

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____



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John F. Cook

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Joyce A. Wilson

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, local taxing entities have made a commitment to evaluate opportunities for shared services, resources and responsibilities for more efficient use of tax revenue and to reduce duplication of governmental service in the area; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2009 the City Council requested that the City Manager establish a Blue Ribbon Committee to study a regional parks system; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso has performed preliminary research on regional parks systems in the nation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That there is hereby established the Blue Ribbon Committee (hereinafter the "Committee") to conduct a study on a regional parks system and the Committee shall evaluate and provide recommendations to the City Council on forming a regional parks system in El Paso.

2. That the Committee will be comprised of a diverse group of representatives, and will include one elected official from the City of El Paso. The Committee may include an elected official from El Paso County and representatives from local school districts, City of El Paso Board of Parks and Recreation, Recognized Neighborhood Associations and the private business sector.

3. That the Committee will consist of at least ten, but no more than fifteen regular members. One member will be a City of El Paso elected official decided upon by City Council. The City Manager shall request membership recommendations from the County of El Paso, local school districts, and the other stakeholder groups identified above to be provided by October 16, 2009 and will provide the names of interested persons to the City Council. The City Council

shall appoint at least nine but no more than fourteen additional members to the committee, which may include persons recommended by the County of El Paso, local school districts and the other stakeholder groups identified above. The City Manager or designee will make necessary resources available to the Committee and will establish the procedures for calling and holding the meetings.

4. That appointments to the committee shall be made by October 30, 2009.

5. That the Committee's duties shall include exploring national best practices for regional park systems, various funding options, and ways to move forward with a local model with or without state enabling legislation. The Committee may additionally require dividing into groups to review various models and report back to the Committee at large.

6. That the Committee will also provide recommendations to the El Paso City Council that will include but not be limited to:

- 1) Viability of a regional park system in El Paso;
- 2) Structure and multiple funding options for a local model, including a dedicated city tax for parks and open space;
- 3) Obtaining State approval in forming regional park authority if necessary.

7. That the Committee shall prepare a report of its findings and shall make the report available to the City Council and to all other interested parties no later than June 1, 2010.

(Signatures appear on the following page.)

ADOPTED this the _____ day of September, 2009.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kristen L. Choi
Assistant City Attorney