mensualmente)
- ☐ A few times a year (Un par de veces al año)
- ☐ Less than once a year (Menos de una vez al año)

11. Which park do you attend most frequently? (A cual parque asiste usted con mayor frecuencia?) *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Amistad
- ☐ Bulldog Championship
- ☐ Cielo Azul
- ☐ Cougar
- ☐ Mauro Rosas (Bonita)
- ☐ Moon
- ☐ Paradise
- ☐ Rio Vista
- ☐ Valle del Sol
- ☐ Valle Hermosa
- ☐ None (Ninguno)

17. How would you rate the importance of having a variety of park amenities? (Cómo calificaría la importancia de contar con una mayor variedad de atracciones en el parque?) *

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18. How would you rate the importance of having sports and athletic fields? (Cómo calificaría la importancia de contar con canchas de deportes y campos de atletismo?) *

Mark only one oval.

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19. How would you rate the importance of having recreation centers and programs? (Cómo calificaría la importancia de contar con centros y programas de recreación?) *

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20. Which of the following are important to you to be prioritized for future funding? (check all that apply) (Cuáles de los siguientes opciones son de su prioridad para el futuro financiamiento? (marque todo lo que corresponda) *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Enhance existing park maintenance (Mejorar al mantenimiento actual del parque)
- ☐ Provide additional recreation center programs and classes (Ofrecer mas prrogramas en centros de recreación y clases)
- ☐ Build new parks in under-served or growing neighborhoods (Construir nuevos parques en comunidades marginadas o en barrios en crecimiento)
- ☐ Renovate existing parks with new equipment and amenities (Renovar los parques que existen con nuevos equipos y servicios)
- ☐ Acquire land to accommodate future growth and open space (Adquirir terrenos para acomodar el crecimiento futuro y espacios abiertos)
- ☐ Develop a trail system for walking, biking, and linear parks (Desarrollar un sistema de senderos para caminata y ciclismo)

21. Which of the following is the MOST important to you to be prioritized for future funding? (check one) (Cuál de las siguientes opciones es de primera prioridad para usted para financiamiento en el futuro? (marque solo uno) *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Enhance existing park maintenance (Mejorar al mantenimiento actual del parque)
- ☐ Provide additional recreation center programs and classes (Ofrecer mas programas en centros de recreación y clases)
- ☐ Build new parks in under-served or growing neighborhoods (Construir nuevos parques en comunidades marginadas o en barrios en crecimiento)
- ☐ Renovate existing parks with new equipment and amenities (Renovar los parques que existen con nuevos equipos y servicios)
- ☐ Acquire land to accommodate future growth and open space (Adquirir terrenos para acomodar el crecimiento futuro y espacios abiertos)
- ☐ Develop a trail system for walking, biking, and linear parks (Desarrollar un sistema de senderos para caminata y ciclismo)

Classification (Clasificacion)

The following questions are for resident classification only. Your responses are anonymous.

(Las siguientes preguntas son únicamente para la clasificación de residente. Sus respuestas son anónimas.)

22. How long have you been a resident of Socorro? (Cuánto tiempo ha sido residente de Socorro?) *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Less than 12 months (Menos de 12 meses)
- ☐ 1-5 years (1-5 años)
- ☐ 6-10 years (6-10 años)
- ☐ 11-15 years (11-15 años)
- ☐ More than 15 years (Más de 15 años)

23. What is your gender? (Cuál es su género?) *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Male (Hombre)
- ☐ Female (Mujer)

24. What is your age? (Cuál es su edad?) *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ 5-19
- ☐ 20-34
- ☐ 35-49
- ☐ 50-69
- ☐ 70+

25. **How many children under the age of 18 live in your home? (Cuántos niños menores de 18 años viven en su hogar?) ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ None (Ninguno)
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4 or more (4 o más)

Additional Comments (Comentarios adicionales)

The following section is for you to provide additional comments related to the parks master plan.

(La siguiente sección es para que usted pueda proporcionar comentarios adicionales relacionados con el plan maestro de parques.)

26. **Please provide any further comments or concerns below. Please use this opportunity to let us know if they are any specific needs or desires that you have for the park system that were not addressed in the questions above. (Por favor, incluya cualquier comentario o duda. Por favor, utilice este espacio para hacernos saber si sus necesidades o deseos específicos que tiene para el sistema de parques se abordaron en las preguntas anteriores.)**

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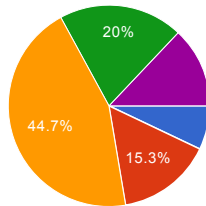
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Summary

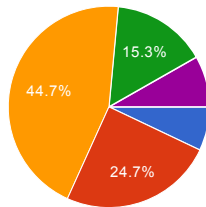
Park Satisfaction (Satisfacion de los Parques)

Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of parks and recreation services provided in Socorro? (En general, cuán satisfecho está usted con la calidad de los servicios de parques y recreación proporcionados por la Ciudad de Socorro?)



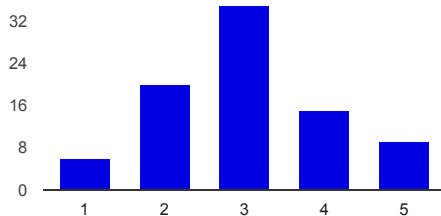
Very satisfied (Muy satisfecho)	6	7.1%
Satisfied (Satisfecho)	13	15.3%
Somewhat satisfied (Algo satisfecho)	38	44.7%
Not satisfied (Nada satisfecho)	17	20%
Very unsatisfied (Muy insatisfecho)	11	12.9%

How would you rate the overall condition of parks? (Cómo calificaría el estado general de los parques?)



