

Juana Escobar

From: Amelia Villegas - City Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 10:25 AM
To: Todd Bodem
Cc: Juana Escobar
Subject: Regular Business - Item #11 Proposed Budget FY 23/24

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Hi, Todd...I'm not able to make the meeting tonight but ask that you have this email read re: Library Rent:

First of all, the Friends of the Guadalupe Library (FOGL) would again like to thank the City for its past contributions towards the rent for our small library branch. In reviewing the proposed budget, in Library-Fund 28, the contribution for FY 23/24 is shown as \$11,000 with a separate line item showing "\$4,000 from FOGL". That is the same amount as was contributed for FY 22/23. Please note that the \$4,000 isn't an automatic as that item needs to be approved by FOGL's board.

The County approved an increase to its per capita amount from \$8.34 to \$8.59. The City's population used for 23/24 calculations is 8,515. The total amount of \$73,143 is for library operations and cannot be used towards the rent. The County also contributed \$7,000 specifically for the rent.

The "Friends" respectfully requests the City reconsider the \$11,000 amount and suggest any increase in its FY 23/24's rent contribution. This additional increase will help FOGL retain funds to then be used to help the branch in our support of purchasing books, furniture, etc. and promoting literacy. Thank you for considering our request.

Amelia M. Villegas
President
FOGL

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From: Ute Clark <ueclark52@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 2:07 PM
To: Juana Escobar
Subject: Pasadera Lighting and Park District Assessment 23/24

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I wish to address the City Council during the upcoming CC Meeting 6/27/23 in regards to the Pasadera Lighting & Park District Assessment.

Mayor & Members of the City Council of Guadalupe

I am Ute Clark, a resident of the Pasadera Development. I would like to voice my objection regarding the proposed fee increase for the Pasadera Lighting and Park District.

The District was established shortly after we moved into the Pasadera Development. The closing documents for our property included information regarding the future establishment of the above district. However, we did not receive specific information when this district was actually formed. Not being aware of the creation of the district late 2017, we had no opportunity to give input.

Upon receipt of our tax bill for 18/19, I did object to the initial assessment, which was in excess of \$400.

I acknowledge that subsequent years were assessed at a lower rate. However, raising the fee for lighting and park maintenance from current \$221 to \$299 for 23/24 tax year, is unacceptable. This is an increase over 30% and even considering inflationary increases, this amount does not seem justified. The current parks, green spaces and common areas in the development are not providing a benefit that justifies this increase in fees. I hope you will reconsider this steep increase in fees. We are already seeing additional fees related to the planned school construction. Fees are adding a greater burden to residents each year. Please reconsider this steep fee increase.

Thank you for allow me to share my opinion.

Sincerely,

Ute Clark

Christina Hernandez

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Christina Hernandez is a Central Coast native and a Guadalupe City Councilmember who grew up in the small city of Guadalupe.

She never thought she would work in community outreach and environmental activism, but she found a niche in the nonprofit world.



Working at a natural history museum, she has inspired others to participate in improving Guadalupe by putting her own boots on the ground. Since 2014, Christina has educated herself on the importance of environmental stewardship and has made it her goal to intertwine this mentality within her own community.

After completing the California Naturalist and Climate Steward Program, Christina saw new connections with governmental bodies to bring resources to Guadalupe.

In Guadalupe, Christina is known to lead beach clean-ups in partnership with governmental agencies and other nonprofits. She knows that Guadalupe's significance and splendor lies in its unique dune ecosystem.

Her goal is to bridge the gap between her community and the activism that will enhance this small coastal town's appreciation for its natural and historical integrities.

She plans to continue the mission of educating the community and hopes to see her grassroots efforts spread beyond local levels.