



STAFF REPORT

September 13, 2005

TO: CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER
FROM: COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF A 15 - PASSENGER VAN

RECOMMENDATION

The City Council approve the purchase of a 2006 Ford 15 Passenger Van from Ramsey Street Ford in the amount of \$25,433.37.

DISCUSSION

In the 2005-06 budget the City Council allocated \$25,000 in General City funds for the purchase of a used 15-passenger van to be used by the City's Community Services and Recreation Departments. Staff sent out the bid specifications for the purchase of a 2005 used van, to five local Ford Dealers. The City was unable to receive any bids on a used 15-passenger van, however the City did receive two bids for new 2006 vans. The lowest bid was to Ramsey Ford in the amount of \$25,433.37, and the second bid was from Moss Brothers Ford in the amount of \$26,004.77. The \$25,433.37 is slightly higher than what the City paid for a used van last year.

The purchase price includes tax, license, and extended warranty plans. The extended warranty covers 5 years and 100,000 miles, while the standard warranty would only cover 3 years and 36,000 miles.

As for the old 1997 van, it has approximately 110,000 miles and will be kept within the City in the Public Works Department. Their Department will be using the van to transport staff and community service workers to and from their work sites. As for selling the van to Reach Out 29 and the Youth Club, they have reconsidered their needs and decided not to purchase it from us.

Therefore, Staff's recommendation for the Council is to approve the purchase of a new 2006 15-passenger van from Ramsey Ford in the amount of \$25,433.37.

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TO: CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER
FROM: COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: INSTALLATION OF ART PIECE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

The City Council approve the donation of a sculpture from Simi Dabah, to be installed on the Community Services Building.

DISCUSSION

In early July Simi Dabah contacted the City of Twentynine Palms regarding the donation of a piece of art that could be installed on the Community Services Center Building. (Parks and Recreation Building) Staff contacted Mr. Dabah, and mailed him a copy of the Public Art Advisory Commission's (PAAC) donation application.

After receiving the application and information requested, Staff contacted the PAAC and held a meeting to review the application, the donated sculpture, site, and installation. After reviewing the material, the project was approved 2-1 for City Council review and approval. Staff has contacted the local paper to run an article regarding the donation, and that the City is taking public comments regarding the sculpture during the next two weeks.

If approved by the Council, Mr. Dabah will donate and pay for the installation of the sculpture on the Community Services Building. A picture of the sculpture superimposed on the building is attached.

Therefore, the PAAC's recommendation is for the Council to approve the donation and installation of the sculpture on the Community Services Building by Mr. Simi Dabah.

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STAFF REPORT

SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

TO: CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

FROM: COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: APPROVAL AWARDING OF THE LUCKIE PARK POOL PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

The City Council approve awarding of the Luckie Park Pool Project to J.D. Stine Construction Inc., in the amount of \$391,865.00.

BACKGROUND

In summer of 2001, the City of Twentynine Palms was notified up by the San Bernardino County Health Department regarding the deterioration of the pool deck. The exposed aggregate in the concrete is an unhealthy environment for pool users. The San Bernardino County Health Department determined that the City needed to rectify the situation. A new deck was installed in the fall of 2001.

In late 2002 and early 2003, rainstorms had an adverse effect on the pool decks. Staff noticed that the recently resurfaced pool deck, starting bubbling and coming apart. The contractor was notified of the problem. The City also contacted the City's Insurance PARSAC, regarding the situation. Due to time constraints, with the summer season waiting to start, City Staff was unable to make any repairs to the pool deck.

Over the next year and half, PARSAC sent several experts out to look at the pool deck and try to figure out what caused the deck and the new surface to fail. During this time, Sundek offered to resurface the bad areas for a cost of approximately \$6,500. Not wanting to have the same results as before, the City waited for the answer from PARSAC. In the meantime, Sundek filed for bankruptcy.

The final analysis listed several possibilities why the resurfacing of the deck failed, from the contractor failing to apply a sealer before the application, to the vast amount of salt and calcium that were leaching up through the concrete. It was determined that the surest remedy to rectify the situation, would be to remove the existing concrete, and install a new concrete deck. In 2004, PARSAC settled with the City in the amount of \$60,000. City Staff temporary repaired the pool deck during the 2004, and 2005 swim seasons while waiting for the final results and analysis. In 2004, the City spent approximately \$70,000 in the replastering of the pool.