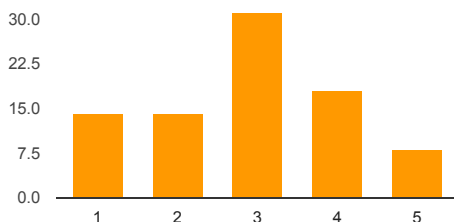
Very good (Muy bueno)	6	7.1%
Good (Bueno)	21	24.7%
Fair (Regular)	38	44.7%
Poor (Malo)	13	15.3%
Very poor (Muy pobre)	7	8.2%

How would you rate your satisfaction with the maintenance of parks? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción en el mantenimiento de los parques?)



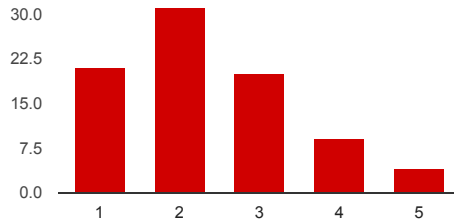
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2	20	23.5%
3	35	41.2%
4	15	17.6%
Satisfied (Satisfecho): 5	9	10.6%

How would you rate your satisfaction with the safety and security of parks? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción con la seguridad y protección de los parques?)



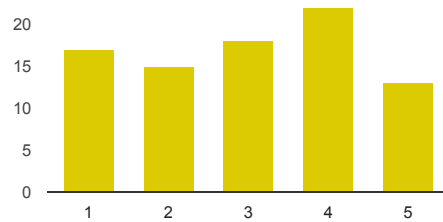
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3	31	36.5%
4	18	21.2%
Satisfied (Satisfecho): 5	8	9.4%

How would you rate your satisfaction with the quantity of parks? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción con la cantidad de parques?)



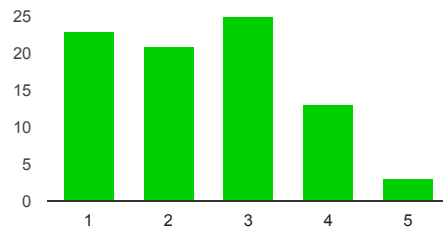
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	2	31	36.5%
	3	20	23.5%
	4	9	10.6%
Satisfied (Satisfecho):	5	4	4.7%

How would you rate your satisfaction with the location of parks (distance from your home)? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción con la ubicación de los parques (distancia desde su casa)?)



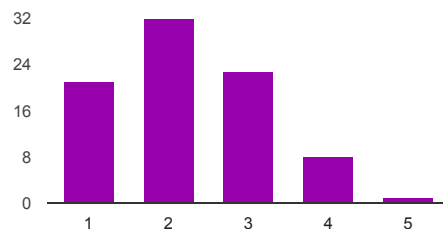
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	2	15	17.6%
	3	18	21.2%
	4	22	25.9%
Satisfied (Satisfecho):	5	13	15.3%

How would you rate your satisfaction with the variety of park amenities? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción con la variedad de las instalaciones y juegos en los parques?)



Not satisfied (No satisfecho):	1	23	27.1%
	2	21	24.7%
	3	25	29.4%
	4	13	15.3%
Satisfied (Satisfecho):	5	3	3.5%

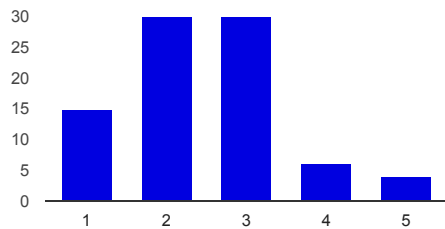
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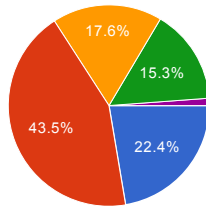
Not satisfied (No satisfecho):	1	21	24.7%
	2	32	37.6%
	3	23	27.1%
	4	8	9.4%
Satisfied (Satisfecho):	5	1	1.2%

How would you rate your satisfaction with the recreation centers and programs? (Cómo calificaría su satisfacción con los centros y programas de recreación?)

Not satisfied (No satisfecho):	1	15	17.6%
	2	30	35.3%
	3	30	35.3%
	4	6	7.1%
Satisfied (Satisfecho):	5	4	4.7%



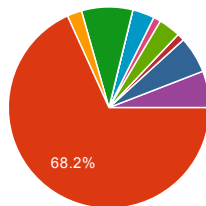
How often do you or a member of your household visit a park?



How often do you or a member of your household visit a park? (Con qué frecuencia usted o un miembro de su hogar suelen visitar un parque?)

Daily (Diariamente)	19	22.4%
Weekly (Semanalmente)	37	43.5%
Monthly (Mensualmente)	15	17.6%
A few times a year (Un par de veces al año)	13	15.3%
Less than once a year (Menos de una vez al año)	1	1.2%

Which park do you attend most frequently? (A qué parque asiste usted con mayor frecuencia?)



