

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Michael Spurgeon, City Manager
Date: July 28, 2017
Re: Notes to Council

1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

- Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Report – June 2017

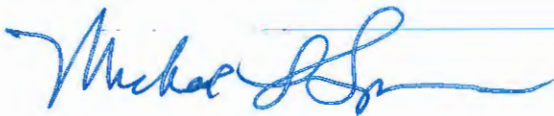
2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION

- Press Release – Drop It & Drive Signs
- Press Release – Illegal Gaming Resolution
- News Articles: New Turf at Nienhuis, Drop It & Drive Signs, South BA Development

3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

- N/A

Respectfully submitted,



Michael L. Spurgeon

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Attachments

1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION



To: Kenneth Schwab, Assistant City Manager - Operations

**From:** Scott Esmond, Director Parks and Recreation

CC: Jennifer Hooks, Gail Kirk

Date: July 21st, 2017

Re: June 2017 Monthly Report

Please find enclosed the June 2017 Monthly Report for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Please contact Scott Esmond if you have any questions.

Encl: June 2017 Monthly Report



Parks and Recreation Department

June 2017 Monthly Report

DIRECTOR - PARKS AND RECREATION

- Met with Water and Sewer Department Director and Engineering Project Manager regarding water and sewer installations for three park restrooms; 2014 GO Bond projects.
- Attended City Manager's weekly staff meetings.
- Attended Assistant City Manager of Operations' weekly staff meetings.
- Attended City Council meetings.
- Held one manager's annual performance review.
- Met with an architect and Engineering staff to discuss scope of Veterans Park project.
- Attended a final plan review for three new restrooms to be constructed; 2014 GO Bond projects.
- Held weekly staff meetings with Park staff.
- Attended Project Coordination meetings.
- Assisted another department regarding a personnel matter.
- Met with Recreation Manager to discuss various recreation division items.
- Met with GIS implementation team and consultant. Planning to go live with the park GIS on July 27, 2017.
- Met with Assistant City Manager of Operations and Engineering staff to discuss the implementation of pedestrian and bicycle trail plans.
- Attended Nienhuis Park synthetic turf field's project final walkthrough.
- Did interview with City's videographer regarding upcoming park projects.
- Met with Engineering, Building Maintenance, and Recreation staff regarding the plan for Nienhuis Park Community Center floors.
- Met with City Manager's Office regarding the PepsiCo recycling program implementation.

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- Met with consultant and Engineering staff to review 90% plans for the Events Park playground and picnic shelters; 2014 GO Bond projects.
- Met with consultant and Engineering staff to review 90% plans for the Battle Creek Golf Course covered walkway and patio extension; 2014 GO Bond project.
- Met with Communications Director to discuss ways that the Communications Department can assist the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Met with Engineering staff to discuss the architect's proposal and fee for creating plans and specifications, and project coordination for the Memorial Park.
- Met with staff and Councilwoman Wimpee regarding onboarding meeting at the History Museum.
- Attended preconstruction meeting for new soccer field lighting at Indian Springs Sports Complex (ISSC); 2014 GO Bond project.
- Met with Engineering Department Manager to discuss project planning for FY 2018 Park and Recreation Department projects.

BATTLE CREEK GOLF CLUB (BCGC)



GENERAL

- June was a very successful month, total revenues were \$204,720 compared to budgeted revenues of \$184,687. The total revenues were \$21,543 more than last year's total of \$183,177 for June.
- Course conditions are excellent with the greens rolling smoothly and all fairways, roughs, surrounds, and tees mowed out on a weekly basis to make the course look clean and uniform.

GOLF OPERATIONS

- Merchandise sales were 8.7% over budgeted sales and can be directly attributed to the increased foot traffic during the month as well as a significant increase in tournament rounds. BCGC had four tournaments reschedule or canceled which caused a reduction of expected revenue as well.
- BCGC hosted 13 outside events which brought in a total of 674 tournament rounds. This was 200 rounds over budget and brought in over \$28,000 in revenue. BCGC has begun to develop a reputation across the state as a fun, inviting venue to host charity fundraisers.
- Membership revenues were \$10,000 over budget and can be attributed to the condition of the golf course, customer service, and improved amenities over the past couple years. During the fiscal year, BCGC overall memberships have increased.

