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Re: Work Priorities in Improving Harbor Highlands Park.

Dear Representatives:

On January 11, 2016, the NW San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) passed a motion regarding the work priorities in improving Harbor Highlands Park. The wording of the motion follows:

Whereas, the development agreement to build 134, Harbor Highlands Homes included a provision for a per property assessment for improvements at Harbor Highlands Park between Capitol Dr. and Gatun St., and

Whereas, the project is nearing completion and the use of the monies should be determined, and

Whereas, the NWSPNC is strongly on record as supporting community input into the use of the funds, that community including the entire neighborhood around or adjacent to the park,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the NWSPNC asks the Dept. of Recreation and Parks to meet with the community to take input on the use of the monies provided through the development agreement and other funding sources available to the department, with an initial priority on studying the safety, usefulness and practicality of installing:

1. Permanent restroom facilities.
2. Appropriate lighting in park to make it visible and safe at night.
3. Upgrade and secure the park vehicle entryways to better ensure park security and restrict non-authorized vehicles from entering.
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The NWSPNC wishes to study and hear about these improvements with the goal of truly making the park safer and to protect the park from misuse or mischief. The NWSPNC wishes to avoid the law of unintended consequences as fully as possible. We believe avoiding unintended problems requires an honest discussion with parks staff and law enforcement into all three of the above items. The NWSPNC does not view the above three items as comprehensive in terms of other improvements to the park. We strongly recommend that a park advisory committee be formed of concerned citizens in the area to allocate these funds to the best benefit and interest of the community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. NWSPNC and our supporting community look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ray Regalado, NWSPNC President
on behalf of the NWSPNC Board