

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-40

WHEREAS, approximately 610,000 people die of heart disease in the United States and is the leading cause of death in both men and women; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes additional areas and facilities are needed within the City of Lovington to improve the health and well being of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County recognize that there are substantial benefits to regular physical activity, including reducing the risk of heart disease, managing weight, lower blood pressure, lowering the risk of diabetes, and strengthening bones, joints, and muscles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lovington City Commission and Lea County agree as follows:

1. To study and consider for construction a walking patch from Chaparral Park in Lovington, New Mexico, to and from the Lea County Courthouse; and
2. The proposed route would be approximately one mile in length from Chaparral Park to South Commercial Street, and down Central Street to the Lea County Courthouse; and
3. The staff of the City and Count will bring forward a plan on the construction of the path to be considered by both governing bodies; and
4. Each person signing the Memorandum of Understanding, attached hereto for reference, has been authorized by their respective Board or Commission to execute said Memorandum.

DONE THIS 11th DAY OF MAY, 2015 at

City of Lovington
New Mexico

Scotty Gandy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Ann Hogue, City Clerk

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEA AND
THE CITY OF LOVINGTON FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WALKING PATH
FROM CHAPARRAL PARK TO THE LEA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

This Memorandum of Understanding entered into by and between the County of Lea, New Mexico ("County") and the City of Lovington, New Mexico ("City") shall become effective on the date it has been signed by both the County Manager and the City Manager at the direction of their respective governing Board and Commission.

WHEREAS, approximately 610,000 people die of heart disease in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women; and

WHEREAS, between the years of 2008 and 2010 nearly 400 residents of Lea County over the age of 35 died from heart disease; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City recognize that there are substantial benefits to regular physical activity, including reducing the risk of heart disease, managing weight better, lowering blood cholesterol, lowering the risks of type 2 diabetes and some cancers, lowering blood pressure, and strengthening bones, muscles, and joints; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have shown that exercise helps depression and helps people in dealing with daily worries and negative thoughts; and

WHEREAS, exercising with others provides an opportunity for increased interaction of County and City residents.

Therefore, the County and the City agree as follows:

1. To study and consider for construction a walking path from Chaparral Park in Lovington, New Mexico, to and from the Lea County Courthouse.
2. The proposed route would be approximately one mile in length from Chaparral Park to South Commercial Street, and down Central Street to the Lea County Courthouse.
3. The staffs of the County and the City will bring forward a plan on the construction of the walking path to be considered by the governing bodies of the County and the City
4. Each person signing this Memorandum of Understanding has been authorized by their respective Board or Commission to execute this Memorandum.

County of Lea

Michael P. Gallagher II
Lea County Meeting II

Michael P. Gallagher II
County Manager

Date: April 23, 2015

Lea County

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City of Lovington

James Williams
City Manager

Date: April ____, 2015