COURSE MAINTENANCE

- BCGC had a total of .5 inches of rainfall for the month. Temperatures ranged from the mid to upper 90's for highs and the mid 60's for overnight lows.
- The maintenance team accomplished many tasks this month to improve or continue to provide excellent playing conditions of the golf course. These tasks included:
 - Scheduled weekly mowing of all playing areas of the course.
 - Core aerified tee boxes and high traffic areas to improve water penetration and air circulation.
 - Sprayed wetting agents to tee boxes, green surrounds, and fairways to extend the time intervals between watering of these areas.
 - Irrigation repairs as needed.
 - Sprayed greens with fungicides, plant growth regulators, and insecticides as needed.
 - Sprayed plant growth regulators to tees, green surrounds, and fairways to limit clippings on these areas.
 - Needle tined all greens to improve oxygen exchange throughout the profile and improve water infiltration.
 - Edged all bunkers, mowed all native areas, hand watered greens where needed daily.
- July, continue seasonal mowing schedules as well as edging bunkers and all trim work, hand syringe greens with water as needed as the temperatures will continue to be extremely hot.

MONTHLY SUMMARY

- June rounds were 107 more total rounds to budget and 219 more than last year.

<u>June Rounds</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Actual</u>
PUBLIC ROUNDS	750	732	731
TOURNAMENT	475	437	674
MEMBER	1,500	1,702	1,645
BATTLE CARD	350	313	262
TWILIGHT	775	633	681
MISC.	215	172	179
MEMBER GUEST	280	244	280
TOTAL ROUNDS	4,345	4,233	4,452

MONTHLY GROSS REVENUE

- June total revenue was \$204,720 for the month, which was \$17,681 more than budgeted revenues.

	<u>JUNE Budget</u>	<u>JUNE Prior Year</u>	<u>JUNE Actual</u>
DUES & FEES	32,000	36,746	42,131
GREEN FEES	71,176	62,674	73,225
CART FEES	22,973	20,950	24,514

MERCHANDISE	16,728	17,730	18,322
OTHER GOLF COURSE SERVICES	11,050	12,184	12,804
FOOD & BEVERAGES	33,112	32,893	33,724
	187,039	183,177	204,720

BANQUET FACILITY USAGE REPORT

June	Event	\$
4 th	Event/Party	300.00
17 th	Event/Party	225.00
23 rd	Wedding Reception	1,570.00
25 th	Event/Party	300.00
	Total Banquet Revenue	\$ 2,395.00

BANQUET

- Started working with Weddings of Tulsa in advertising BCGC booth space for promoting BCGC banquet facility for future brides looking for a reception venue.

GRILL

- June was a busy month with 13 hosted tournaments. Each tournament was presented with a tournament buffet by the Food & Beverage staff.

SPECIAL EVENTS DIVISION

COMMUNITY EVENT MANAGER

- Attended weekly staff meetings.
- Received, processed, and reviewed several applications for events taking place in 2017.
- Attended Rose District Farmers Market on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Attended Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training held by Risk Management.
- Attended Wine, Eats & Easels meeting.
- Prepared for Folk Art and Woodcarving event.
- Prepared for, planned, and attended Special Events Committee meetings.
- Attended Taste of Summer planning meetings.
- Attended all 4 Thursday Music events.

- Prepared for and attended all 4 Tuesdays in the Park events.
- Met with Caribbean group to consider a multi-cultural event in Broken Arrow.
- Prepared for and attended Taste of Summer.
- Met with Ice Rink contractor to begin planning for 2017-18 Ice Rink.
- Attended GreenCity GIS training.
- Attended several meetings with Gatesway Committee to discuss planning of event.
- Met with Rose Festival organizers to set date for 2018 event.
- Prepared for and attended Subi Bike Race (replacement for Race the Rose cancellation).
- Met with Chalk It Up committee to finalize the site plan and check on status of talent being hired for the event.
- Attended meeting with event organizers and Police Department concerning a block party; discussed road closure request.
- Began planning marketing strategies for Tuesday's Rose District Farmers Market.
- Attended Chamber of Commerce "Night at the Movies" event.
- Began planning and booking entertainment for the Rose District Farmers Market.
- Continued training, Farmers Market Coordinator and Events Assistant.