In the summer of 2005, City staff worked with Charles Abbott and Associates in drawing up the plans for the repairs of the Luckie Park Pool. In August, the bid package was sent out to the green sheet, and advertised locally. The bid included the removal of the old deck, lighting and fencing, and the installing of a new deck, block wall, wrought iron fence, lighting, and other miscellaneous items.

On August 25, the City held a job walk with five general contractors attending, and one specialized contractor, and on September 1, 2005 the City received two bids for the project. The first bid was from J.D. Stine Construction Inc. in the amount of \$421,865, and the second bid from South Coast Pool Plastering in the amount of \$449,480.

After reviewing the bids, the City determined it would be financially responsible by removing the dry well from both bids before awarding the contract. The cost of the dry well from J.D. Stine the lowest bidder was \$30,000. Staff recently had a dry well installed at Luckie Park for under \$5,000. Staff will contract the septic contractor to install the dry well. Therefore, the lowest bid would be to J. D. Stine in the amount of \$391,856. Staff is looking at, and considering other ways to reduce the cost of the project. Staff has attached a copy of the bid item sheet from J. D. Stine Construction Inc..

The funding for the project comes from three different sources, City general reserve funds, Community Development Block Grant, (CDBG) and Roberti-Z' Berg-Harris (RZH) State Grant funds. The City has \$35,000 in CDBG funds to do the exterior pool lights, and electrical, and \$100,000 in RZH funds for general work. This leaves \$256,865 needed from the City reserves to fund the project. Staff is however requesting Council to approve \$285,000 in City reserves, which will leave approximately 9% for any contingencies, minus the \$5,000 for the dry well.

Therefore, Staff's recommendation to the City Council is to approve the awarding of the Luckie Park Pool Project in the amount of \$391,865, to J. D. Stine Construction Inc., and permit Staff to execute the essential documents.

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TWENTYNINE PALMS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITORS BUREAU

MONTHLY RECAP REPORT: August, 2005

We have moved to Civic Center Drive, behind City Hall. The relocation was completed in one week! We sincerely appreciate those who were such a wonderful help during our relocation. Staff and visitors alike are enjoying the new facility. Take some time and come see the New Chamber.

Mr. Mel Berlin has agreed to take the responsibility of Treasurer as of August 8th, as Mr. David Selman has resigned his seat.

The Chamber Board of Directors is preparing for Annual Retreat on September 10 & 11 in Big Bear. Mr. Wayne Griffith, CEO Catalina Chamber will be our facilitator.

2005 Pioneer Days is coming together slow but sure. Entertainment lineup at this time: Thursday will be Karaoke, Battle of Bands on Friday evening and the Rattler's performing on Saturday evening.

VISITOR SERVICES

New information/publications available in the Visitor Center include:

- Chamber 29 News-August Edition;
- MCAGCC Triathlon
- Donate Life Grand-Prix
- Stephen's Memorial Charity Walk
- Star Party
- General Patton Museum
- 2005-2006 29 Palms Art Gallery Schedule
- Registration of retailers for Electronic Waste Material Program
- Morongo Basin Cultural Arts brochure
- SBA September Mgmt. Training Calendar
- Desert Institute At JTNP

Gift Shop -

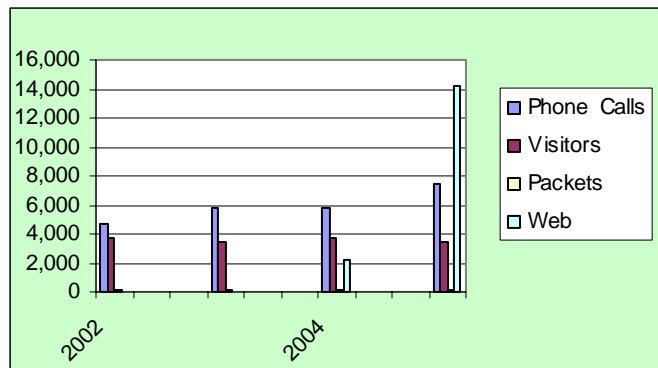
- Sales in Gift Shop for August \$26.00

August New Members: 1

Total Chamber Members: 2534
Contact Statistics: August 2005:
 Phone Calls: 741
 Visitors: 91
 Web Count: 1,605
 Information Packets Mailed: 7

