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2025 CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Who We Are: The Division of Parks and Recreation is under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources with mandated duties to upkeep public parks, recreational facilities, tourist sites and the Marpi Public Cemetery. Division of Parks and Recreation was established through the passage of Public Law 11-106 & PL14-27 authorizing and enabling the division to continue promoting sound management practices while complying CNMI's Local and Federal laws where it's applicable. The division guided by the established and approved regulation chapter 85-50.2 implement permit fee collections to cover the cost of maintenance throughout its identified jurisdiction.

Our Vision

To avail the public full access to enjoy nature at its best, granting opportunities to visit historical sites, structures and beaches that are significant to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (Saipan).

Our Goals

To improve Live/Work/Recreation/Health/Diversity/Customer Service and Environmental Sustainability.

Parks and Recreation Values

Integrity, Community, Collaboration, Safety, Leadership, Positive Attitude.

Our Mission

To enhance the quality of life in the CNMI by providing exceptional parks and recreation experiences while preserving significant natural and cultural resources and its economic stability.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THE DIVISION WITHIN THIS REPORTING PERIOD/FISCAL YEAR

- Koblerville basketball court renovation.
- Chalan Kanoa #3 basketball court renovation.
- Playground installation at San Isidro Beach Park.
- Governor Eloy S. Inos Peace Park installation of flag poles.
- Governor Eloy S. Inos Peace Park sign painting with assistance of MVA.
- Chinatown baseball court renovation.
- Capitol Hill Recreational Park playground installation.
- Tanapag basketball court renovation.
- Paupau restroom renovation.
- Repair of Paupau playground equipment.
- Walkway installation and wheelchair access to Paupau restroom.
- Open the Marpi Public Cemetery for public use.
- Installation of fencing around the grave site in the Marpi Public Cemetery.
- Maintaining Park and Recreation sites as mandated by the PL 11-106.
- Maintaining tourist sites mandated by PL 14-27.
- Maintaining the CNMI Marpi Public Cemetery.
- Marine Beach restroom renovation through Congressman Angelo Camacho.
- Assist DPL with maintenance of Kanoa, Marianas Resort, and Managaha as per a MOA.
- Public Restrooms that are operable: San Isidro Beach Park, Marina, Capitol Hill Baseball Field, PauPau, Central Park, Grotto, Kili Beach.

Competing Interests

Parks and Recreational areas have been established by constitutional mandate and public laws to ensure that prime spaces under public lands are maintained for community purposes and activities. Along with such acres developed exclusively for public recreational purposes, the neighboring vicinities have increased its land value by 100%, causing developers to race and retain private acres for hotels and other developments.

Public input and analysis also identified several challenges to completion of individual projects as well as general direction about where the community would like to see action. The primary challenges of CNMI faces is the financial balance of moving projects forward and committing operations and maintenance resources to sustain the facilities once they were completed and turned over to the division.



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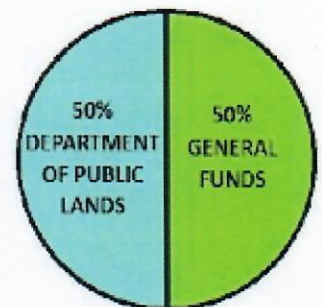
There is a strong community support for completing projects in the CNMI is currently engaged expansion of greenways and the joint facility with the tourism district. At the same time the recognition limited operating resources challenges the division to find new partnerships and commit additional operating resources prior to initiating new projects. However, with the division current partnership with the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and Department of Public Lands continues to remain strong and vibrant throughout these challenging times.

Another challenge that the community in indicated strong interest is in “how to increase access” to and use the parks in the most useful beneficial purposes. In addition, safety and security are included in the concern increase due to the current population and popularity of Parks and Recreation.

