

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

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
AGENDA DATE: May 31, 2016
CONTACT PERSON /PHONE: Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director (212-1708)
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL 4: Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments.

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action to approve staff recommendation to amend the Park Restroom Policy, and direct staff to pursue permanent restroom options for downtown parks.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The Park Restroom Policy limits permanent restroom service to parks with acreage 12 acres or larger. The parameter lacks flexibility to address unique site conditions that would allow a park with acreage less than 12 acres to be considered for permanent restroom service.

Previously, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board had recommended allowing the Parks and Recreation Department to have administrative review to consider all parks, based on specific criteria: distance from other public restrooms, volume of park users, existing and planned amenities that draw usage, and neighborhood support or opposition.

Allowing these criteria to be considered will more accurately meet the needs of the community, rather than strictly following a minimum acreage standard.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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February 21, 2012 – PRAB proposed amending policy to increase portable restroom service to parks 10 acres and over. No action was taken, instead referred to the budget process.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Revenue: XXXX

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director



Regular City Council Meeting May 31, 2016

Item 32.1- Park Restroom Policy



STRATEGIC GOAL 4: Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments.



Park Restroom Policy

- What is the current policy?
- What parks are currently included?
- Staff Recommendation to change the Policy
- Options for Downtown Park Restrooms



Park Restroom Policy

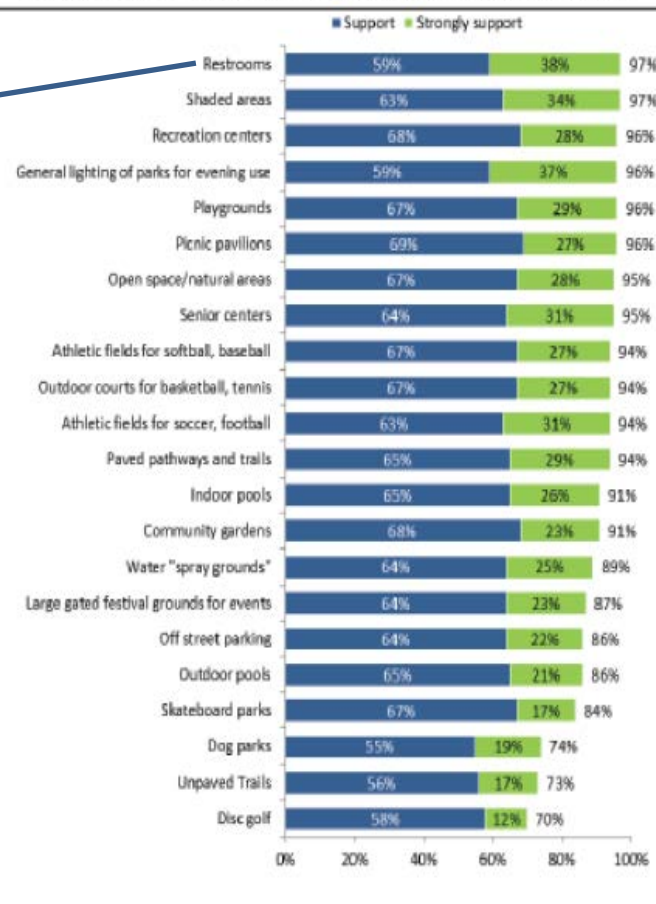
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- June 30, 2015 – Portaloo restrooms discussed for downtown parks. No action taken.
- May 3, 2016 – Staff directed to revisit downtown restroom options



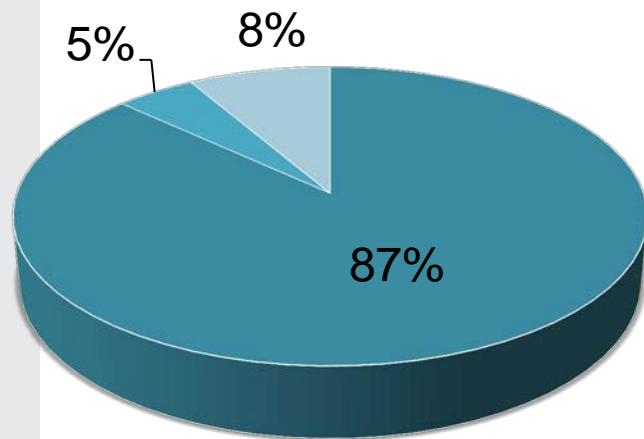
2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Survey asking support for additional amenities: Number One – Restrooms at 97%