RECREATION DIVISION

RECREATION MANAGER

- Attended Special Events Committee meeting.
- Attended Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) class "Fire Protection and Road Closures" held by Risk Management.
- Attended all in-service meetings with Seasonal Lifeguards; bi-weekly meetings held at Nienhuis Aquatic Facility on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Lifeguard skills were practiced; whistle counts, back boarding, Emergency Action Plans, and entering the water from lifeguard stands. Customer service technics were discussed as well as best practices for conflict resolution. Q&A (Question and Answer) section was held at the end of each in-service.
- Attended all Lead Lifeguard bi-weekly meetings at Nienhuis Park Community Center. Discussion included, holding staff accountable for their assigned duties, policies and procedures regarding tardiness.
- Attended GreenCityGIS meeting.

- Attended and assisted with setup of the Employee Appreciation Luncheon held at Nienhuis Park Community Center.
- Attended Parks and Recreation Director's meeting concerning floors at Nienhuis Park Community Center.
- Conducted meeting with Nienhuis Park Community Center Supervisor and United Methodist Church Event Coordinator regarding SandDazzle and Back to School Bash events.
- Conducted Center Supervisor meeting regarding National Parks and Recreation Month activities. Conducted monthly supervisor meeting; disseminated information from Parks and Recreation Director and discussed end of summer activities and plans.
- Met with Communications Director and Broken Arrow Youth Football Administrative Assistant regarding ribbon cutting for the new artificial turf fields located at Nienhuis Park.

CENTRAL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

- Total visitors logged were 2,560 which is an increase of 30 compared to May.
- Central Park Community Center staff welcomed two new Part-Time Recreation Assistants.
- Fishing Derby was held at the Events Park with an estimated attendance of 250. News on 6 was the main sponsor of this event. Zebco provided hats and raffle prizes to those in attendance. Broken Arrow Optimist Club provided free hotdogs with all the fixings.
- Folk Art Festival & Woodcarvers event was held at Central Park Community Center. Estimated attendance was 500. Folk Art & Woodcarvers staff were easy to work with and helpful.
- Center Supervisor attended Occupational Safety and Health Administration training for Fire Protection and Temporary Road Closures held by Risk Management.
- Taste of Summer event was held in Central Park. Estimated attendance was 15,000. Next year, more information will be needed from the Broken Arrow Chamber concerning usage of the Community Center and setup.
- Attended Center Supervisor meeting concerning National Parks and Recreation Month activities. Attended monthly Center Supervisor meeting.
- Center Supervisor and Recreation Assistants attended and assisted with setup of the Employee Appreciation Luncheon held at Nienhuis Park Community Center.

NIENHUIS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

- Logged visitors for June were 2,583 which is an increase of 49 compared to May.
- Broken Arrow Volleyball Club started their summer season which will run through July.
- Tickets went on sale for the annual Mom & Son Luau. Preparations in final stage and supplies ordered for this event.

- Center Supervisor and Recreation Assistants attended the City's Employee Appreciation Luncheon held at Nienhuis Park Community Center. Nienhuis Park and Central Park staff assisted in the set up and tear down of the event. Employee Advisory Committee loved the location and are looking to hold future events at Nienhuis Park Community Center.
- Attended meeting regarding Nienhuis Park Community Center flooring options. Parks and Recreation Director, Recreation Manager, General Services Director and Building Maintenance Manager were in attendance.
- Attended Center Supervisor meeting concerning National Parks and Recreation Month activities for July.
- Conducted Nienhuis Park staff meeting regarding upcoming events and housekeeping.

RAY HARRAL NATURE CENTER

- Estimated total number of visitors in the Nature Center were 1,727 which is an increase of 60 compared to May.
- Ray Harral Nature Center classroom held 5 various parties during the month.
- Park Art was hosted by the Nature Center staff with 3 participants and 3 family members. This program allowed participants to create crafts from provided supplies and items provided by nature in the park.
- Ray Harral Nature Center Community Classroom series presented, "Is Beekeeping for Me" with 15 in attendance. A speaker from Northeastern Oklahoma Beekeepers Association explained the process and investments necessary for one's own successful beekeeping operation.
- Tulsa County Library, with their mobile "Imagination Station", hosted Ray Harral's Story Time with an estimated 63 participants.
- A Broken Arrow Daisy Girl Scout Troop with 20 in attendance, enjoyed a nature lesson and a guided hike by staff.
- Twilight Hike was held with 30 participants which included family members. Staff held a class, which discussed the wilderness at night, and a guided hike was given. The event concluded with s'mores for everyone that attended.
- Nature Center Supervisor and Recreation Assistant attended the City's Employee Appreciation Luncheon at Nienhuis Park Community Center.
- Recreation Assistant led a free guided hike, which was open to the public, through Ray Harral Nature Park with 8 individuals. The purpose of this hike was to give the public an opportunity to learn the history of the park.
- Broken Arrow Police Department hosted a "First Time Offender" program. This program brought juveniles out to the Nature Park to remove graffiti and pick up trash along the trails.

