

Elia Garcia
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Ralph Duran
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3/Mayor ProTem

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Chief Carlos Maldonado
Lt. Eddie Smith
Adam Ochoa, Planning & Zoning Director
Estevan Gonzalez, IT
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant
Miguel Rosas, Public Works and Parks Director
Victor Reta, Recreations Director
Alejandra Valadez, Interim Grants Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Estevan Gonzales.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz and Jesse Montelongo

PRESENTATION

5. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH OF GOD FOR THE MISSION TRAIL CLEAN UP ON DECEMBER 1, 2017.

MAYOR ELIA GARCIA

Mayor Garcia presented the Church of God with a plaque.

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move items thirty-one (31), thirty-five (35), thirty-six (36), thirty-seven (37), thirty-eight (38), fourteen (14), and twenty (20).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT DAVID OROPEZA TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

MAYOR ELIA GARCIA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the appointment of David Oropeza to the Board of Adjustment.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RE-APPOINT KATHERINE KEARNY TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS PLACE 2.

RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the re-appoint of Katherine Kearny to the Planning and Zoning Commission.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RE-APPOINT CYNTHIA GUTIEREZ TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS PLACE 2.

RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the re-appoint of Cynthia Gutierrez to the Board of Adjustments*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

37. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RE-APPOINT INA PINALES TO THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION PLACE 2.* RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the re-appoint Ina Pinales to the Historical Landmark Commission*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

38. *SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS.*

During this time Mayor Garcia swore in newly elected commissioners.

PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

14. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF PARKS MASTER PLAN.* MIGUEL ROSAS

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to approve item fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

Presentation made by Hector De Santiago, with Parkhill Smith and Cooper see Exhibit "A".

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

Nays:

Absent

20. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR EASTLAKE VALLEY SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 8 AND 15, BLOCK 4, SOCORRO GRANT.* ADAM OCHOA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran *to approve the final plat for item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Hector Valencia, Leticia Treviño and Claudia Garcia spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move into Executive Session to consult with counsel and discuss the other Executive Session items on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT
6:53PM**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT
7:49 PM**

42. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* REGARDING CLAIM SUBMITTED BY RALPH DURAN FOR DAMAGE TO OR TAKING OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY. *DAVID MIRAZO*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *authorize and direct the city attorney to tender the property damage claim by Ralph Duran to International Eagle Enterprise Inc. for indemnity and to make a claim in the performance bond and to deny the platting portion of this claim.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain: Ralph Duran

43. *CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL* REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING SAMUEL LEONY, COMPLAINANT V. THE CITY OF SOCORRO, RESPONDENT: EEOC NO. 453-2017-00914 [551.071 AND 551.074]. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the settlement offer as discussed with counsel in close session.* Motion passed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2018.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

8. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-99 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO RESTRICT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRUCK ROUTE ON NORTH NEVAREZ ROAD FROM ACCESSING ALAMEDA AVENUE FROM NORTH NEVAREZ ROAD AND VICE VERSA.

ADAM OCHOA

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *approve and call for a public hearing of an ordinance amending section 42-99 of the code of ordinances of the city of Socorro, Texas to restrict the commercial vehicle truck route on North Nevarez item number eight (8)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 7, BLOCK 12, BEJAR ESTATES SUBDIVISION, 11830 ALAMEDA AVENUE, FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL).

ADAM OCHOA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *deny item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CORRECTING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF LOTS 2A & 2B, BLOCK 2, LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION, REPLAT A 10507 & 10509 SANTA PAULA DRIVE, TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL). ADAM OCHOA

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

HUMAN RESOURCES

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE TO “PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS” SECTION OF THE POLICE OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION. ROSIO MARIN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item eleven (11)*.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE UPDATE TO “PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS” SECTION OF SERGEANT JOB DESCRIPTION. ROSIO MARIN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve update to “physical requirements” for sergeant job description for item number twelve (12)*.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO PAID TIME OFF POLICY IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

ROSIO MARIN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Rene Rodriguez

Abstain:

PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD BID 17-011 FOR POT HOLE PATCH TRUCK TO DOGETT FREIGHTLINER OF EL PASO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$173,882.19.

MIGUEL ROSAS

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve and award the Pothole Patch Truck Bid 17-011 to Doggett Freightliner of El Paso as recommended by staff for item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A LIGHTING OPTION FOR VETERANS PARKS.