Amistad	0	0%
Bulldog Championship	58	68.2%
Cielo Azul	2	2.4%
Cougar	7	8.2%
Mauro Rosas (Bonita)	0	0%
Moon	3	3.5%
Paradise	1	1.2%
Rio Vista	3	3.5%
Valle del Sol	1	1.2%
Valle Hermosa	5	5.9%
None (Ninguno)	5	5.9%

Which of the following have you or a member of your household utilized in the past 12 months? (check all that apply) (Cuál de las siguientes opciones usted o un miembro de su hogar ha utilizado en los últimos 12 meses? (marque todo lo que corresponda))

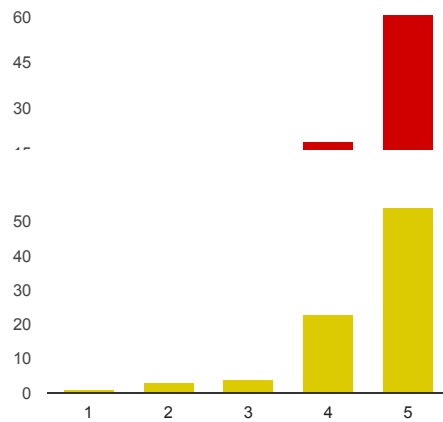


Visited a park (Visitado un parque)	82	96.5%
Used an athletic field (Utilizado un campo de atletismo)	20	23.5%
Participated in a recreation center program (Participado en un programa en centro de recreación)	9	10.6%

Prioritization of Future Park Development (Prioridades para el Desarrollo Futuro)

How would you rate the importance of improving park maintenance? (Cómo calificaría la importancia de mejorar el mantenimiento del parque?)

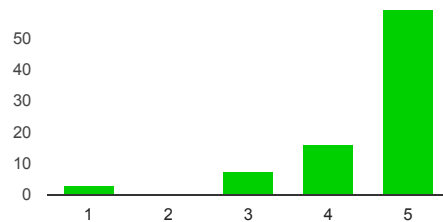
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2	3	3.5%
3	2	2.4%
4	19	22.4%
Important (Importante): 5	61	71.8%



How would you rate the importance of safety and security? (Cómo calificaría la importancia de mejorar la

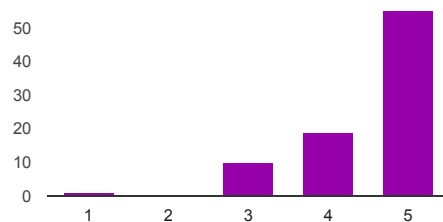
Not Important (Sin importancia):	1	1	1.2%
	2	3	3.5%
	3	4	4.7%
	4	23	27.1%
Important (Importante):	5	54	63.5%

How would you rate the importance of building more parks? (Cómo calificaría la importancia de la construcción de más parques?)



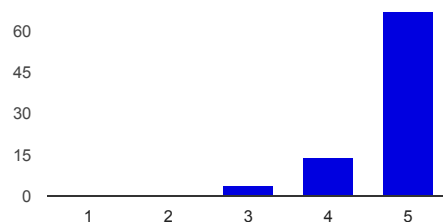
Not Important (Sin importancia):	1	3	3.5%
	2	0	0%
	3	7	8.2%
	4	16	18.8%
Important (Importante):	5	59	69.4%

How would you rate the importance of parks being located close to your home? (Cómo calificaría la importancia de que un parque que ubiquen cerca de su casa?)



Not Important (Sin importancia):	1	1	1.2%
	2	0	0%
	3	10	11.8%
	4	19	22.4%
Important (Importante):	5	55	64.7%

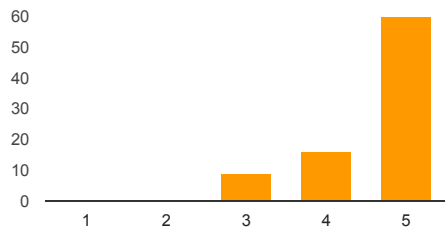
How would you rate the importance of having a variety of park amenities? (Cómo calificaría la importancia de contar con una mayor variedad de atracciones en el parque?)



Not Important (Sin importancia):	1	0	0%
	2	0	0%
	3	4	4.7%
	4	14	16.5%
Important (Importante):	5	67	78.8%

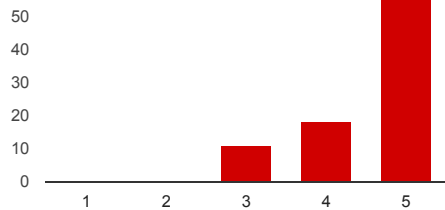
How would you rate the importance of having sports and athletic fields? (Cómo calificaría la importancia de contar con canchas de deportes y campos de atletismo?)

Not Important (Sin importancia):	1	0	0%
	2	0	0%



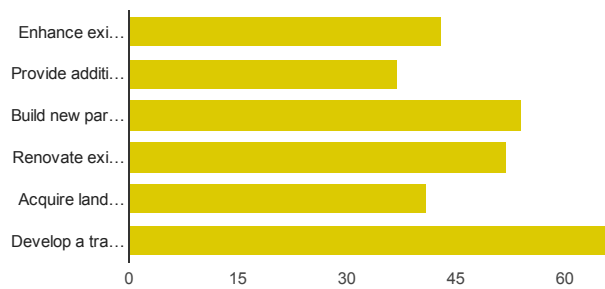
3	9	10.6%
4	16	18.8%
Important (Importante): 5	60	70.6%

How would you rate the importance of having recreation centers and programs? (Cómo calificaría la importancia de contar con centros y programas de recreación?)