PARKS MAINTENANCE DIVISION

PARKS MAINTENANCE MANAGER

- Attended Director's weekly staff meeting.
- Conducted staff meetings with Park Maintenance Division Supervisors.
- Parks Manager and staff attended Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OHSA) 10/30 construction training conducted by Risk Management.
- Monitored ongoing park projects:
 - Streetscapes Phase IV: Contractor completed irrigation and rose planters between College Street and Detroit Street. City vendor installed final rose plants in these planters. Landscaping beds being prepared for planting.
 - Nienhuis Football Sports Turf: Goalpost installations complete, and non-play areas have been sodded. Punch list provided to contractor. Minor cleanup remaining, (4) in-ground hydrants need to be installed, turf maintenance training needs to be scheduled, and parking lot repairs to be completed by July 15th.
 - ISSC Renovation Project: Plans under design with construction planned to begin in fall 2017.
 - IWF: Still waiting on resolution to water cannon issue. Contractor replaced chemical tubing line that failed due to use of an incompatible metal fitting into the chemical acid tubing. Contractor cleaned vertical jet screens, and this corrected height issue with most of the jets.
 - GreenCityGIS: Collecting new data in Rose District and other parks. Uploading into system.
 - Indian Springs Soccer Field lighting: Pre-construction meeting held. Waiting on contractors' timeline for construction.
 - Cooper Creek Playground Refurbishment: New swing set has been installed. Playground work is complete.
 - Country Aire Playground Replacement: Preliminary design meeting complete.
 - Leisure Park New Splash Pad and Replacement Playground: Preliminary design meeting complete.
 - Rose West Dog Park and Liberty Trail Restrooms: Pre-final design meeting complete and preparing for bid.
 - Veterans Park Community Building: Waiting on funding by Veterans groups.
 - Events Park Restroom, Playground, and Pavilions: Preliminary design review complete and final design underway.
 - Events Park Third Access Road: Project bid and awarded. Waiting on pre-construction meeting.
 - Arrowhead Shade Structures: Contractor completed two west fields shade structures and started on east two fields. Working around June tournaments with goal to be complete by July 6th tournament.
- Monitored mowing and pond maintenance contracts.
- Worked with Human Resources to post vacant Park Maintenance Worker position and new FY '18 Crewleader position. Candidates for Park Maintenance Worker position have been selected and waiting on background checks. Crewleader position in approval stages.

- Attended meeting with design firm to review Events Park playground and pavilions plans.
- Attended GreenCityGIS status and update meeting.
- Attended City-wide project meetings.
- Met with Engineering/Construction Manager to review contract sidewalk work needed to access the new shelters at Morrow Park.
- Attended final punch list meeting on the Nienhuis Synthetic Turf project.
- Met with Stormwater Manager and Stormwater personnel to discuss issues related to the new Agriculture Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AgPDES) Pesticide General Permit. There are no new requirements that will affect current Park Maintenance practices.
- Attended Rose District sound system training meeting at the Rose District Farmers Market.
- Completed Family Medical Leave Act paperwork for maintenance personnel as required.
- Ordered two replacement playground slides for Central Park.
- Provided equipment specification for a replacement wide area mower in the FY '18 budget.
- Renewed rose maintenance contract with current Phase III contractor. Phase III and Phase IV planters will be re-bid next year as one single contract. One year of maintenance was included in the rose installation quote for the Phase IV site and will be effective until May 2018.
- Contractor has installed new color system on the tennis courts at Morrow Park. Work on the Vandever courts will start around July 1st.
- Purchased new chemical controller for Family Aquatic Center. Existing controller would not function correctly and warranty repairs had a 2-3 week lead time. New controller was installed, and old controller was sent back to manufacturer for repair. This allows a backup controller in inventory.
- Contractor completed inter-sprigging of Astro Bermuda grass on 4.5 acres of soccer field turf.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SECTION

- Performed monthly playground inspections. Removed existing tire swing at Copper Creek, and installed new inclusive/therapeutic saucer swing. Installed additional surfacing under new swing.
- Performed daily chemical and filtration check on all pools. Adjusted chemical as needed. Re-installed repaired chemical controller at Nienhuis Aquatic Facility, and returned loaner to vendor. Assisted vendor with installation of new chemical controller at Family Aquatic Center. Returned old controller to vendor for warranty repairs.