MIGUEL ROSAS

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve staff's recommendation option one – El Paso Electric Company for item sixteen (16)*. Motion Passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD THE LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT TO A.R.E. LANDSCAPING MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT \$32,500.00.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

PLANNING AND ZONING

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN AUTOMOTIVE BODY SHOP ON TRACT 4C1A, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, 896 HORIZON BOULEVARD. ADAM OCHOA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR APPROVAL OF POOLE SUBDIVISION REPLAT D, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 23, BLOCK 4, POOLE SUBDIVISION, SOCORRO, TEXAS, 10966 ODEN DRIVE. ADAM OCHOA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (CRRMA) TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) AND THE CRRMA. ADAM OCHOA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

22. PUBLIC HEARING ON WRITTEN CHARGE TO REMOVE CHRISTIAN GUZMAN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 8:41pm.
No speakers during Public Hearing
Public Hearing at 8:42pm

Yvonne Colon Villalobos stepped out of meeting at 8:42 pm

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO REMOVE CHRISTIAN GUZMAN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CITY MANAGER

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVE MAYOR ELIA GARCIA, AND REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE, RENE RODRIGUEZ TO ATTEND THE REGION IV TML QUARTERLY MEETING FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2ND, 2018 IN ALPINE, TEXAS AS OPPOSE TO JANUARY 26TH, 2018 AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED.
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION'S BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM.
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number twenty-five (25)*. Motion Passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION, STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) REGULAR PROJECTS GRANT. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion Passed.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos returned to the meeting at 8:45pm

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

Nays:

Abstain:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION'S (NRPA) 2018 DISNEY PLAY SPACES GRANT. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve a Resolution authorizing the submittal of grant application to the National Recreation and Parks Association's (NRPA) 2018 Disney Play Spaces Grant*. Motion Passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REMOVE REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE RENE RODRIGUEZ AND APPOINT MAYOR ELIA GARCIA AS A BOARD MEMBER TO THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD OF EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION. MAYOR ELIA GARCIA

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *remove At-Large Representative Rene Rodriguez from the Transportation Policy Board and appoint Mayor Elia Garcia*. Motion Passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays: Rene Rodriguez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE SOCORRO PUBLIC FINANCE OR INVESTMENT BOARD PER ORDINANCE 321 SECTION 7 AND ORDINANCE 250 AMENDMENT 1.

MAYOR ELIA GARCIA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *appoint Mayor Elia Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CREATE AN AD HOC CHARTER COMMITTEE.

MAYOR ELIA GARCIA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number thirty*.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP A LONG-TERM PLAN TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON OR NEAR COKER ROAD, TO CONSTRUCT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AREA AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE ACQUISITION.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *direct City Manager to develop long term plan to acquire certain properties on or near Coker Road*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE 320 AMENDMENT NO. 4 PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AGENDAS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 3.08 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. PARAGRAPH II AGENDA DEVELOPMENT (B) TO REMOVE 2ND SIGNATURE TO PLACE ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the amendment of Ordinance 320 Amendment 4*. Motion passed.

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

34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO POST CITY PROPERTY BEHIND WALGREENS LEGAL DESCRIPTION "BLOCK 9, SOCORRO GRANT, TRACT 16" FOR LEASE TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve city staff to look into posting city property behind Walgreens for lease or rent.* Motion Passed.

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

39. 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*

40. 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

41. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete items thirty-nine (39), forty (40) and forty-one (41).* Motion passed.

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

35. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *adjourn at 9:20 pm.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:



Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



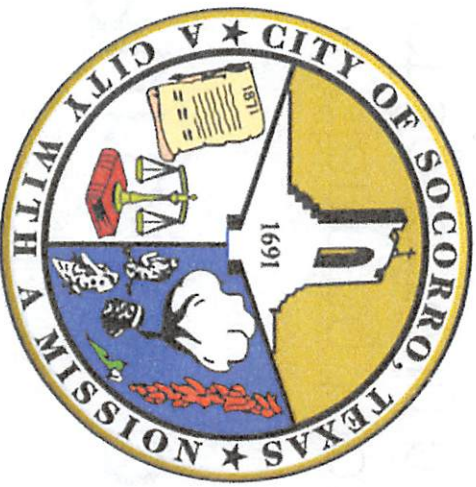
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Exhibit "A"

