

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**AGENDA DATE:** February 21, 2012

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Nanette Smejkal, Director 541-4283

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action on a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to amend the policy on restrooms in outdoor park settings.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The Parks and Recreation Department currently adheres to the following Council-directed policy for park restrooms:

- Restrooms (portables and/or previously existing permanent) in developed parks 12 acres or larger.
- No permanent restroom facilities in proposed bond election (2010).

It is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) to amend the current policy to include restrooms in parks that are 10 acres or larger as well as to consider alternative criteria for restroom determination. A list of the current parks with year-round restrooms is attached. At the bottom of the list are the parks that would be added if the acreage threshold is lowered to 10 acres.

Discussion with the PRAB included a perception that neighborhood parks 10 to 12 acres function as community parks in many areas and should therefore be equipped with public restroom facilities.

Parks and Recreation Department staff should have the administrative authority to consider other criteria and decide opportunities for restroom placement on a case-by-case basis. Such criteria could include, but is not limited to, distance from other public restroom facilities, volume of park users, existing and planned park amenities, and neighborhood support or opposition.

Please note that during peak sport seasons, independent leagues that are issued field permits are expected to augment their practice and game sites with portable restrooms.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

On August 4, 2009, Council directed staff to use the 12 acre threshold.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Costs associated with additional portable restrooms in parks may require more operating funds in the General Services Department Budget.

- Adding year-round portable restroom facilities (one handicapped-accessible and one standard) to 11 parks would cost approximately \$71,940 annually.
- Some parks with year-round portables have only one (handicapped-accessible) unit. Placing only one portable (handicapped-accessible) unit at each of the 11 parks would cost approximately \$39,450 annually.
- A screening enclosure for portable restrooms is desirable and the one-time cost for each is approximately \$10,000 per park. At this time, four of the parks with existing portable restroom facilities have an enclosure and three parks have concrete slab bases for the portables.

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

January 9, 2012, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend to City Council to reduce threshold from 12 acres to 10 acres and to consider alternative criteria for restroom determination in parks.

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

LEGAL: (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ FINANCE: (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT HEAD:  \_\_\_\_\_

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)  
*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Park Restrooms

ACRES	PARK/FACILITY	CLASS	ADDRESS	PERM	PORT
105.00	McKelligon Canyon	OS	1500 McKelligon Canyon Rd.	X	
92.00	Eastside Regional (undeveloped)	R	Hueco Club		
66.00	Blackie Chesher	C	9143 Escobar Drive	X	X
60.00	Billy Rogers Arroyo (undeveloped)	OS	700 E. Robinson Ave		
58.27	Northeast Regional	C	11270 McCombs	X	
50.00	Valley Creek	C	651 Gomez Rd		X
50.00	Westside Sports Complex	C	Isela Rubalcava	X	
47.04	Eastwood	C	3110 Parkwood St.	X	X
44.62	Memorial	C	1701 Copia St.		X
44.00	Nations Tobin	C	8831 Railroad Dr.		X
44.00	Veterans	C	5301 Salem Dr.		X
40.90	J. P. Shawver	C	8100 Independence		X
32.19	Modesto Gomez	C	4320 Delta	X	
31.00	Marty Robbins	C	11600 Vista Del Sol Dr.	X	
30.50	Tom Lea Lower (undeveloped)	OS/C	1203 Schuster Ave		
26.00	Capistrano	C	8700 Padilla Dr	X	
25.20	Sue Young	C	9730 Diana	X	
25.00	Skyline Youth	C	5050 Yvette Ave.		X
23.40	Lionel Forti	C	7735 Phoenix Ave.	X	
23.10	Ponder	C	7500 Burgess Dr.	X	X
23.00	Lincoln	C	4001 Durazno Ave.		X
22.13	Vista Del Valle	C	1288 Hawkins Blvd.		X
22.00	Pueblo Viejo	LIN/N	Roseway to Presa Pl.		
21.40	Galatzan	C	650 Wallenberg Dr.		X
20.00	Pavo Real	C	9301 Alameda Ave.		X
20.00	Edgemere Median	LIN/N	6700, 8118 Edgemere		
19.82	Yucca	C	7975 Williamette Ave.		X
17.40	Chuck Heinrich	C	11055 Loma Del Norte Dr		X
17.25	Salvador Rivas, Jr.	C	12515 Tierra Norte Dr.		X
16.50	Walter Clarke	C	1519 Bob Hope Dr.		X
16.00	Reese McCord	C	1900 Trawood Dr.		X
15.00	Grandview	C	3100 Jefferson Ave.		X
14.50	Dick Shinaut	C	11701 Rufus Brijalba		X
14.25	Ranchos Del Sol	N	1100 Ted Houghton Dr.		X
14.10	Westside Community	C	7400 High Ridge	X	
14.00	Travis White	N	1700 Wedgewood Dr.		X
13.20	Irwin J. Lambka	N	6600 Cloudview	X	
12.50	Braden Aboud	N	4325 River Bend Dr.		X
12.36	WWII Veterans of Company E (Delta)	N	4321 Delta Dr.	X	
12.20	Thomas Manor	N	7901 Knights Dr.		X
12.00	Washington	N	200 Washington St.		X
			LOCATION SUBTOTAL	14	25
11.10	Mesquite Trails Off Site	N	12547 Cevallia Ave.		X
11.03	Tierra Del Este #52	N	3001 Rich Beem		X
11.00	Pico Norte	N	10655 Pico Norte Rd.		X
11.00	Pollard	N	4500 Pollard		X
10.90	Lomaland	N	715 Lomita Dr.		X
10.80	Mission Hills	N	3800 O'Keefe Dr.		X
10.56	Carolina	N	563 N Carolina Dr		X
10.00	Sal Berroteran	N	2171 Sun Country Dr.		X
10.00	Franklin	N	6050 Quail Ave		X
10.00	Hidden Valley	N	200 Coconut Tree Ln.		X
10.00	Chester Jordan	N	3500 Nolan Richardson		X
			LOCATION SUBTOTAL		11



# Park Restroom Policy

- **Current: 12 acres or larger**
- **PRAB recommendations:**
  - **lower threshold to 10 acres or larger**
  - **alternative criteria on case-by-case basis**
- **If threshold lowered, 11 additional parks impacted**
- **Approximate additional costs:**
  - **\$71,940 annually for 2 portables at 11 parks, OR**
  - **\$39,450 annually for 1 (ADA) portable at 11 parks**
  - **\$10,000 per park for desired screening enclosure**