

RESOLUTION NO. 17-036

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF 4.5 MILES OF LA LLORONA TRAIL AS PART OF THE NEW MEXICO RIO GRANDE TRAIL.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2015, legislation was signed into law establishing the Rio Grande Trail Commission; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Rio Grande Trail Commission is to plan, design, and construct a recreation trail called the "Rio Grande Trail" (RGT) that runs parallel to the Rio Grande River and extends the length of New Mexico from Texas to Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the RGT will traverse a diversity of majestic New Mexico landmarks and natural and cultural landscapes including six state parks, two national wildlife refuges, and three national monuments and will also travel through multiple governmental jurisdictions including at least ten cities with populations of more than 5,000, and 22 counties; and

WHEREAS, it will provide an excellent potential for economic development and recreation for the state of New Mexico and communities and small businesses along the path; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 over five million people visited New Mexico state parks and outdoor recreation contributed 3.8 billion dollars of annual economic impact throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Las Cruces enjoys a recreation trail along the Rio Grande River called the La Llorona Trail; and

WHEREAS, the La Llorona Trail is a 4.5 mile multi-use path on the east bank of

the Rio Grande River from Calle del Norte to the Las Cruces Dam Outfall Channel Multi-use Path; and

WHEREAS, the La Llorona Trail, together with the Las Cruces Outfall Channel Multi-use Path and the Triviz Multi-use Path, combine to form three quarters of a twenty-mile multi-use trail loop around Las Cruces with connections to neighboring communities like the Town of Mesilla; and

WHEREAS, the La Llorona Trail would be a scenic and beneficial addition to the RGT that would further the progress and vision of the RGT and its progression towards completion; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the La Llorona Trail into the RGT would provide additional recreational and economic benefits to Las Cruces and Doña Ana County.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)


THAT the City supports the designation of the 4.5 mile La Llorona Trail, as part of the New Mexico RGT.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds as necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this 6 day of September, 2016.

APPROVED:



Mayor