- Performed daily checks on the Interactive Water Feature (IWF). Chemicals were checked twice daily, and cartridge filters cleaned every two weeks. Removed and cleaned spin filter screens on feature pumps. Worked with Safety Coordinator and water plant personnel to cleanup chemical leak inside the chemical cabinet. Leak was the result of a failure of two parts. New parts were installed by Park Maintenance staff and construction contractor.
- Lowered and raised department flags as required during the month.
- Constructed two new, single-table picnic shelters at Morrow Park. Placed new picnic tables were installed under shelters.
- Checked splash pads daily. Replaced activation switches on Sieling Splash Pad, and valve diaphragm kit on Rockwood West Splash Pad.
- Assisted with stage setup and teardown for Tuesday concerts in Central Park.
- Cleaned Nienhuis pond aerator.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SECTION

- Removed litter from parks and cleaned outdoor restrooms daily. Performing janitorial duties to the Rose District Farmers Market and Jackson Park restroom twice a day.
- Performed janitorial duties at the Camino Villa Park Building weekly.
- Routine trail and park mowing. Performed 136 mowing cycles to 37 sites during the month. Contractor mowing 8 park sites weekly.
- Filled in ruts/depression created during Rooster Days prior to the Tuesday concerts. Still have ruts to address in back of park as work schedule allows.
- Performed trail maintenance and inspections on the Liberty Trail; debris/mud removal, herbicide applications, etc.
- Athletic fields were mowed 2-3 times per week as need.
- Prepared Central Park for Taste of Summer event. Stage was relocated in park, portable bleachers were hauled in and setup, sand was delivered to treasure hunt location. All equipment was removed or returned to its' original location after the event.
- Cleared debris from walking trails at Ray Herral Nature Park.
- Hauled and removed tables/chairs for the City's Employees Appreciation Luncheon.
- Aerated and sand top-dressed the softball fields at Arrowhead Park.
- Fertilized all athletic fields at Indian Springs Sports Complex (ISSC).
- Painted soccer fields still in use, and spot marked boundary lines on fields not being used in order not to lose all field markings.

- Repaired two scoreboards at Al Graham Complex that were apparently damaged by lightning. Both control modules were damaged, and all LED light boards on one scoreboard had to be replaced.
- Reconnected irrigation wiring cut by the contractor installing the football complex synthetic turf. Tested system after repairs for proper operation and water leaks.
- Installed new scoreboard data cable to Nienhuis football fields 2 & 3. Cable was not include in the synthetic field construction project.
- Performed routine irrigation repairs and replacement on systems at ISSC and Arrowhead Park.

HORTICULTURE/FORESTRY SECTION

- Conducted routine daily maintenance in the Rose District; removed litter, blew debris from sidewalk, weeded beds, checked irrigation, etc.
- Horticulturist monitored contractor providing maintenance to rose plants in the Rose District and Centennial Park.
- Worked with local arborist to remove trees from football complex prior to the contractor installing sod.
- Troubleshooting irrigation problems with contractor on the north block of the Rose District Phase IV prior to installing hanging baskets. Installed hanging baskets after problems had been resolved.
- Trimmed new holly trees in the Rose District Plaza.
- Collecting GIS data on Rose District trees.
- Removed downed limbs in Lions Park.
- Mulched beds in the Rose District.
- Monitored contractor's rose plant installations between College and Detroit Streets.
- Continue with routine tree pruning throughout park system. Raising limb height as needed and removing deadwood.
- Weeding landscape areas as needed.
- Performed routine trimming of shrubs in all landscape areas.
- Removed winter annuals in preparation of spring/summer installations.
- Nienhuis Rose Garden, installed replacement rose bushes.