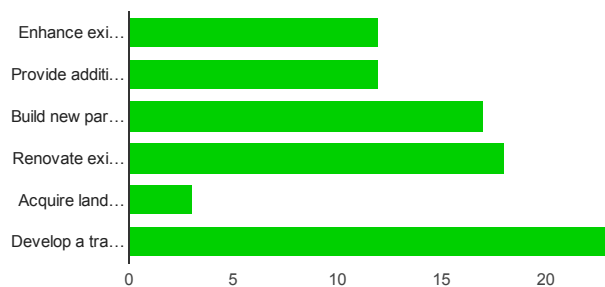
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2	0	0%
3	11	12.9%
4	18	21.2%
Important (Importante): 5	56	65.9%

Which of the following are important to you to be prioritized for future funding? (check all that apply) (Cuáles de las siguientes opciones son de su prioridad para el futuro financiamiento? (marque todo lo que corresponda)



Enhance existing park maintenance (Mejorar al mantenimiento actual del parque)	43	50.6%
Provide additional recreation center programs and classes (Ofrecer mas programas en centros de recreación y clases)	37	43.5%
Build new parks in under-served or growing neighborhoods (Construir nuevos parques en comunidades marginadas o en barrios en crecimiento)	54	63.5%
Renovate existing parks with new equipment and amenities (Renovar los parques que existen con nuevos equipos y servicios)	52	61.2%
Acquire land to accommodate future growth and open space (Adquirir terrenos para acomodar el crecimiento futuro y espacios abiertos)	41	48.2%
Develop a trail system for walking, biking, and linear parks (Desarrollar un sistema de senderos para caminata y ciclismo)	66	77.6%

Which of the following is the MOST important to you to be prioritized for future funding? (check one) (Cuál de las siguientes opciones es de primera prioridad para usted para financiamiento en el futuro? (marque solo uno)

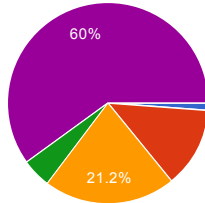


Enhance existing park maintenance (Mejorar al mantenimiento actual del parque)	12	14.1%
Provide additional recreation center programs and classes (Ofrecer mas programas en centros de recreación y clases)	12	14.1%
Build new parks in under-served or growing neighborhoods (Construir nuevos parques en comunidades marginadas o en barrios en crecimiento)	17	20%

Renovate existing parks with new equipment and amenities (Renovar los parques que existen con nuevos equipos y servicios)	18	21.2%
Acquire land to accommodate future growth and open space (Adquirir terrenos para acomodar el crecimiento futuro y espacios abiertos)	3	3.5%
Develop a trail system for walking, biking, and linear parks (Desarrollar un sistema de senderos para caminata y ciclismo)	23	27.1%

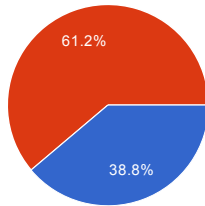
Classification (Clasificacion)

How long have you been a resident of Socorro? (Cuánto tiempo ha sido residente de Socorro?)



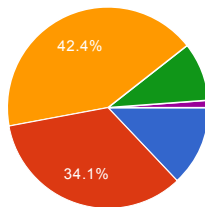
Less than 12 months (Menos de 12 meses)	1	1.2%
1-5 years (1-5 años)	11	12.9%
6-10 years (6-10 años)	18	21.2%
11-15 years (11-15 años)	4	4.7%
More than 15 years (Más de 15 años)	51	60%

What is your gender? (Cuál es su género?)



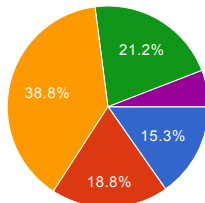
Male (Hombre)	33	38.8%
Female (Mujer)	52	61.2%

What is your age? (Cuál es su edad?)



5-19	11	12.9%
20-34	29	34.1%
35-49	36	42.4%
50-69	8	9.4%
70+	1	1.2%

How many children under the age of 18 live in your home? (Cuántos niños menores de 18 años viven en su hogar?)



None (Ninguno)	13	15.3%
1	16	18.8%
2	33	38.8%
3	18	21.2%
4 or more (4 o más)	5	5.9%

Additional Comments (Comentarios adicionales)

Please provide any further comments or concerns below. Please use this opportunity to let us know if they are any specific needs or desires that you have for the park system that were not addressed in the questions above. (Por favor, incluya cualquier comentario o duda. Por favor, utilice este espacio para hacernos saber si sus necesidades o deseos específicos que tiene para el sistema de parques se abordaron en las preguntas anteriores.)

The bulldog park needs better lights..

For the most part half the parks are taken care of enough for safe use but some are in serious need of new equipment to prevent any accounts in the future.

It would be nice if there was classes and activities available for English speakers St the recreation centers.

The cielo azul park is behind my home and I have never consider that a park but a pice of land in the middle of the block is sand I been here my hole child hood and now with children and the park doesn't even have a swing set. Very disappointed

It is a great shame that Socorro City is one of the cities that is so deprived in all aspects.