YEAR TO DATE CONTACT STATISTICS

	Phone Calls	Visitors	Packets	Web Count
2002	4,651	3,660	154	0
2003	5,789	3,424	106	0
2004	5,846	3,756	131	2153
2005	7,477	3,479	81	14,238



MARKETING

- Preparing for submission of articles with information regarding the Twentynine Palms Airport to newspapers, magazines, and clubs;
- Preparing for submission articles pertaining to rock climbing to newspapers, magazines, and clubs;

TOURS, CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

- August 4, 2005 -Chamber Executive Meeting
- August 18, 2005-Chamber Board of Directors Meeting
- September 10 & 11, 2005 , Chamber Board Annual Retreat in Big Bear.

OTHER MARKETING

Chamber will capitalize event information regarding the following:

- Morongo Basin Open Studio Art Tours
- MCAGCC Triathlon
- Donate Life Grand Prix
- Mixer at Williams Insurance
- Star Party, 29 Palms Inn,
- Pioneer Days, October 13th 14th, 15th, 16th;
- Annual Old Timer's Gathering,
- Annual All States Square Dance
- Stephen's Memorial Walk,
- Condor Field Clampout
- Annual Furnace Creek 508 bike race in October. Sun Runner Editor, Steve Brown has agreed to do an extensive article;

The following articles highlighted Twentynine Palms area and events:

- *Clear night skies, stellar photos, Desert Sun,*
- *Why Twentynine Palms is important, Desert Sun*
- *Circle C Lodge, Focus on Business, The Sun*
- *Condor Field Clampout,*
- *What will keep the murals in Twentynine Palms from Fading Away, Desert Post Weekly*
- *Getting off the Ground, The Press Enterprise.*
- *A House in the Country, vitals 168*
- *U2 bandmembers sue for return Joshua Tree Tour memorabilia, Court TV*
- Continuing analysis of websites and publications concerning our area and their amenities are being critiqued and documented. New information has been provided to update the visit29.org website

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS:

MILITARY AFFAIRS

- M.A.C. Assistance Fund
The Chamber has continued to maintain a small fund of donated monies which has been set aside to assist military personnel and their families with urgent needs. Military personnel are eligible to apply for assistance upon referral from the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society.

EVENTS

- Morongo Basin Open Studio Art Tours
- MCAGCC Triathlon, October 1, 2005
- Donate Life Grand Prix, September 30-October 2, 2005
- Mixer at Williams Insurance, September 8, 2005,
- Star Party, 29 Palms Inn, September 10th
- Pioneer Days, October 13th 14th, 15th, 16th;
- Annual Old Timer's Gathering, October 15th;
- Annual All States Square Dance Weekend, October 14-15, 2005
- Stephen's Memorial Walk, October 8th, 2005,
- Condor Field Clampout, October 7,8 and 9, 2005
- Annual Furnace Creek 508 bike race in October. Sun Runner Editor, Steve Brown has agreed to do an extensive article;
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JUDGE AND SHERIFF KICK OFF MIXER, SEPTEMBER 8TH AT WILLIAMS INSURANCE SERVICES, ADOBE ROAD
5:30pm-7:30pm



**2005
Pioneer
Days,
October
13th
through**

October 16th at Luckie Park

All information subject to change

Tentative Schedule as of: 08/04/05

NEW THIS YEAR!

MOST EVENTS (except Mixers, Grand Marshal Luncheon, Mud Run & Stephen's Walk) will held at Luckie Park.

Thursday, September 8, 2005

5:30-7 p.m. September Mixer hosted by Williams Insurance Services, Inc.

Honorary Judge & Sheriff

Contest Begins!