Socorro Parks Master Plan

Council Meeting

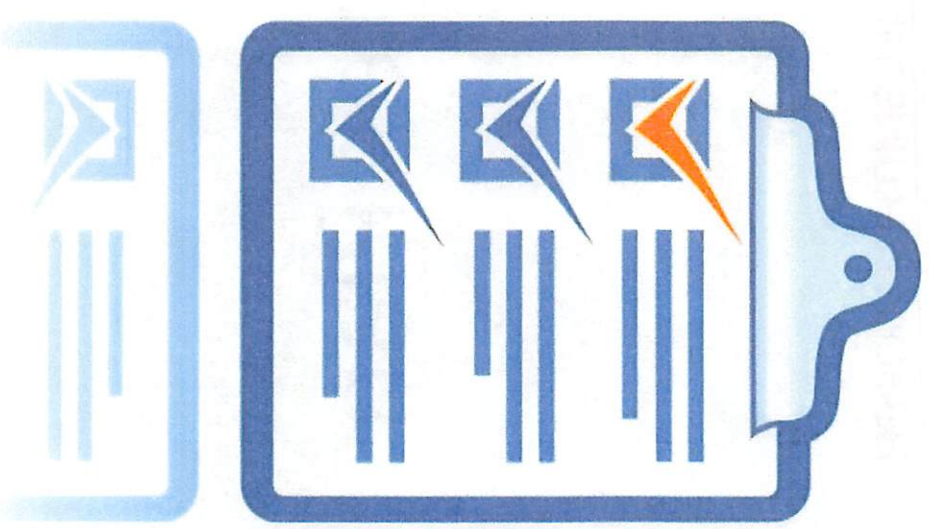
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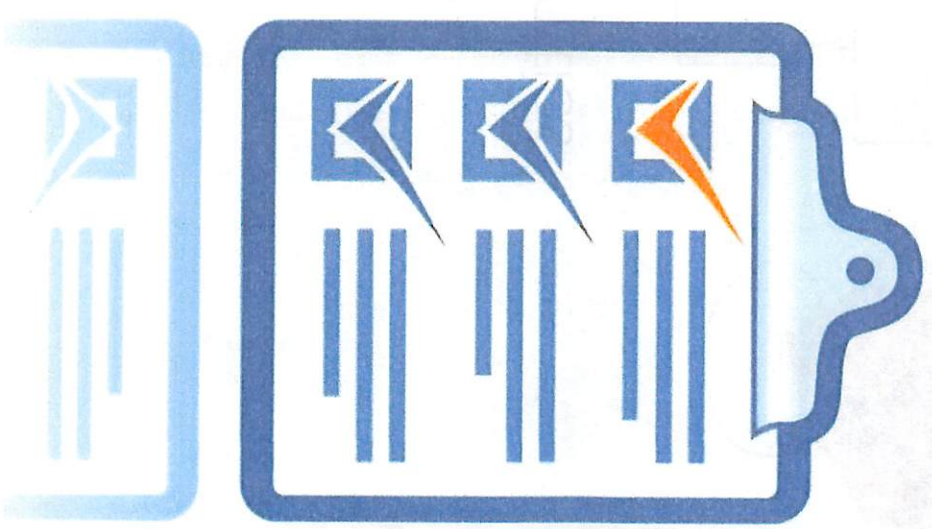
Purpose of the Plan

- A planning tool to assist the City of Socorro in making informed decisions regarding the development of the park system
- Establish a framework for long-range facility master planning efforts over the next ten years (2017-2027)