Updating or building sidewalks to future parks

Parks are great, but I think that's enough. We don't need more. This city needs to focus on fixing the streets, adding sidewalks so kids can get to school and come back safley & stop with the free events. Yes, they are nice once & a while, but you really are only getting people from Juarez enjoying it, not really the tax payers. Put the money back into the community, even helping the elderly, but stop throwing our hard earned money down the drain. We pay too much in taxes for it to look the way it does.

Bulldog park can be weeded out more often. Grass and weeds over grown and cacti dried up. Park not kept up

Me gustaria mas actividades para los ninos con discapacidades

would love to see a park in my neighborhood. on google maps it shows there is one but its not true. this so called "joe carrasco" park is at the corner of northloop and welletka. would love to see. park in that place.

I would love to see running and biking trails. It would be a great asset to our city and would greatly benefit our community.

More signs needed along the walking path notifying people to pick up there dogs poop and signs not to get close to the pond water.

The park in jardin de flores was supposed to have a lot more. All the residents here are disapointed with the lack of things to do in such a big space

Sports Leagues such as Baseball and Softball should be provided for the children of Socorro.

for some reason I keep seeing the increase of gang graffiti in the area infront of the highs schools campentre and moon city.....you can fix all the parks overnight but if we as a community don't get involved and bring youth sports the gangs will continue to grow.....let's not be reactive let's be proactive...thank you

We really appreciate your very good intention to make best places for our city.

Feel free to contact me at 915-526-0342

To have more events at bulldog park instead of cougar park, buying the land next to bulldog park to extend park with basketball courts and or soccer fields as well as more parking areas. Bulldog park is a very nice park and is rarely used for events.

At least one park should be made available in the Haciendas Del Valle subdivision off of Welletka road. None are available there for residents and those citizens are some of the oldest taxpayers of the city. Improvements should be made there to improve their quality of life. Our city owes it to this neighborhood.

To enforce laws that allow people to take their pets, but also make sure they clean after themselves and their pets. That way our parks stay clean.

Las Lunas subdivision was promised a park and all we have is a slab of concrete and some grass. At least finish the basketball court!

Why charge for use of park for having picnics or unnecessary charging for using the park for exercising cause were using an hour of light charging more than an electric bill at home thats ridiculous

As I enter my golden years, I think it important for those of us that have resided in the Moon City area to have a decent, safe, and accessible park which will allow us to at least walk daily without the fear of dogs and not having restroom facilities. We have lived in this area for over 50 years, and I have yet to see a real and conscientious effort by our city officials to provide for us a decent park.

Improve ponding/parks with grass and sprinklers. For safety reasons, some lighting.

We need to improve streets all around the parks as well. All we here is that the area is private. We need sidewalks and street repaired the safety of the children.

WE ARE IN NEED OF AQUATIC FACILITIES SOUTH OF THE FREEWAY. SWIMMING LESSONS

A dog park would also be nice, around the Rio Vista, moon road area. The Valles park could use more shade.

You should make a park close to serna middle school or rojas elementary school on that area theres not much to do and also one with pool because theres any close the closest one with pool is in ysleta

make more swimming pools

Mauro Rosas Park or Bonito Park were nice parks once, they have been in the works for quite some time now, no progress whatsoever has been shown!

aljo estates has no parks we play in the street. call me ill show you respectfully sgt jesse montelongo us army retirad. 915-373-8440 one team one fight!!!!

More side walks in Aljo estates and parks for kids

I have enjoyed the many festivities that the recreation department has put together. Especially movies at the park. I would like to see this continue in the future. I would also like to see more security in local parks and lighting at Bulldog.

I'd like to talk a little bit more about the park being built at the end of Peters Rd. (Close to Passmore) because in a coincidence I ended up meeting the person in charge of building it who then proceeded to tell me that the park was already finished and will not have any sidewalks nor parking spaces. My issue here is that a few years ago, us residents of the area received a plan with photos and everything that was promessed for that location (including water structures and games appropriate for younger was well), but the park is looking nothing like it. I would like to further discuss this with someone that might help. Thank you. Frida Espinoza frida.espinoza96@gmail.com

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Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

June 1, 2018

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

**SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY'S ENGINEER FIRM QUOTE
ON CREATING A ROUNDABOUT ON STOCKYARD AND CIELO AZUL.**

SUMMARY

The city has received a quote from our engineer firm to place a roundabout on stockyard and cielo azul.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):

Funding Source:

Amount:

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A

Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#) N/A

ALTERNATIVE

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

1. Interim City Manager _____ Date _____
2. CFO _____ Date _____
3. Attorney _____ Date _____

ROUNDABOUT AT STOCKYARD AND CIELO AZUL INTERSECTION
PRELIMINARY ENGINEER'S OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS
 DATE: 05/31/2018

