



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically

FROM: Dan Massey, Health & Wellness Manager
Jaime Schroeder, Parks and Recreation Director

SUBJECT: Temporary Change of Picnic Shelters Available for Rent in Parks

The Parks and Recreation department has sixteen rentable picnic shelters in various parks throughout the city. Rentable picnic shelters are divided up into small, medium, and large size, all have an associated restroom. The Parks Division cleans the shelter, restroom, and empties the trash prior to the rental to ensure quality amenities are available to the public.

On Friday March 11, 2022 staff was made aware of a fire that burned the restroom at Las Brisas Park in Ward 5. The restroom has been deemed unusable until repairs can be made.

Teglia's Paradise Park, located in Ward 3, has two rentable shelters. Unfortunately, due to excessive vandalism, staff had to remove the portable restroom associated with the large shelter located in the northeast area of the park. As a result of the frequency of vandalism at Teglia's Paradise Park, it has been identified as a location where additional security upgrades are needed, to include gates at the park entrances. Additionally, after parks staff has cleaned the park, heavy use later in the day and/or overnight causes the park to be unsatisfactory to the end user resulting in refunds for the park rental fees. Staff believes that the addition of the gates to restrict access after the park closes will assist with the mitigation of the vandalism in the area, at which point, the temporary restroom will return.

Due to these two situations, staff recommends temporarily suspending rental of the shelters at Las Brisas Park and Teglia's Paradise Park until the repairs can be made and additional security measures are implemented. Both of these parks will remain open to the public, and the shelters can be used on a first come, first served basis.