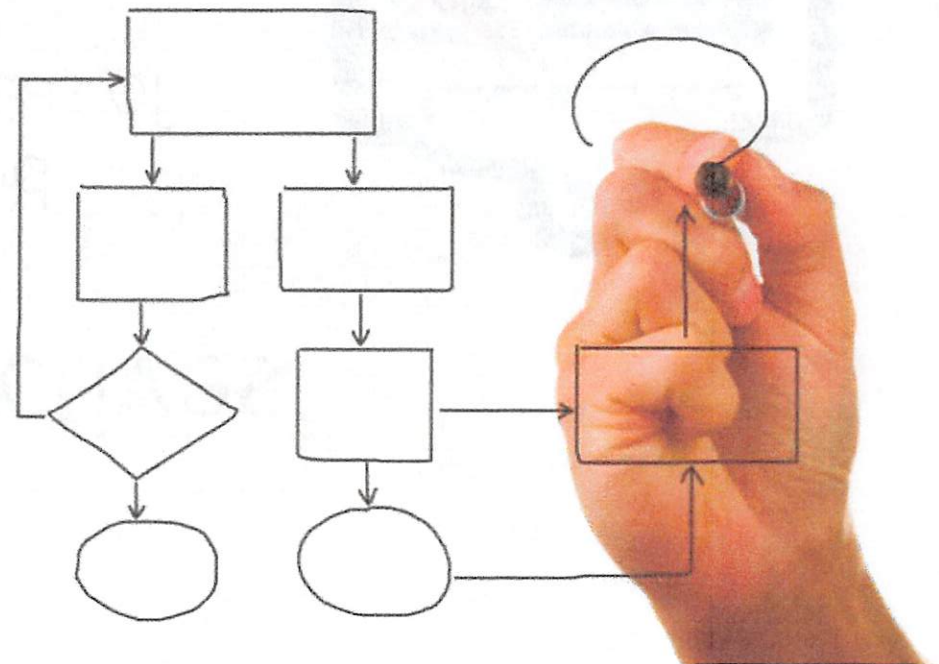
Goals and Objectives

- Plan outlines 10 goals and objectives covering 5 areas of focus:
 1. Financial Sustainability
 2. Safety/Security
 3. Equity
 4. Accessibility
 5. Connectivity



Planning Process

- Goals and Objectives
- Growth Projections/Demographics
- Inventory of existing facilities/amenities
- Defining park standards
- Needs assessment
- Implementation
 - Prioritization
 - Funding
 - Timeline



Existing Park Inventory

- 10 developed parks over 46 acres
- Mostly small, neighborhood parks

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

Inventory of Park Amenities

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Undeveloped Park Land

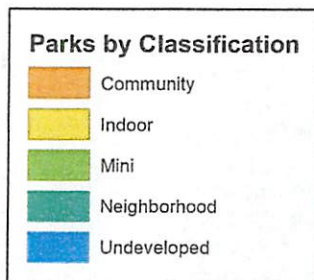
- 7 undeveloped park sites over 26 acres
- Some serve as neighborhood drainage areas

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

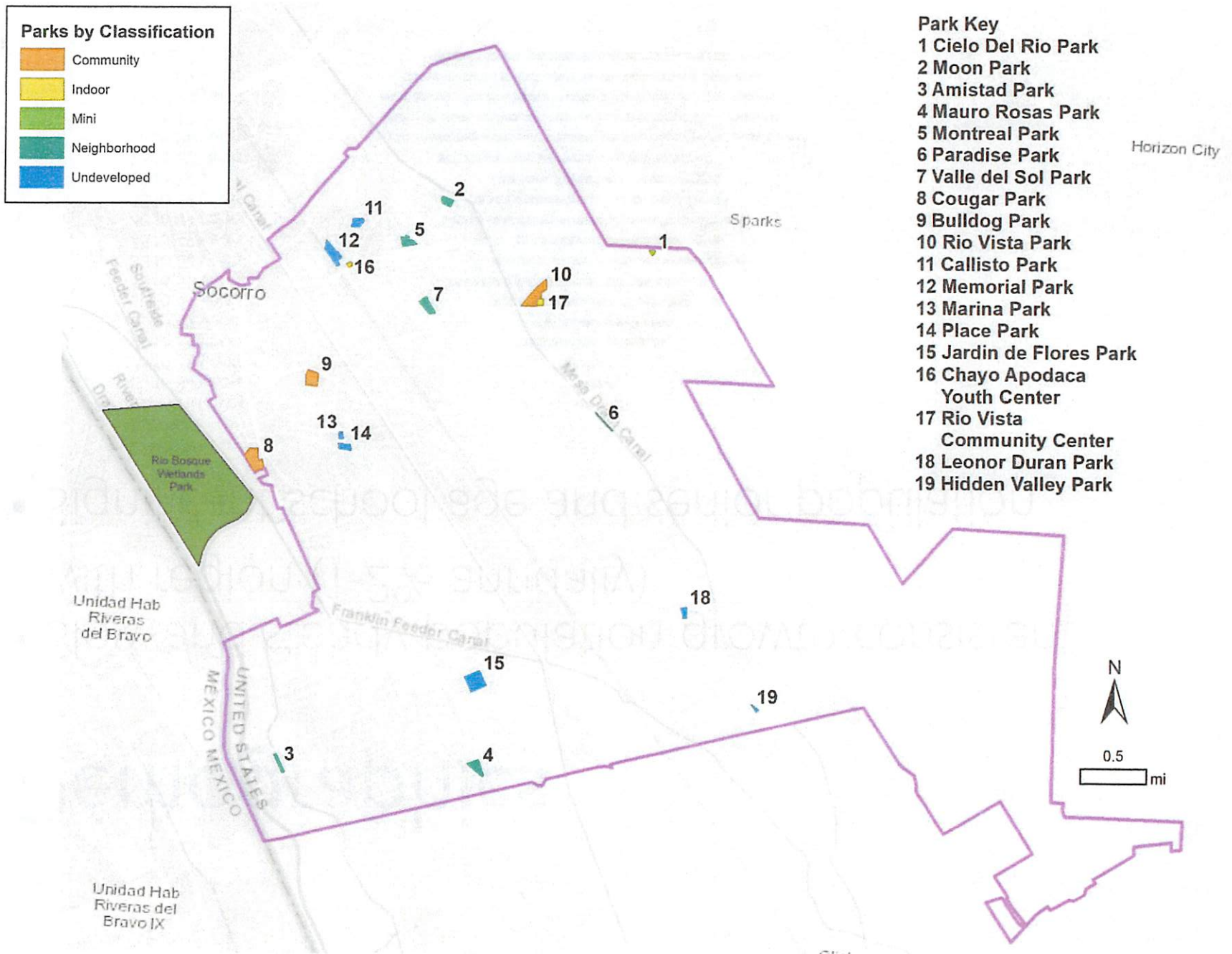
1. Rio Vista Community Center
2. Chayo Apodaca Youth Center