OVERALL SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES





Park Restroom Policy



- No Restrooms
- Permanent
- Portable

- **258*** parks in system
- **14 parks with permanent restrooms**
- **26 parks with portable restrooms**
- **13% of parks with regular restroom service**
- **Current policy: parks 12 acres and larger eligible for public restrooms**

* Does not include open space properties

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Existing Restrooms

14 sites, two
with double
restrooms,
and four with
portables

Park Name	District	Park Acreage	Permanent RR	Portable Units
Blackie Chesher - Main	5	66.00	X	X
Blackie Chesher - Escobar Soccer	5			X
Capistrano	6	26.00	X	
WWII Veterans of Company E (Delta)	8	12.36	X	
Eastwood	3	47.04	X	X
Irwin J. Lambka	8	13.20	X	
Lionel Forti	7	23.40	X	
Marty Robbins	7	31.00	X * (2 on site)	
McKelligon Canyon	2	105.00	X	
Modesto Gomez	8	32.19	X	
Northeast Regional	4	58.27	X	
Ponder	3	23.10	X **	X
Sue Young	4	25.20	X	
Westside Community	1	14.10	X	
Westside Sports Complex	1	50.00	X (2 on site)	

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Existing Restrooms

22 sites with
portable
restrooms

Park Name	District	Park Acreage	Permanent RR	Portable Units
Chuck Heinrich	4	17.40		X
Dick Shinaut	5	14.50		X
Galatzan	8	21.40		X
Grandview	2	15.00		X
Lincoln	8	23.00		X
Braden Aboud	8	12.50		X
Memorial	2	45.00		X
Nations Tobin	4	44.00		X
Pavo Real	6	20.00		X
Ranchos Del Sol	6	14.25		X
Reese McCord	7	16.00		X
Salvador Rivas, Jr.	5	17.25		X
J. P. Shawver	7	40.90		X
Skyline	4	25.00		X
Thomas Manor	7	12.20		X
Travis White	7	14.00		X
Valley Creek	8	50.00		X
Veterans	4	44.00		X
Vista Del Valle	3	22.13		X
Walter Clarke	6	16.50		X
Washington	8	12.00		X
Yucca	7	16.60		X

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Park Restroom Policy

Permanent Portable Restroom Options:

1. Lower threshold to 10 acres or larger
 - 11 parks affected, \$68,112 annually, and \$140,000 one-time expense for screening
2. Alternative criteria on case-by-case basis
 - Parks and Recreation Department administrative review
 - Distance from other public restroom facilities
 - Volume of park users
 - Existing and planned amenities
 - Neighborhood support or opposition

Staff
recommendation



Downtown Restrooms

San Jacinto Plaza opened April 16, 2016

Staff Recommendation

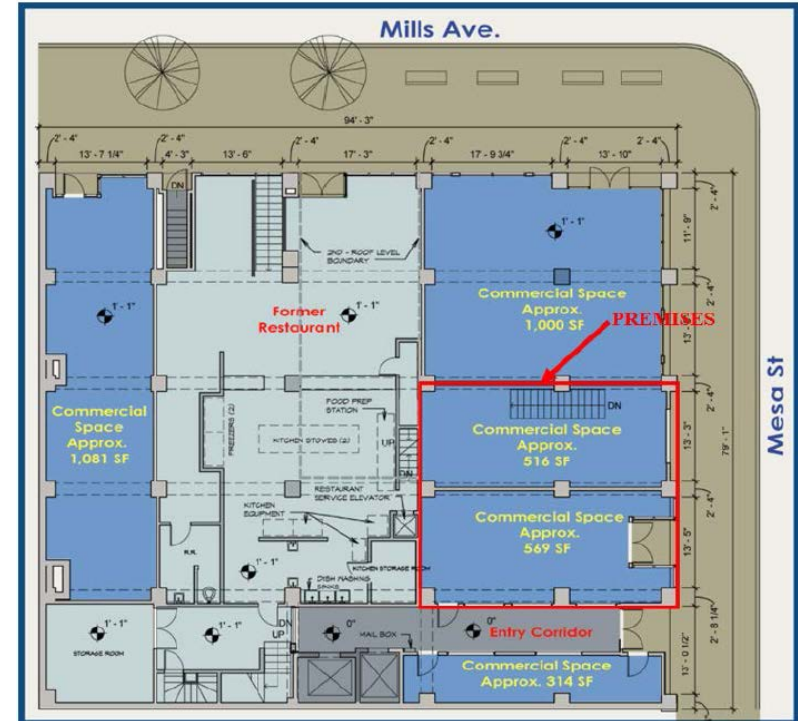
- Permanent Restrooms – private property lease agreements
- Benefits
 - Cost-effective option
 - Street access fronting San Jacinto Plaza
 - Potential co-location of other city services
 - On-site storage and support



