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District(s) Affected	District 1
Agenda Item	A Resolution to amend the project recommendation for Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association under Exhibit "A" for the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) funded under the 2022 Community Progress Bond.
Issue Statement	Under the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP), the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association in District 1 was awarded a project recommendation for landscaping improvements at Little River Park. The association has requested to amend the project recommendation to replace the landscaping improvements with gaming table amenities at the park. The requested action is for City Council to approve the amended project recommendation, which will remain within the original project budget.
Background	The Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) is a competitive program that allows recognized neighborhood and civic associations to apply for small-scale improvement projects on City-owned property and public rights-of-way that enhance neighborhood quality of life. NIP is funded through the 2022 Community Progress Bond, which allocated \$5 million for the program, including \$625,000 for each of the eight City Council districts. On August 19, 2025, City Council approved the NIP project recommendations funded through the 2022 Community Progress Bond. As part of that action, the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association was awarded landscaping improvements at Little River Park in District 1 with an estimated project cost of \$27,000.

	The original NIP application submitted by Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association requested both a shade canopy and landscaping improvements at Little River Park. Following staff evaluation, the project received a partial award consisting of landscaping improvements only. Subsequent to Council approval, the association requested that the project recommendation be amended to provide gaming table amenities in lieu of landscaping improvements. The association indicated that gaming tables would provide greater community benefit and utilization for park users. While staff may make administrative adjustments related to project feasibility, budget management, or minor modifications within an approved project recommendation, significant changes to a project scope are brought forward for City Council consideration, as original project recommendations were approved by Council.
Council Options	1. Approve the Resolution amending the project recommendation for the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association under Exhibit "A" of the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP). 2. Direct staff to revise the proposed amendment and return the item for further Council consideration. 3. Take no action.
Committee Review and/or Recommendation	The proposed modification was reviewed by the NIP user departments, including Community + Human Development, Parks & Recreation, Capital Improvement, and Streets & Maintenance. Staff determined that the proposed gaming table amenities are physically feasible for Little River Park and can be completed within the original project budget of \$27,000. Staff supports the requested amendment, subject to City Council approval.
Community and Stakeholder Outreach (if applicable, as an attachment) – please include	As part of the original NIP application process, applicants were required to demonstrate community support through signed petitions. In support of the proposed project amendment, Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association conducted additional outreach and obtained the required number of signatures demonstrating community support for the installation of gaming table amenities at Little River Park.
Related City Policies	City of El Paso's Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Policy
Prior Council Action	• 08/19/2025 – City Council approved the Neighborhood Improvement Program project recommendations funded through the 2022 Community Progress Bond, including Council floor amendments to Exhibit A prior to final approval. • 08/01/2023 – City Council approved updates to the Neighborhood

	Improvement Program (NIP) Policies and Scorecard. City Council has previously considered and approved modifications to Neighborhood Improvement Program project recommendations and funding allocations, including: • 06/22/2022 – City Council approved the deletion of a District 1 project from NIP Round 4. • 06/22/2022 – City Council approved the use of District 1 discretionary funds to supplement funding for a District 1 project in NIP Round 5.
The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the documents and signed off on the necessary forms	Yes
Amount and Source of Funding	\$27,000 originally allocated from the Community Progress Bond It does not require a budget transfer.
Enter the elected official's name followed by the amount donated.	N/A
For More Information	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2025, the City Council of the City of El Paso approved a resolution authorizing the Neighborhood Improvement Program ("NIP") project recommendations funded through the 2022 Community Progress Bond; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Improvement Program provides funding for public improvement projects requested by recognized neighborhood and civic associations to enhance neighborhood quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association in District 1 originally submitted an NIP application requesting a playground shade canopy and landscaping improvements at Little River Park; and

WHEREAS, the project received a partial recommendation consisting of landscaping improvements with an estimated project cost of \$27,000.00; and

WHEREAS, following City Council approval, the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association requested that their approved project recommendation be amended to replace the landscaping improvements with gaming table amenities at Little River Park, citing greater anticipated community benefit and utilization for park users; and

WHEREAS, as part of the NIP application process, applicants are required to demonstrate community support, and consistent with the NIP process, the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association conducted additional outreach and obtained the required signatures in support of gaming table amenities at Little River Park; and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed the proposed amendment and determined that the gaming table amenities are feasible, consistent with the goals of the NIP, and can be completed within the originally approved project budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment reflects the preferences of the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association and maintains the NIP's objective of funding public improvements that enhance neighborhood quality of life;

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

That Exhibit "A" to the Neighborhood Improvement Program 2022 Community Progress Bond Resolution, approved on August 19, 2025, is hereby amended for the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association project in District 1 as follows:

Project:

Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association – Little River Park: Gaming Table Amenities – \$27,000.00.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF EL PASO