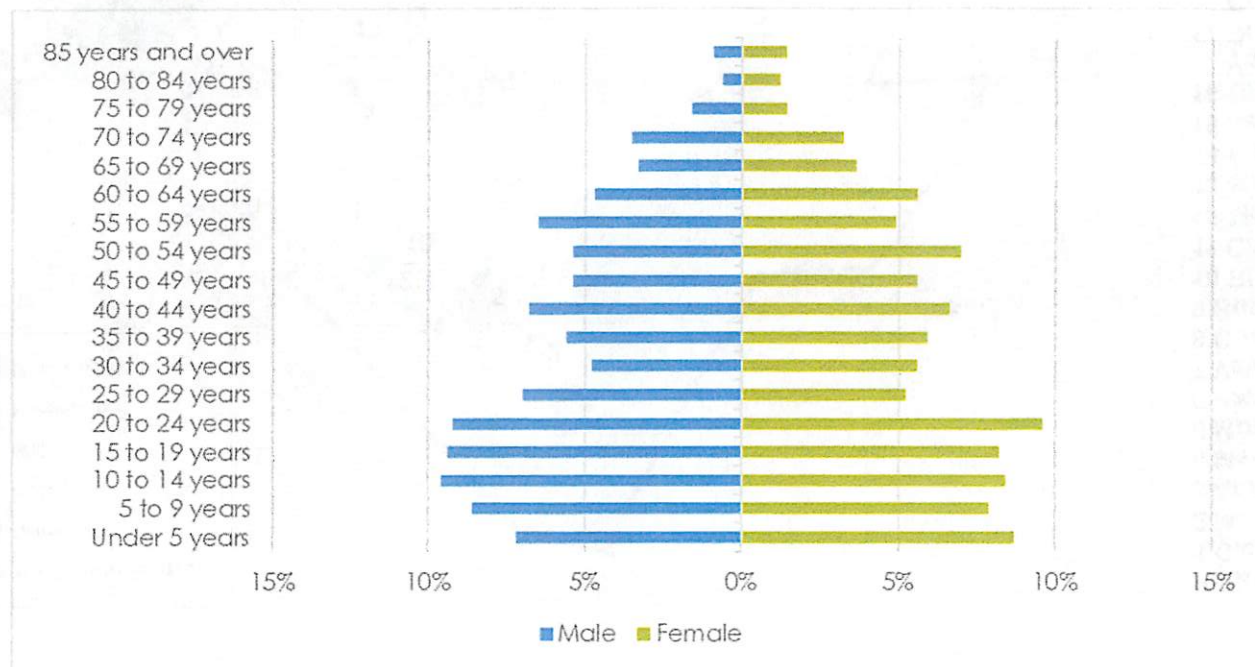
Park Key

- 1 Cielo Del Rio Park
- 2 Moon Park
- 3 Amistad Park
- 4 Mauro Rosas Park
- 5 Montreal Park
- 6 Paradise Park
- 7 Valle del Sol Park
- 8 Cougar Park
- 9 Bulldog Park
- 10 Rio Vista Park
- 11 Callisto Park
- 12 Memorial Park
- 13 Marina Park
- 14 Place Park
- 15 Jardin de Flores Park
- 16 Chayo Apodaca Youth Center
- 17 Rio Vista Community Center
- 18 Leonor Duran Park
- 19 Hidden Valley Park