Downtown Restrooms: Private Lease (Available before end of 2016)

Banner Building Mesa Option

- \$15,200 annual
- Tenant Improvements and Maintenance Additional
- 20 year lease

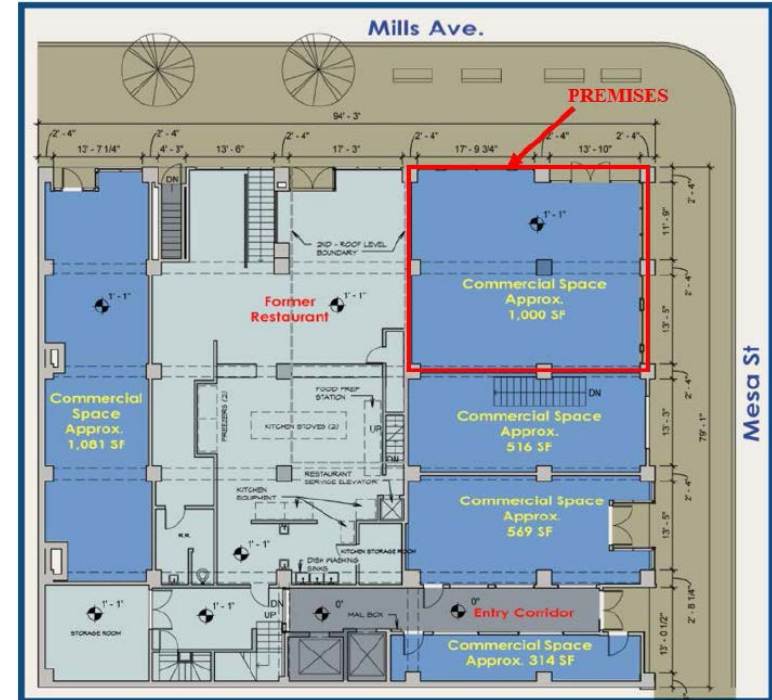




Downtown Restrooms: Private Lease (Available before end of 2016)

Banner Building Purple Popup Option

- \$16,000 annual
- Tenant Improvements and Maintenance Additional
- 20 year lease

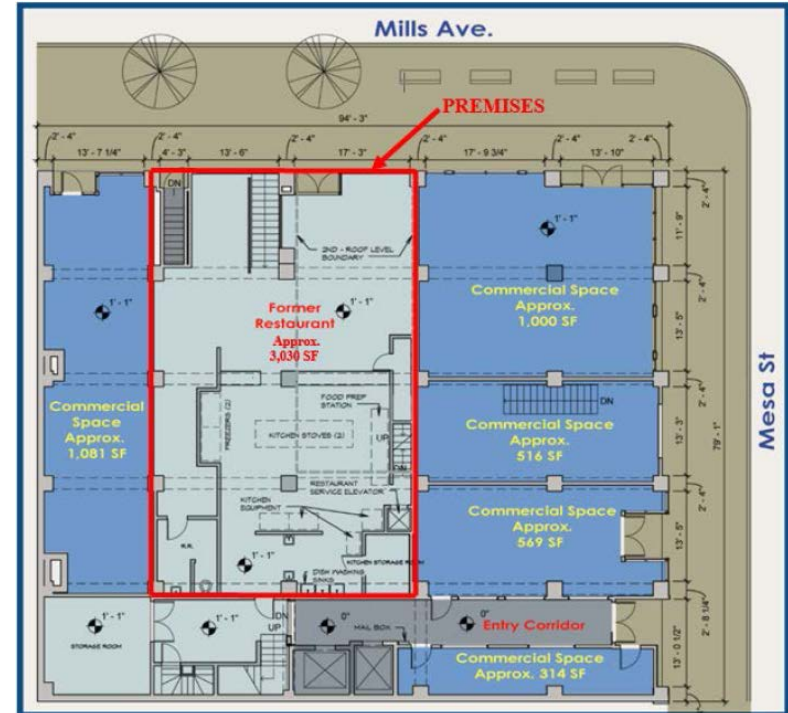




Downtown Restrooms: Private Lease (Available before end of 2016)

Banner Building McDonalds Option

- \$54,540 annual
- Tenant Improvements and Maintenance Additional
- 20 year lease





Action Items

- 1. Amend Parks Restroom Policy to allow case-by-case consideration of additional permanent restroom service (permanent or portable)**
- 2. Pursue permanent restroom service for downtown parks.**



QUESTIONS?