2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION



PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Krista Flasch
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City of BA and School District Join “Drop It & Drive” Campaign

Awareness effort started by mother of Owasso teacher killed in rear-end collision

Broken Arrow, Okla. (7/24/17) – The City of Broken Arrow and Broken Arrow Public Schools are raising awareness of distracted driving by installing “Drop It & Drive” signs in school zones throughout the city. City employees will install the signs before school starts in mid-August.

City and school officials will announce the partnership on Wednesday, July 26 at 9:30 a.m. in front of Broken Arrow High School, 1901 E. Albany Street.

Broken Arrow now joins other local communities and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) in the effort to curb distracted driving.

Gail Lambert created the signs in memory of her daughter, Bobbi White, a Broken Arrow High School graduate and Owasso teacher. White died last year, after a driver rear-ended her in a construction zone on U.S. 169. The driver, Scott Alan Smith, was charged with manslaughter last year and pleaded guilty on June 26, 2017. His sentencing is scheduled for Friday, July 28.

“Students and distracted driving were big concerns to my daughter,” Lambert said. “I felt I had to take action to make sure nobody else loses a loved over something that could’ve been prevented.”

She said many schools have volunteered to join the partnership, along with 43 cities in Oklahoma.

“People are ready for a change,” Lambert said.

WHAT: Announcement of Drop It & Drive signs in Broken Arrow
WHEN: Wednesday, July 26 at 9:30 a.m.
WHERE: Broken Arrow High School, 1901 E. Albany Street

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**DROP IT
& DRIVE**



**#BOBBIWHITE
#DISTRACTEDDRIVING**

PRESS RELEASE

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Resolution Opposing Illegal Gaming on August 1 Agenda

Broken Arrow, Okla. (7/28/17) – The City Council at its August 1 meeting is expected to approve a resolution opposing illegal gaming in Broken Arrow.

The Council is taking action in response to rumors that gaming machines will be installed and operated at the Embers Grill, a restaurant located on a Muscogee Creek Nation Allotment south of the Creek Turnpike and west of Olive Street. The restaurant is scheduled to open in August of this year. Speculation has been fueled by representatives of the Embers Grill about the recruitment of individuals with prior gaming experience.

City leaders have been told that the Muscogee Creek Nation has jurisdiction and, as such, regulates the issuance of permits to game at this location.

Additionally, the City has retained the services of attorney Stephen Bugg, to assist with matters related to illegal gaming at the site. The resolution authorizes Bugg to notify the National Indian Gaming Commission of the Council's objection to illegal gaming on the Allotment, and to notify the Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor General and the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Council's objection to the approval of any agreements that would involve illegal gaming.

The resolution also recognizes the Creek Nation leadership's efforts to address illegal gaming on the site and willingness to work together on matters of common interest and public safety.

A copy of the resolution is attached.

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 220 S. First Street in Broken Arrow.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1039

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OBJECTION TO ILLEGAL GAMING ON A MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ALLOTMENT OWNED BY BIM “STEVE” BRUNER, AND LOCATED BETWEEN THE CREEK TURNPIKE AND TUCSON STREET, WEST OF OLIVE STREET, IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA (THE “BRUNER ALLOTMENT”); EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION FOR TAKING MEASURES TO INVESTIGATE AND ADDRESS ILLEGAL GAMING WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION; AUTHORIZING STEPHEN BUGG, ATTORNEY AT LAW, TO NOTIFY THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION (THE “NIGC”) OF THE COUNCIL’S OBJECTION TO ILLEGAL GAMING ON THE BRUNER ALLOTMENT, AND ALSO TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR AND THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OF THE CITY COUNCIL’S OBJECTION TO ILLEGAL GAMING ON THE BRUNER ALLOTMENT; AND APROVAL OF AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS REASONABLY NECESSARY TO ASSIST WITH ADDRESSING ILLEGAL GAMING ON THE BRUNER ALLOTMENT AND TO WORK TO ADDRESS ALL MATTERS OF CONCERN REGARDING DEVELOPMENT ON THE BRUNER ALLOTMENT THAT RELATE TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF THE BROKEN ARROW