Demographics

- Slow and steady population growth consistent with region (1-2% annually)
- Significant school age and senior population



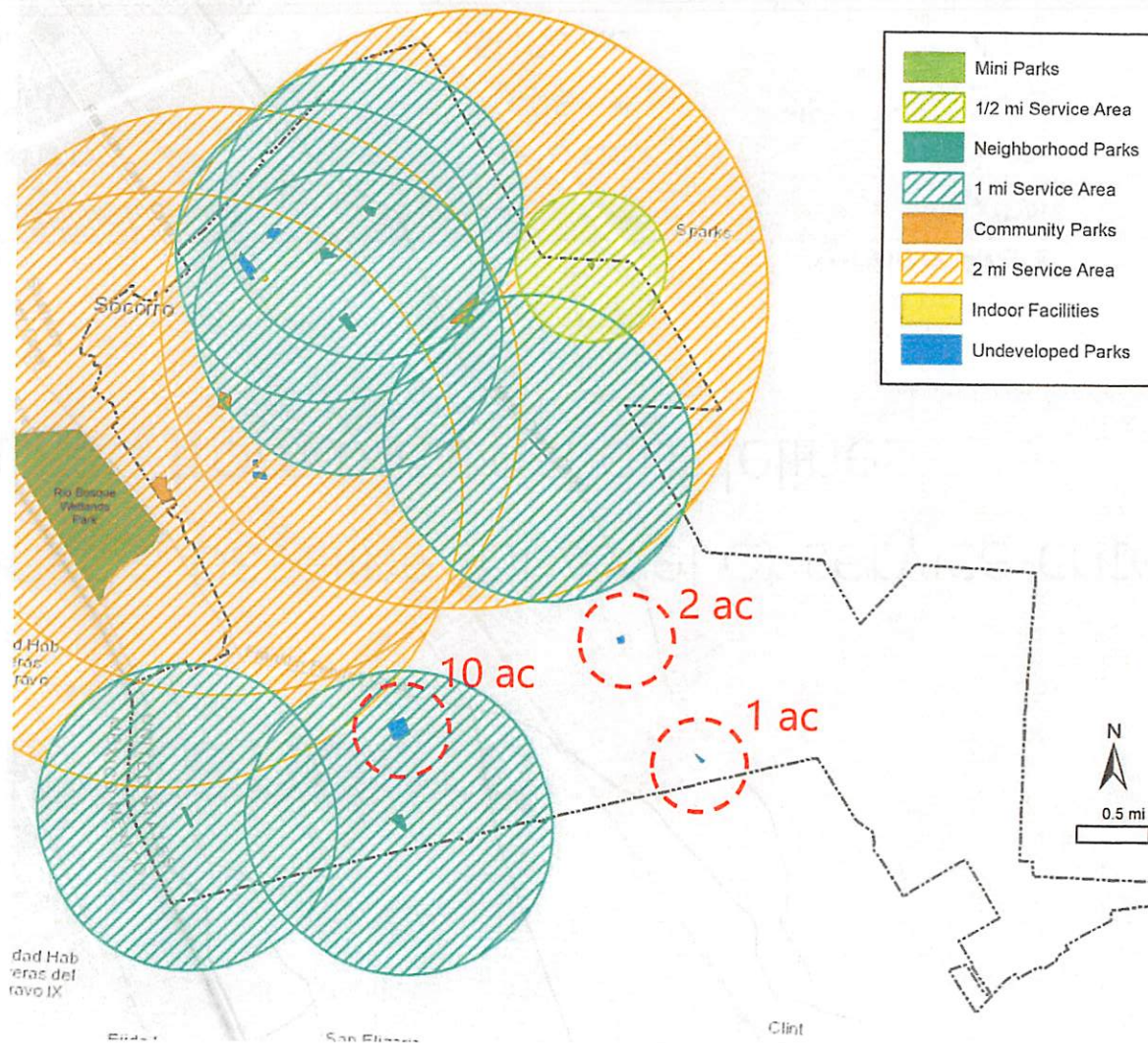
Park Standards

- Defines a baseline for level of service criteria
- Adapted from national guidelines

