



Parks & Recreation

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Doug Faseler, City Manager

From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation

Through: Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

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Subject: **Presentation regarding the proposed work to be done at Manuel C. Castilla Park by CPS Energy as part of their Day of Caring event to fulfill Section 3(c) of the Tax Exemption Settlement Agreement.**

Manuel C. Castilla Park was named after of the City Council's first Hispanic members who was also a veteran and member of the American G.I. Forum. The original park on the east side of Guadalupe Street and north of West Martindale Street was dedicated in 1993 and renovated in 1996. In 2002, additional parkland was dedicated on the west side of Guadalupe Street to the City of Seguin by the Rio Nogales Power Project (now CPS Energy).

As part of the Tax Exemption Settlement with CPS Energy, CPS donated \$50,000 towards various improvements to Manuel C. Castilla Park. Improvements funded by the donation included the following:

- Construction of a large, multi-use athletic field that included adding topsoil, irrigation, and hydro-seed.
- Renovation of the existing walking track that included digging up the old track surface, re-compacting the sub-grade, and adding almost 2 inches of new asphalt.
- Adding a sidewalk from the parking lot, lighting, and electricity to the medium sized group picnic shelter.

As part of the Tax Exemption Settlement with CPS Energy, CPS is required to seek volunteers from among CPS Energy employees to construct and install improvements and make repairs to Manuel C. Castilla Park as agreed upon. Attached is a diagram of the work that is being proposed by CPS. CPS has indicated that all of the work will be done by the end of the calendar year.

The following is a list of proposed improvements:

- Add a concrete sidewalk from the existing sidewalk on West Martindale Street to the existing concrete pad, and add a concrete sidewalk from the existing concrete pad to the existing flag pole area.
- Add new benches and replace existing benches with matching benches.
- Replace tops and seats of existing picnic tables or purchase new ones to replace.
- Add plants, bushes, and trees.
- Replace existing bleacher near the basketball court with a new three row aluminum bleacher.