WHEREAS, in August of 2016 the City of Broken Arrow (“City”) received a request from Dave Sanders (“Sanders”), a Civil Engineer with Sanders Engineering, Inc., to meet regarding a proposed dance hall and restaurant (“proposed development”) located on a Muscogee (Creek) Nation Allotment, held in restricted status and owned by Steve Bruner (“Bruner”), located South of the Creek Turnpike and West of Olive (South 129th East Avenue), referred to as the “Bruner Allotment;” and

WHEREAS, Sanders relayed to the City the proposed development would be serviced by on-site well water, on-site wastewater facility, and a storm water detention pond; and

WHEREAS, Sanders indicated he was not seeking access to any City infrastructure or utilities, but further indicated a willingness to work with City Inspectors and comply with all City Building Codes; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the meeting, Bruner indicated a possibility that Class 2 Gaming Machines would be included as part of the operation of the proposed development, although a final decision with regard to gaming had not been made; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2016, the proposed development was placed on the City Council agenda for an update and discussion; and

WHEREAS, Bruner declined the opportunity to make a formal presentation to the City Council due to his belief that said presentation was premature; and

WHEREAS, a number of concerned citizens attended the Council meeting in order to protest the possibility of gaming on the Bruner Allotment; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney and the Economic Development Coordinator met with Bruner and his representatives on at least two occasions, at which meetings schematics of the proposed development were provided for review; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the meeting, City Staff was told that the plans were conceptual, but included an apartment complex, a full-service hotel, an outdoor event area, as well as retail and other commercial businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, the former Vice-Mayor, and the City Manager met with Bruner and Bruner's attorney to discuss the proposed development on the Bruner Allotment; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the meeting, the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and City Manager were allowed to review conceptual drawings of the proposed development, and also, at which time, the Mayor repeatedly emphasized his opposition to illegal gaming on the Bruner Allotment.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Manager met with Jared Cawley, an attorney working with citizen groups opposed to gaming in the City of Broken Arrow, where the Mayor and City Manager emphasized opposition to illegal gaming within the City of Broken Arrow; and

WHEREAS, the *Tulsa World* has published several articles surrounding a variety of issues concerning the proposed development, said articles including discussions about Luis Figueredo ("Figueredo"), an out-of-state attorney intimately involved with a prior Casino project located to the North of the proposed development on another Muscogee (Creek) Allotment; and

WHEREAS, the *Tulsa World* articles also indicated that the Kialegee Tribal Town sent notice to the National Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC") of its intent to license a gaming facility on the Bruner Allotment, receipt of which has since been confirmed by the NIGC; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2017, the Mayor, the City Manager, and the City Attorney met with officials of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, including the Principal Chief, the Speaker of the National Council, the Attorney General, and the First Assistant Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, officials of the Nation affirmed the Nation's opposition to the conduct of illegal gaming and its continued commitment to pursue all available means necessary to prevent unlicensed gaming, and discussed other matters of common interest and public safety including fire protection, emergency medical services, law enforcement, and building and food safety inspection; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is appreciative of the efforts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation leadership to address illegal gaming on the Bruner Allotment and also their willingness to work together on matters of common interest and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City retained the services of Stephen Bugg, an attorney with the law firm of McAfee & Taft to assist with matters relating to illegal gaming, Mr. Bugg being well qualified to

assist the Council and Staff with addressing these matters, including the preparation of correspondence to the NIGC and the BIA regarding illegal gaming on the Bruner Allotment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council expressly objects to illegal gaming on the Bruner Allotment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City Council hereby expresses its support for the leadership of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council hereby specifically expresses its appreciation to the leadership of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for taking measures to investigate and address illegal gaming within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Stephen Bugg, Attorney at Law, is hereby authorized to notify the National Indian Gaming Commission of the Council's objection to illegal gaming on the Bruner Allotment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Stephen Bugg, Attorney at Law, is hereby authorized to notify the Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor and the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the City Council's objection to the approval of any agreements that would involve illegal gaming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager for the City of Broken Arrow is hereby authorized to take all actions reasonably necessary to assist with addressing illegal gaming on the Bruner Allotment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager for the City of Broken Arrow is hereby further authorized to work to address all matters of concern regarding development on the Bruner Allotment that relate to the Health, Safety, and Welfare of the Citizens of the City of Broken Arrow and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

ADOPTED BY THE BROKEN ARROW CITY COUNCIL THIS 1st DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

(Seal) City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney



INTEROFFICE MEMO

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Jennifer Hooks, Executive Assistant to the City Manager
Date: July 28, 2017
Re: Recent News Articles

Please find attached recent articles pertaining to City events and projects. This week includes the new turf at Nienhuis Park, Drop It & Drive signs, and south BA development.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hooks

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New Turf at Nienhuis a Milestone for B.A.