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

Service Radius Map

- Southeast is underserved by neighborhood and community parks
- 3 undeveloped park sites are in this area



Needs Assessment

- Demand-based
 - Public input meeting and online survey
- Standards-based
 - Comparison to level of services standards (park acres/1,000 population and distance to parks)
- Resource-based
 - Utilization of natural resources and unique assets
- Metrics-based
 - Peer benchmarking with similar communities

Demand-based assessment

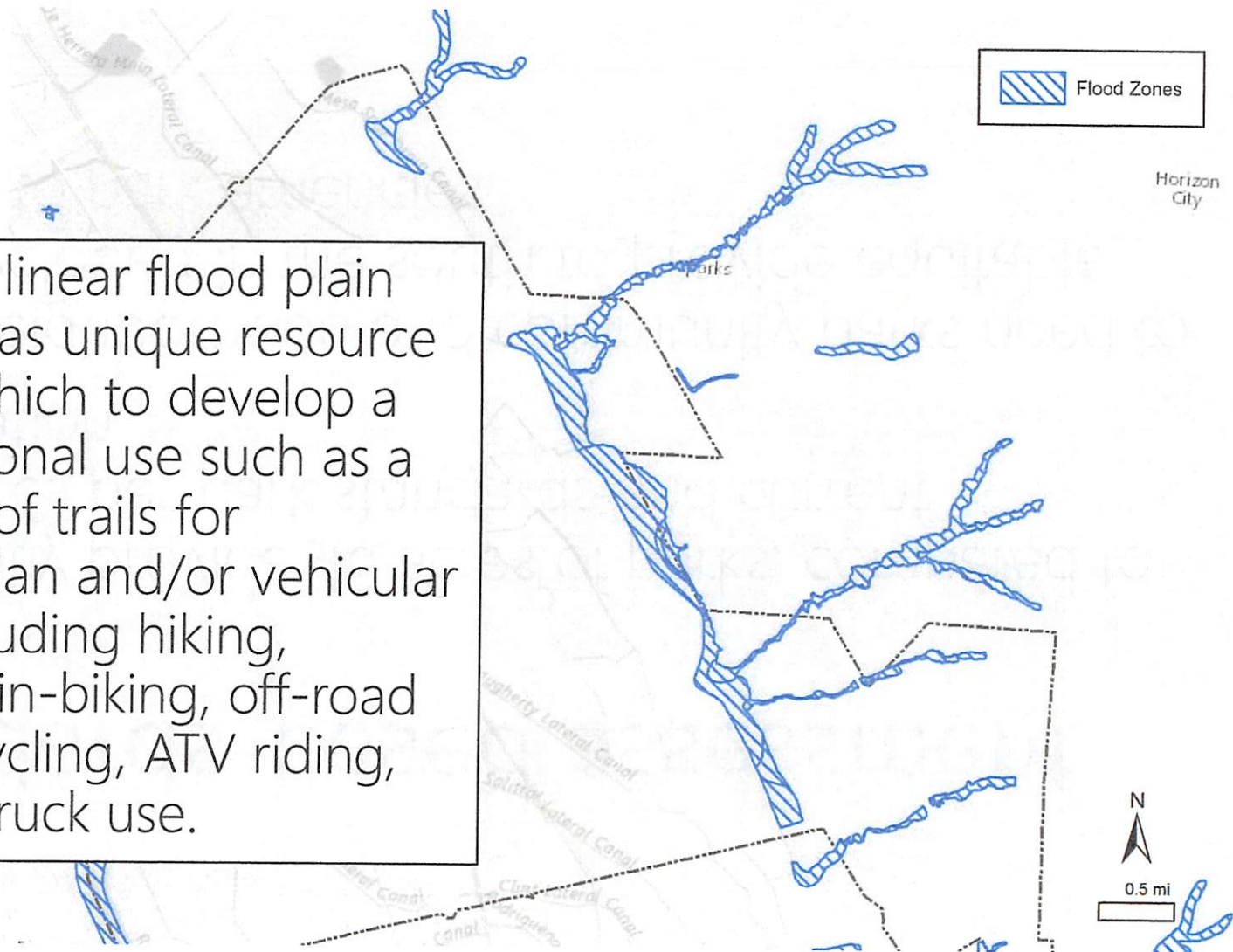
- Focus on providing safe, secure, and accessible parks for all residents
- Concern for lack of maintenance and declining quality of older park amenities
- Improvements requested included:
 - Site lighting
 - Replacement of play equipment and other worn down amenities
 - Concrete walking and biking trails
 - Neighborhood sidewalks
 - New parks in underserved areas