	ITEM No.	Description	Units	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
1	100-6001	PREPARING ROW	AC	0	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 4,160.00
2	105-6096	REMOV STAB BASE AND ASPH PAV (0"-12")	SY	1,540	\$ 12.00	\$ 18,480.00
3	110-6001	EXCAVATION (ROADWAY)	CY	690	\$ 15.00	\$ 10,350.00
4	134-6008	BACKFILL (TY A OR B)	CY	260	\$ 35.00	\$ 9,100.00
5	247-6061	FL BS (CMP IN PLC)(TYA GR1-2) (6")	SY	1,540	\$ 15.00	\$ 23,100.00
6	314-6002	EMULS ASPH (BS OR SUBGR TRT)(SS-1)	GAL	215	\$ 8.00	\$ 1,720.00
7	341-6022	D-GR HMA TY-C PG64-22	TON	175	\$ 130.00	\$ 22,750.00
8	479-6004	ADJUSTING MANHOLES (SANITARY)	EA	2	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
9	479-6005	ADJUSTING MANHOLES (WATER VALVE BOX)	EA	3	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,800.00
10	500-6001	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	10%	\$ 21,318.50
11	502-6001	BARRICADES, SIGNS AND TRAFFIC HANDLING	MO	6	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
12	506-6038	TEMP SEDMT CONT FENCE (INSTALL)	LF	700	\$ 3.00	\$ 2,100.00
13	506-6039	TEMP SEDMT CONT FENCE (REMOVE)	LF	700	\$ 1.00	\$ 700.00
14	529-6008	CONC CURB & GUTTER (TY II)	LF	250	\$ 22.00	\$ 5,500.00
15	531-6001	CONC SIDEWALKS (4")	SY	120	\$ 48.00	\$ 5,760.00
16	531-6016	CURB RAMPS (TY 21)	EA	4	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 8,600.00
17	644-6001	IN SM RD SN SUP&AM TY10BWG(1)SA(P)	EA	20	\$ 750.00	\$ 15,000.00
18	644-6067	IN SM RD SN SUP&AM (INST SIGN ONLY)	EA	4	\$ 280.00	\$ 1,120.00
19	644-6076	REMOVE SM RD SN SUP&AM	EA	2	\$ 145.00	\$ 290.00
20	666-6036	REFL PAV MRK TY I (W)8"(SLD)(100MIL)	LF	380	\$ 3.00	\$ 1,140.00
21	666-6054	REFL PAV MRK TY I (W)(ARROW)(100MIL)	EA	4	\$ 185.00	\$ 740.00
22	1005-6001	LOOSE AGGR FOR GROUND COVER (TYPE I)	CY	35	\$ 165.00	\$ 5,775.00
					SUBTOTAL	\$ 234,503.50

		Description	Units	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
1		GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING	LS	1	\$ 18,760.28	\$ 18,760.28
2		SURVEYING	LS	1	\$ 18,760.28	\$ 18,760.28
3		CONTINGENCY (15%)	LS	1	\$ 35,175.53	\$ 35,175.53
					SUBTOTAL	\$ 72,696.09

