



Future Agenda Item Request Form

Future agenda items should be limited to new issues that emerge during the course of the year that are urgent and cannot wait until the next priority setting session of Council before requiring action.

Name: Jim Steiner

Date:10-16-24

Title Name/Topic: Sierra Bella Park- gate installation

Background

1. What is the purpose for the request i.e. what you are trying to achieve or do?

I'd like to have a gate installed at Sierra Bella Park.

2. What is the scope of the work you wish to see done?

Install a self-closing electronic gate that automatically opens at sunrise and closes at night when the park is officially closed. The gate sensors would allow for the gate to open from the inside should a vehicle still be in the parking lot after park closure. The gate would also be equipped with a Knox lock that allows for Police and Fire to access whenever needed.

3. Does this request align with the City's Strategic Plan? How?

Our parks should be viewed as sacred, regardless of what area of the city they are in. For a park as small as Sierra Bella, there have been a significant number of reports from citizens to the CPD non-emergency line. CPD has also performed dozens of proactive patrols. The consensus is that people are loitering or sleeping in the vehicles inside the park, after curfew hours, on a regular basis. When this type of behavior isn't aggressively stopped, it can lead to more unwanted behavior within our park boundaries. It can lead to things like drug use, area crime and homeless encampments. Sierra Bella Park is tucked away and can't be monitored simply by driving on Green River Rd. There are areas in the parking lot that can't even be seen from Sierra Bella Dr., which also adds to the notification/ enforcement challenges. Installing a gate would deter unwanted behavior, resulting in less responses/patrols from out police dept. which keeps our officers available for a quicker response to higher priority incidents. This aligns with our Strategic Plan Goal #4 of wanting a Safe Community.

4. What is the desired timeline to have the issue considered by Council?

I'd like to see this discussed by council prior to the next budget cycle so funds can be allocated should the council want to move forward.

5. Is the issue urgent requiring action before the next priority setting session of Council (Spring Workshop)?

No

Staff Section (To be completed by staff)

Approximate Staff Time Required: __8_ Hours

Approximate Cost: \$ __\$1000__