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The Town of Bernalillo Parks Division to sponsor a design workshop for Rotary Park.....

Bernalillo, NM – May 7, 2008 - Mayor Patricia A. Chávez encourages the public to attend the two design workshops and assist in master planning Bernalillo’s largest recreational facility – Rotary Park. The landscape architectural firm of Morrow Reardon Wilkinson Miller, Ltd. has been retained by the Town to prepare a conceptual drawing of potential additional uses, integrated functionality, and enhanced quality of life accessibility.

The Town is seeking the vision of the community in helping create a plan for public improvements. “We have many users of this facility, from organized athletic leagues to the casual outdoor enthusiasts from all our neighborhoods.” said Mayor Chávez, “It is important that everyone has a voice in refining the recreation space needs of our growing community and prioritizing public investment. The plan will guide future development of Rotary Park and becomes another tool for obtaining funding from grants, legislative and other sources.” With this in mind, the Town has increased its public outreach effort to solicit community input, with the posting of notices in all areas of the park, in adjoining neighborhoods, and throughout the community.

Rotary Park was created in 1958 when the Town acquired the property from the New Mexico Timber Company. The Bernalillo Rotary Club installed the first baseball fields and a formal green space as a Club project in 1964. Throughout the years, the Town and Coronado Little League have made major improvements to the baseball facilities. The addition of soccer fields and a community center complete Rotary Park.

The Town of Bernalillo welcomes all input from community members. The design workshops will be held under the pavilion at Bernalillo Rotary Park on Wednesday, May 14 and Thursday, May 15, 2008, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.