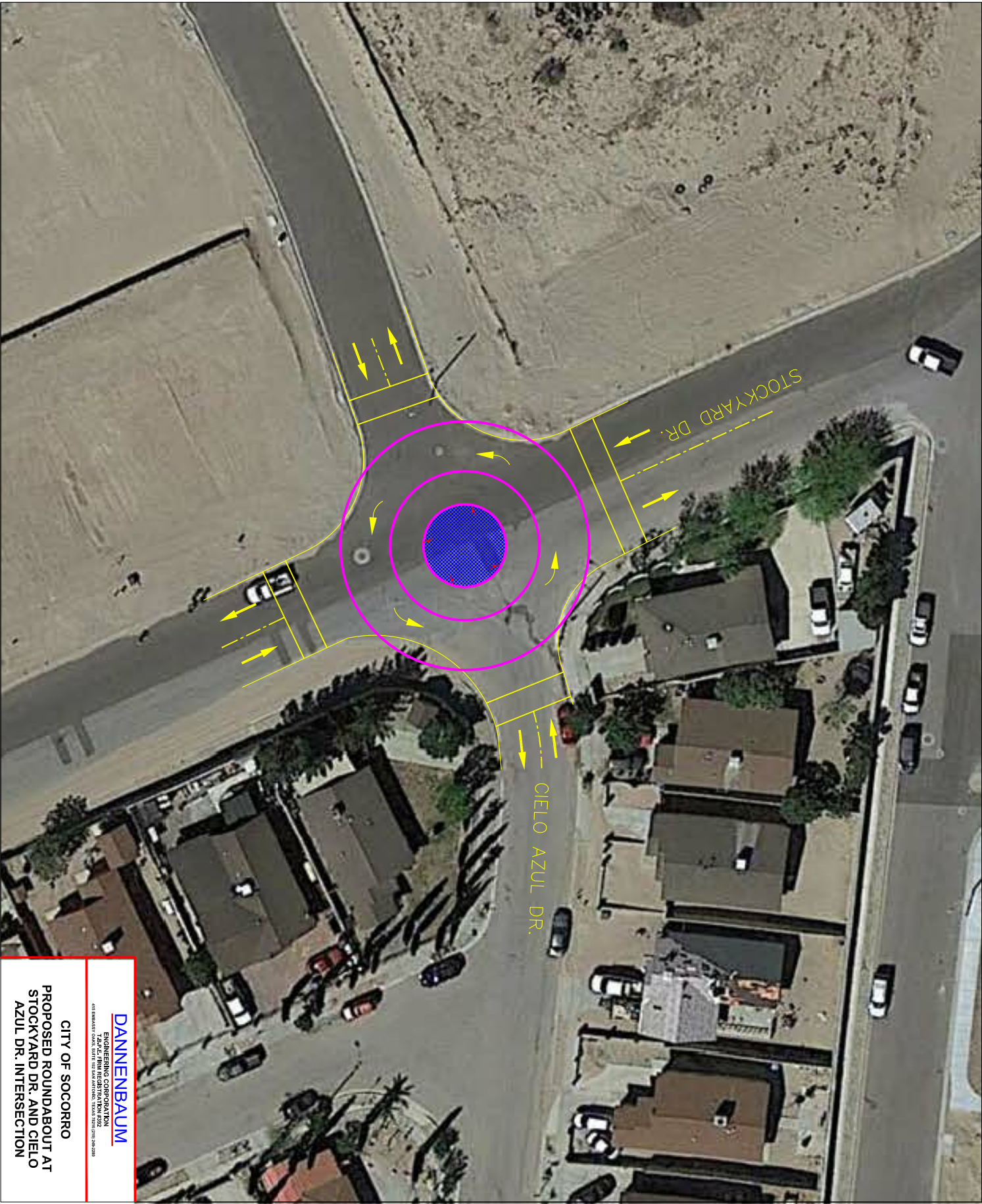
TOTAL \$ 307,199.59

TRAFFIC CIRCLE AT STOCKYARD AND CIELO AZUL INTERSECTION
PRELIMINARY ENGINEER'S OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS
 DATE: 05/31/2018

	ITEM No.	Description	Units	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
1	105-6096	REMOV STAB BASE AND ASPH PAV (0"-12")	SY	95	\$ 12.00	\$ 1,140.00
2	110-6001	EXCAVATION (ROADWAY)	CY	37	\$ 15.00	\$ 555.00
3	134-6008	BACKFILL (TY A OR B)	CY	22	\$ 35.00	\$ 770.00
4	500-6001	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	10%	\$ 6,652.50
5	502-6001	BARRICADES, SIGNS AND TRAFFIC HANDLING	MO	3	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
6	506-6038	TEMP SEDMT CONT FENCE (INSTALL)	LF	700	\$ 3.00	\$ 2,100.00
7	506-6039	TEMP SEDMT CONT FENCE (REMOVE)	LF	700	\$ 1.00	\$ 700.00
8	528-6002	COLOR TEXTURED CONC (6")	SY	95	\$ 22.00	\$ 2,090.00
9	531-6001	CONC SIDEWALKS (4")	SY	120	\$ 48.00	\$ 5,760.00
10	531-6016	CURB RAMPS (TY 21)	EA	4	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 8,600.00
11	644-6001	IN SM RD SN SUP&AM TY10BWG(1)SA(P)	EA	8	\$ 750.00	\$ 6,000.00
12	644-6076	REMOVE SM RD SN SUP&AM	EA	2	\$ 145.00	\$ 290.00
13	666-6036	REFL PAV MRK TY I (W)8"(SLD)(100MIL)	LF	415	\$ 3.00	\$ 1,245.00
14	666-6054	REFL PAV MRK TY I (W)(ARROW)(100MIL)	EA	4	\$ 185.00	\$ 740.00
15	1005-6001	LOOSE AGGR FOR GROUND COVER (TYPE I)	CY	5	\$ 165.00	\$ 825.00
SUBTOTAL						\$ 73,467.50

		Description	Units	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
1		GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING	LS	1	\$ 2,204.03	\$ 2,204.03
2		SURVEYING	LS	1	\$ 5,142.73	\$ 5,142.73
3		CONTINGENCY (15%)	LS	1	\$ 12,122.14	\$ 12,122.14
SUBTOTAL						\$ 19,468.89

TOTAL \$ 92,936.39



DANNENBAUM
ENGINEERING CORPORATION
2425 E. IRWIN AVE., SUITE 100
MESA, AZ 85205
480.835.5577

CITY OF SOCORRO
PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT AT
STOCKYARD DR. AND CIELO
AZUL DR. INTERSECTION



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LAND ENGINEERING DIVISION
4415 E. 10TH AVE., SUITE 100, DENVER, CO 80231
303.733.1000

CITY OF SOCORRO
PROPOSED TRAFFIC CIRCLE AT
STOCKYARD DR. AND CIELO
AZUL DR. INTERSECTION

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District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

DATE: 01/25/2018

TO: Mayor & Council Members

FROM: Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and action to direct city staff and attorney to look into dissolving our current Transportation Reinvestment Zone.

SUMMARY

It is our understanding of the legislation and experience dealing with TRZs, there are three circumstances under which a TRZ may be dissolved:

1. If TRZ funds have not been used or pledged as collateral to obtain funding to cover the cost of the project the TRZ was created for (e.g. a loan) the TRZ may be dissolved by City Council action through a resolution to rescind the TRZ. In other words, if the TRZ was created but funds have not been used, the TRZ may be dissolved.
2. If the TRZ funds have not been used for the purpose the TRZ was created for, the TRZ automatically ceases to exist on December 31st of the 10th year after it was established. That is, if the TRZ is never used and is not rescinded by City Council action, it automatically ceases to exist after 10 years.
3. If TRZ funds have been used or pledged as collateral to secure funding for the project it was created for (e.g. a loan), the TRZ ceases to exist only after the financial obligation acquired (e.g. the loan) has been completely repaid. In other words, the TRZ cannot be dissolved until any loans or other outstanding obligations related to the project and guaranteed by the TRZ revenue are repaid.