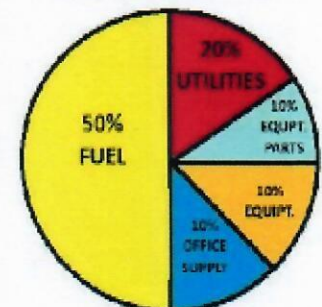
Operation Expense

Division’s Budget and Personnel

- Personnel Funding
 - 50% CNMI General Funds
 - 50% Department of Public Lands
 - \$1,106,053.00 – Civil Service Employees/Personnel and Fringe Benefit
- Revolving Account
 - \$121,000.00
- Monthly Collection of Park Fees
 - \$3,000.00
 - Grotto Collection - \$7,000.00
- Expenses on Utilities
 - \$33,000.00 per year
 - Grotto
 - Water \$5,760.00
 - Sewer - \$3,840.00
 - Central Park
 - Power - \$3,600.00



PERSONNEL FUNDING



UTILITIES COST

- Water - \$300.00
- Garapan Office
 - \$850.00 per month (\$10,200.00 per year)
- AsPerdido Shop
 - Power - \$60.00
 - Water - \$400.00
- San Isidro Beach Park
 - Water - \$4,000.00

- Monthly Billing for Communication
 - \$300.00 (\$3,600.00 yearly)
- Monthly Billing for Fuel
 - \$5,500.00 (\$66,00.00 yearly)
- Monthly Billing for Operation Repair
 - \$1,000.00 (\$12,000.00 yearly)
- Operational Vehicles – 11 operational
- Operational Equipment's, Machinery, and Tools
 - All small engines are working except for one John Deere Zero Turn Mower
 - Mower – 5 units operational, 1 brand new
 - Bush Cutters – 16 units operational, 10 brand new
 - Blowers – 8 units operational, 3 brand new
 - Chain saw – 2 operational (20 inch), 4 brand new (16 inch)
- Dera Grant for tractor mower

Saipan Local Delegation appropriation

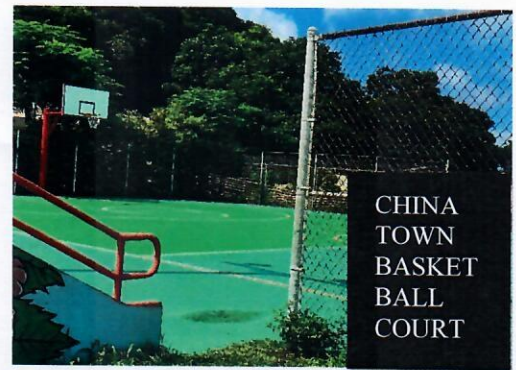
- Saipan Local Laws
 - 24-1
 - 24-3
 - 24-5