FOOTBALL FRIENDLY: The new state-of-the-art turf at the Nienhuis Football Complex, 3201 N. 9th St., is a plus for Broken Arrow.

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On Friday, July 14, the City of Broken Arrow, along with the Broken Arrow Youth Football Association, celebrated the opening of two new artificial turf fields at the Nienhuis Football Complex, 3201 N. 9th St. Broken Arrow voters approved construction of the turf fields as part of the 2014 General Obligation bond package. The cost to install the artificial turf was \$1.2 million. BA Youth Football contributed \$50,000. Football and lacrosse teams plan to use the fields year-round.

“It’s rare to find city-owned turf playing fields for leagues to play on, so we’re thrilled that the voters of Broken Arrow supported a financing package to convert grass fields into artificial turf for our

kids,” said Chad Lott, pPresident of the Broken Arrow Youth Football Association.

▶ The new turf fields provide many advantages over regular grass fields, which can wear out over time and have to continually be maintained. Turf fields allow for almost unlimited usage, and heavy rainfall does not impact field conditions.

“The accessibility of youth sports is what draws many families to live in Broken Arrow,” says Parks and Recreation Director Scott Esmond. “These new turf fields will take the football and lacrosse experience to a whole new level, and the city is proud to partner with B.A. Youth Football to make this happen.”

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Broken Arrow Starts 'Drop and Drive' Campaign To Stop Texting While Driving

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BROKEN ARROW, Oklahoma - Folks in Broken Arrow are trying to get drivers to put down their cell phone when they're behind the wheel.

Signs that say "Drop and Drive" are being installed right now around several Broken Arrow schools. It's a joint effort between the city of Broken Arrow and its schools to raise awareness about distracted driving.


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"We are urging our broken arrow citizens to put down their cell phones, put it down, because no text message, no phone call is worth a child's life," said Dr. Janet Dunlop.

The signs are in honor of Bobbi White. She was an Owasso teacher who died last year when police say a distracted driver rear-ended her car.

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Broken Arrow Residents Hope For South-Side Redevelopment

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BROKEN ARROW, Oklahoma - The construction on Broken Arrow's Main Street is complete and the city is poised to expand.

The Rose District and the north part of Broken Arrow got a lot of work.

Now, some living in the city's south side hope they'll see development next.

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You may have visited the Warren Theatre in Broken Arrow along the Creek Turnpike.

But if you went, odds are you left the area after.

Some residents are hoping to capitalize on the traffic and want the city to as well.

Broken Arrow is a city on the move.

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New homes oing up, lots for sale.

"We've seen it change a lot, yes," resident Ed Clingerman said.

The city has been home for Ed and Martha Clingerman for more than 30 years.

They're delighted to see the city finish the Rose District expansion and end the detour.

"Oh I love it. It brings back the memories of the old Broken Arrow when we moved back here in 1980," Ed Clingerman said.

It's also been good the downtown shops.

"We've seen an increase in our business, so a very positive thing right now," downtown business owner Krystyna Sanchez said.

A quiet, quaint, family-focused place to escape to.

"A lot of customers that are moving into south Tulsa, It gives them something to do, they don't have to go downtown all the time," Sanchez said.

But the city's not done.

It just added a seventhth ambulance with plans to add three more this year to accommodate population growth.

Crews are also expanding the Aspen Creek relief line in hopes of spurring new development in south Tulsa, west of Aspen.

"We'd like to have it come south, also. We want it down here at our end," Martha Clingerman said.

"We got a good theater, we got a good Walmart, now we could use some nice restaurants to go eat at," she said.



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Even if Ed knows his pocketbook could take a hit.

"We could use some different retail. Hate to say that 'cause Martha likes to shop, but, you know we could use those places," Ed Clingerman said.

"There are plenty of people down here. Plenty of housing developments, and I believe you put the shops down there and people will come," Martha Clingerman said.

The city is holding a meeting on Aug. 22 to inform people of the steps it's taking to bring business to the south side and get input.

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