Standards-based assessment

- Currently provide 46 acres of parks, compared to 214 acres per park standards and current population
- New neighborhood and community parks need to be developed in the south to provide equitable access to park amenities

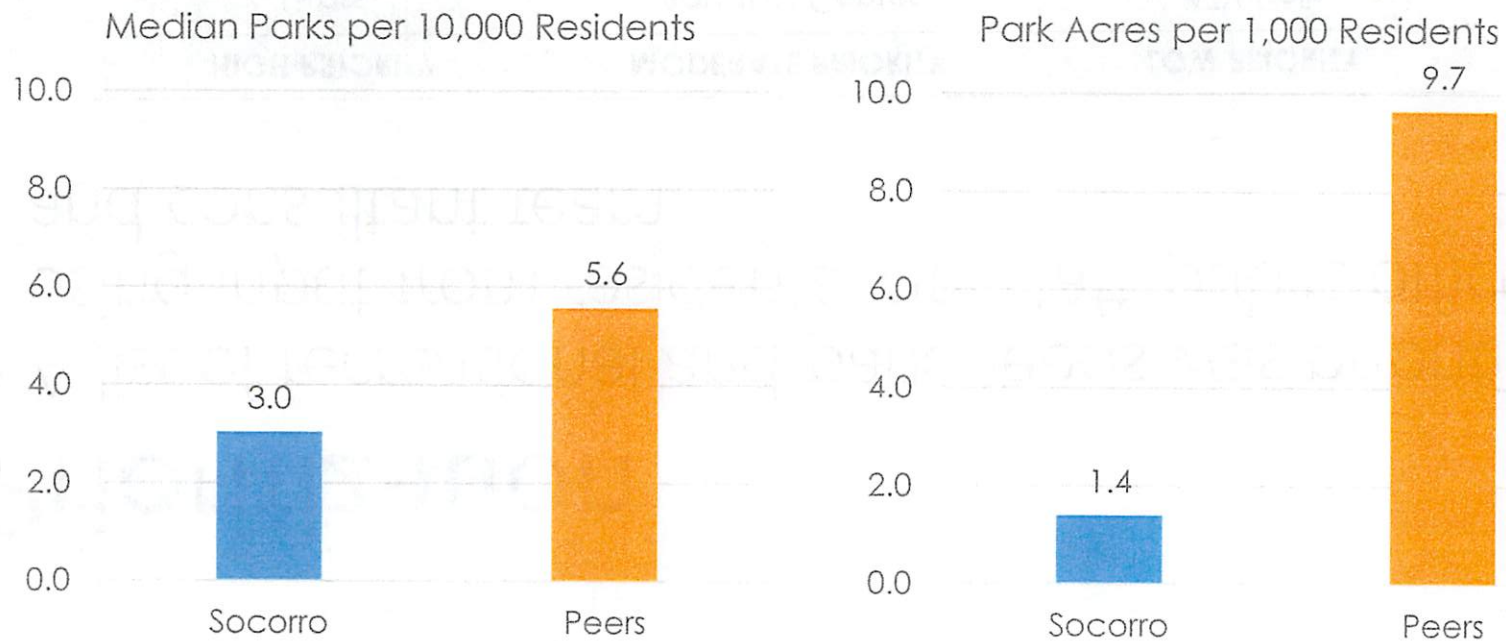
Resource-based assessment

Eastern linear flood plain zone is as unique resource upon which to develop a recreational use such as a system of trails for pedestrian and/or vehicular use including hiking, mountain-biking, off-road motorcycling, ATV riding, or 4x4 truck use.



Metrics-based assessment

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



Prioritization

- A list of recreational and park needs was prioritized using input from residents, city staff, public officials, and consultant team

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		

Proposed Improvements by Park

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Next Steps

- Park Master Plan needs to be formally adopted by resolution or ordinance to be eligible for Texas Parks and Wildlife grant funds