If the City of Socorro has pledged TRZ revenue to another agency/bank as a source of repayment for a loan, the TRZ could be dissolved only after the loan is repaid. The obligation could be repaid from sources different from the TRZ revenue available to the City (e.g. general revenue, another loan) - it does not necessarily need to be repaid from the TRZ funds.

BACKGROUND

It is our understanding that the city has not pledged this TRZ revenue to another agency/bank as a source of repayment for the loan.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

ALTERNATIVE

APPROVE

NOT APPROVE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 20

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At Large

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District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

DATE: May 31, 2018

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action to on approval to appoint Robert Renteria to the Board of Adjustments as an alternate.

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

ALTERNATIVE
NO APPROVE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION



CITY OF SOCORRO

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Please rank in numeric order only the Boards and Commissions you wish to serve on:

- 1 Board of Adjustment
___ Civil Service Commission
___ Ethics Commission
___ Historical Landmark Commission
2 Planning & Zoning Commission
Application Instructions

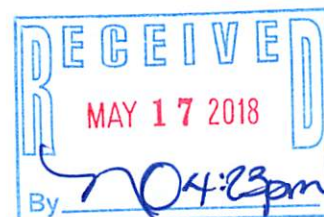
1. Please print or type answers to all questions. Write N/A if not applicable.
2. Application package consists of:
 - Completed application form
 - Essay questions (for each board or commission applying for)
 - Personal resume
3. Forward the completed Application Package to: City Clerk, City of Socorro, 124 S. Horizon, Socorro, Texas 79927

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Last Name Renteria First Robert M.I. _____
2. Street Address 604 Poona Apt/Unit # _____
City Socorro State TX ZIP 79927
Mailing Address (if different) _____
3. Home Phone 915-867-5427 Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
4. E-mail Address FranciscoCoaches@yahoo.com
5. Do you currently reside in Socorro? ☒ YES ☐ NO
6. Are you currently serving on a board or commission? ☐ YES ☒ NO
If yes, which one? _____ Term Expires? _____
7. Have you ever served on a board or commission? ☐ YES ☒ NO
If yes, list name of board or commission and term(s) of office:
Board/Commission Name _____ Term _____
Board/Commission Name _____ Term _____
Board/Commission Name _____ Term _____
8. Do you understand the term length for the position you have applied for and the attendance policy? YES ☒ NO ☐
9. Do you understand the importance of attendance at all regular meetings of the boards or commission you have applied for and the importance of completion of the term? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 5-17-18





ESSAY QUESTIONS

Name of Board or Commission applying for: Board of Adjustment / Planning and Zoning

1. Have you ever attended a meeting of this board or commission? YES ☐ NO ☒

2. Why do you want to serve on this board or commission?

Have been in Socorro for 10yrs and want to serve the city. I have learned that Socorro has earned a great reputation and would like to serve.

3. What are your qualifications/skills or education that you will bring to this board or commission?

Business owner, BS in Business. Past experiences in start up and expanding of small businesses.
Past work experience

Signature: _____

[Signature]

Date: _____

5-17-18

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District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

DATE: May 31, 2018

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: Ralph Duran

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on approval to appoint Mary Perez to the Historical Landmark Commission Place 2.

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

ALTERNATIVE
NO APPROVE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION



CITY OF SOCORRO

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Please rank in numeric order only the Boards and Commissions you wish to serve on:

- ☐ Board of Adjustment
☐ Civil Service Commission
☐ Ethics Commission
☒ Historical Landmark Commission
☐ Planning & Zoning Commission

Application Instructions

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2. Application package consists of:
 - Completed application form
 - Essay questions (for each board or commission applying for)
 - Personal resume
3. Forward the completed Application Package to: City Clerk, City of Socorro, 124 S. Horizon, Socorro, Texas 79927

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1.	Last Name	Perez	First	Mary	M.I.	F.
2.	Street Address	127 Rio Vista	Apt/Unit #			
	City	Socorro	State	Tx	ZIP	79927
	Mailing Address (if different)					
3.	Home Phone	—	Work Phone	—	Cell Phone	915-731-3552
4.	E-mail Address	tperez817@yahoo.com				
5.	Do you currently reside in Socorro?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO				
6.	Are you currently serving on a board or commission?	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>				
	If yes, which one?	Term Expires?				
7.	Have you ever served on a board or commission?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO				
	If yes, list name of board or commission and term(s) of office:					
	Board/Commission Name	Historical Landmark			Term	was a mbr for sometime
	Board/Commission Name				Term	
	Board/Commission Name				Term	
8.	Do you understand the term length for the position you have applied for and the attendance policy?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO				
9.	Do you understand the importance of attendance at all regular meetings of the boards or commission you have applied for and the importance of completion of the term?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO				

Signature: _____

Mary L. Perez

Date: _____

May 11, 2018



ESSAY QUESTIONS

Name of Board or Commission applying for:

Historical Landmark

1. Have you ever attended a meeting of this board or commission? ☒ YES ☐ NO

2. Why do you want to serve on this board or commission?

I'm interested in the culture and history of our area.

3. What are your qualifications/skills or education that you will bring to this board or commission?

I have served well on this board for many years, with lots of experience.

Signature: Mary E. Peig

Date: May 11, 2018