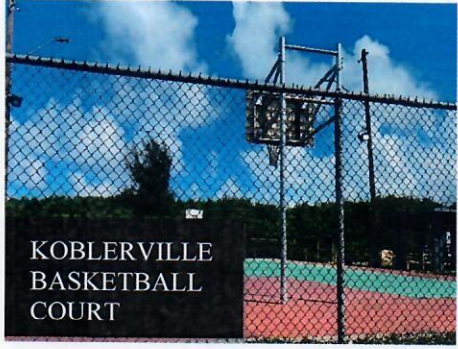
PARKS AND RECREATION FIELD STAFF



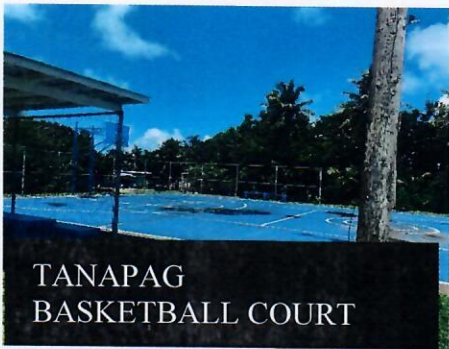
CAPITOL HILL PLAY GROUND



CHINA TOWN BASKET BALL COURT



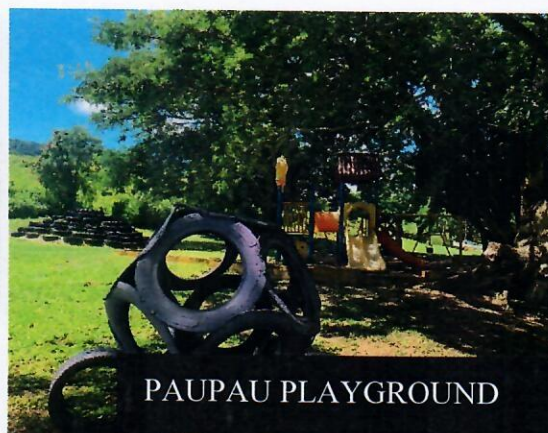
KOBLERVILLE BASKETBALL COURT



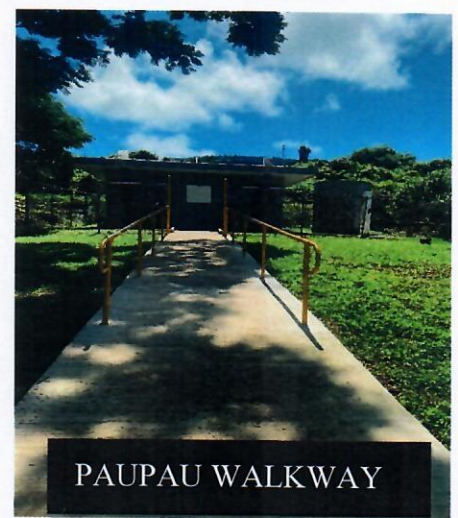
TANAPAG BASKETBALL COURT



SAN ISIDRO PLAYGROUND



PAUPAU PLAYGROUND



PAUPAU WALKWAY



FISHING BASE BALLARDS

DLNR SECRETARY
SYLVAN IGISOMAR

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
DIRECTOR
MICHAEL CRUZ

PARK RANGER
BUCK ODOSHI

PARK RANGER
VACANT

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VACANT

ADMIN OFFICER II
EMILY MACARANAS

ADMIN SPECIALIST II
ELISA BORJA

FIELD OPERATION

SHEET/METAL MACHINE MGR.
RAYMOND SABLAN

GROUNDS FOREMAN I
MICHAEL REYES

GROUNDS FOREMAN I
ANTHONY BENAVENTE JR.

TRADES TECH. II
MARCELINO ROBERTO

TRADES TECH. I
AKIKI ALEXANDER

TRADES TECH. I
ERNEST EUGENIO

TRADES TECH I
JOSEPH AGULTO

TRADES TECH. I
LORAN PUA

TRADES HELPER
DANIEL REPEKI

TRADES HELPER
RAMON SABLAN

TRADES HELPER
RAMON MATAGOLAI

TRADES HELPER
FERNANDO ROBERT

TRADES HELPER
VACANT

MECHANIC SHOP SECT.

EQUIPT. MAINT. SUPT.
ELLERY CRUZ

TRADES SPEC. I
RUDY CAMACHO

EQUIPT. OPERATOR III
BRANDON INDALLECTO

EQUIPT. OPERATOR III
LARRY SEBAKLIM

EQUIPT. OPERATOR II
MICHAEL PALACIOS

EQUIPT. OPERATOR II
IGNACIO AGULTO

PLUMER FOREMAN II
IGNACIO CAMACHO

ELECTRICIAN FOREMAN
JOAQUIN CAMACHO

BUILDING MAINT.
MANUEL CABRERA

TRADES HELPER
MANUEL SABLAN

TRADES HELPER
MARCELINO OGO

TRADES HELPER
VICENTE BABAUTA

TRADES HELPER
JOE CRUZ

TRADES HELPER
VACANT

TRADES HELPER
VACANT

LABORER I
KEVIN BABAUTA

LABORER I
JESSE TEIGITA

LABORER I
MARCELINO AGUON

LABORER I
AUSTIN LIZAMA

TRADES MAN
ANTONIO ROGOLOFOI