Saturday, October 1, 2005

6:00 p.m. Little Miss & Master Contest- at the Oasis Elementary School

Thursday, October 6, 2005

5-7 p.m. Mixer hosted by Homestead Inn – Pioneer Days Kickoff

Honorary Judge and Sheriff

Contest Winners Announced

**Friday,
October 7,
2005**

11:30 a.m. Grand Marshal Luncheon at 29 Palms Inn

Saturday, October 8, 2005

5a.m. Stephen's Memorial Charity Walk- Begins and Ends at Luckie Park. 12 and 25 mile (5 mile for seniors and kids) charity walk benefits Morongo Basin Red Cross

Wednesday, October 12, 2005

Until 5 p.m. Last day for Carnival Pre-Sale Tickets

Honorary Judge & Sheriff

Contest Winners Announced

Thursday, October 13, 2005

4-10 p.m. Carnival Opens-Wristband

Night-Pay One Price; ride all night

7:00 p.m. Karaoke

Friday, October 14, 2005

4p.m.-12 a.m. Carnival

7:00 p.m. Battle of the Bands

Saturday, October 15, 2005

6:00-10 a.m. Firefighters Pancake Breakfast

10:00 a.m. PIONEER DAYS PARADE

12p.m.-12 a.m. Carnival

1 - 4 p.m. Children's Day- at Luckie Park
Special fun for kids under 12.

Games, activities, face painting,
inflatable jumpers, rescue
vehicles, and more!

2-4p.m. Cow Chip Bingo

2 -4 p.m. Old Timers Gathering at Old Schoolhouse Museum

4:00 p.m. Bucky Bucklin Memorial Arm Wrestling Tournament- at Luckie Park

7:00PM The Rattler's

Sunday October 16, 2005

7:30a.m. Mud Run-Hilltoppers

11a.m. Pet Parade-at Luckie Park

2-4p.m. Cow Chip Bingo-at Luckie Park

12-6 p.m. Carnival –Wristband Day

TBA 19th Annual Outhouse Races



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To: City Council
From: City Manager
Date: September 13, 2005
RE: PC 05-32, Acceptance of Final Map

RECOMMENDATION: Accept Parcel Map No. 17559 as having met conditions of approval and authorize its filing.

Discussion: Applicant Dawn Benton's tentative parcel map for a minor 2 lot subdivision located on one acre of land at Adobe Circle, APN 0618-172-07, was approved subject to conditions by the City Manager. The zoning for the two created parcels Single Family Residential— 4 units per acre thus a permitted use in this land use district.

Environmental Assessment

Based on the findings of the Initial Study, a Negative Declaration was issued and because the project does not impact wildlife resources, a De Minimis impact finding was made exempting the application from the California Department of Fish and Game environmental fee.

Approval

The City Council is the Approval Authority for the Final Parcel Map. In taking action to approve, the Council must find that the proposed subdivision, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the established conditions of approval and development. These are established during tentative map review and are guided by the General Plan and City Policy. Tentative Maps resulting in a subdivision of 5 parcels or more are 'major subdivisions' and are approved by the Planning Commission. Tentative Maps of 4 parcels or less are designated as minor subdivisions of land or 'parcel maps' and are approved by the Community Development Director. Because the subject property has the RS-4 General Plan land use designation, development of single-family residential units at a density of only two units per acre is consistent with the General Plan Land Use Plan.

The conditions of development are established at the time of approval of the tentative parcel map. The second phase of map is Final Map action by the Council, and is essentially ministerial in that they accept the map as being consistent with the conditions of approval. The City Engineer's memo, attached, indicates that all dedications and public infrastructure necessary to the map have been provided. The Council is obligated to accept the map when it meets the conditions of approval.

Attachments

- Application
- Conditions of approval
- Negative Declaration
- De Minimis Impact Finding
- Initial Study
- Site Map



STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: City Manager
Date: 09132005

Subject: Public Arts Advisory Committee Selection

Recommendation: Appoint a two member Council subcommittee to review the applications and make recommendation to the City Council

Discussion: The Public Arts Policy provides a means for the Council to accept donations, loans of art and establish a committee of Twentynine Palms residents who would review art proposed to the City by donors and make recommendations to the Council regarding acceptance and the conditions of acceptance. The quality of the art, location, and purpose would be analyzed by the Committee who would make findings and a recommendation to the City Council as to the appropriateness of the art display. It would enable the City to have displays of paintings, sculptures etc. in City Parks and public buildings.

There is one vacancy on the Public Arts Advisory Committee. Council is requested to appoint a two member Council subcommittee to review the applications and make a recommendation to the Council for the committee member's appointment. The application period ends September 15, 2005. The subcommittee would bring their recommendation to the Council at the next meeting, September 27th.

Attachment: Press Release