Renard U. Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Russell Abeln

Russell T. Abeln
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Abraham Gutierrez
for Nickole Rodriguez

For: Nickole H. Rodriguez, Director
Community and Human Development

District 1 Amended Exhibit A

Community Progress Bond | Neighborhood Improvement Program Recommended Projects

District	Neighborhood Association	Project Recommendation	Cost Estimate
1	Mary Frances Keisling	<i>Mary Frances Keisling Park:</i> Pickleball court with fence	\$85,000
	Enchanted Hills	<i>Enchanted Hills Park:</i> Playground	\$345,000
	Coronado Hills	Streets: Raised Pavement Markers (RPM) <i>Broadmoor, Thunderbird, Pinehurst, Singing Hills, Cherry Hill</i>	\$79,000
	Franklin Hills	<i>Linda Daw Hudson Park:</i> Ping Pong Tables Qty 2	\$10,000
	Montoya Heights	<i>Montoya Heights Park:</i> Exercise Equipment (6 Machines)	\$19,000
	Montoya Gardens	<i>Little River Park:</i> Gaming table amenities	\$27,000
	La Puesta NA	<i>La Puesta Park:</i> Chess Table Leftover Recommendation: Picnic Tables W/O Canopy Qty 2	\$55,300
	District Project Total: 7		District Estimate Total \$620,300
2	Central NA	<i>Grandview Park:</i> Landscaping	\$395,000
	Five Points	<i>Austin Park:</i> Covered picnic table Qty 1, Benches Qty 1	\$103,000
	Val Verde	<i>Modesto Gomez Park:</i> Concrete Park Sign	\$44,000
	Mountain Side	Walking trail: Striping on the streetside Alabama and extending to Stoney Hills Dr.	\$77,000
	District Project Total: 4		District Estimate Total \$619,000
3	Eastwood	<i>Album Park:</i> Toddler playground Canopy over playground Leftover Recommendation: Bench Qty 1	\$289,000
	Cielo Vista	<i>Vista del Valle Park:</i> Solar Park Lights Qty 2	\$234,000
	Ralph T Cloud	<i>Lionel Forti Park:</i> Canopies over existing picnic tables Qty 2	\$71,000
	El Paso Lower Valley	<i>Valle Bajo Rec Center:</i> Security Camera Qty 1	\$24,000
	District Project Total: 4		District Estimate Total \$618,000
4	North Hills	<i>Check Heinrich Park:</i> Metal Shade Pavilion Cornhole Set Trash Receptacles Qty:2	\$313,000
	SW Mesquite Hills	<i>Mesquite Hills Park:</i> Hybrid Basketball/Pickleball Court	\$290,000
	Castner Heights	<i>Todd Ware Park:</i> Canopy over existing bench Qty:1	\$15,000
	District Project Total: 3		District Estimate Total \$618,000

5	Tierra Bella Estates	Streets: Colored Stamped Concrete: <i>Parkway sidewalk Tierra Berlin to Tierra Lisboa</i>	\$152,000	
	Upper East	<i>Miners Park:</i> Basketball Court Covered Picnic Tables Qty 2 Leftover Recommendation: Benches Qty 2	\$471,000	
	District Project Total: 2		District Estimate Total	\$623,000
6	Paseos Del Este	<i>Burning Mesquite Park:</i> Metal Shade Canopy over playground Picnic Table with Metal Shelter Leftover Recommendation: Exercise Equipment (4 machines) Benches Qty 5	\$624,000	
	District Project Total: 1		District Estimate Total	\$624,000
	Las Palmas NA	<i>Argal Park:</i> Pickleball Courts Qty 2 Leftover Recommendations: Trash Receptacle Qty 1 Bench Qty 1	\$176,000	
7	Playa	<i>Playa Drain Trail</i> Bollard Lighting (Knights Dr. to Independence Dr.)	\$172,000	
	Ralph T Cloud	<i>Ralph T Cloud:</i> Pickleball Courts Qty:2	\$215,000	
	Sunnyfields	<i>Shawver Park:</i> Canopy over bleacher Qty: 1	\$56,000	
	District Project Total: 4		District Estimate Total	\$619,000
8	Kern Place	<i>Madeline & Alethea Park:</i> Multi-purpose park signs with event display and game equipment storage	\$115,700	
	Sunrise Civic	- Chokers at 405 Rim. - Chokers at 925/929 Rim - Curb Extension/Choker at Ange & Rim	\$375,000	
	Sunset Heights	<i>Mundy Park:</i> Picnic Tables Qty: 2 Leftover Recommendation: Picnic Table Qty 1 Bench Qty 1	\$134,000	
	District Project Total: 3		District Estimate Total	\$624,700
All Districts	Project Total: 28	Cost Estimate Total	\$4,966,000	