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Fwd: Permission to establish a "little free library" by Girl Scouts

From : Olivia Tamez <olivia.gomez@co.hidalgo.tx.us> Thu, Mar 29, 2018 02:47 PM
Subject : Fwd: Permission to establish a "little free library" by Girl Scouts
To : erika zamora <erika.zamora@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

-Olivia Gómez

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Eduardo Cantu <eduardo.cantu@co.hidalgo.tx.us>
Date: August 1, 2017 at 12:32:31 PM CDT
To: Laura Fonseca <Wala22@yahoo.com>, Olivia Tamez <olivia.tamez@co.hidalgo.tx.us>
Cc: commissioner2@co.hidalgo.tx.us, sesin@sanjuanlibrary.com
Subject: Re: Permission to establish a "little free library" by Girl Scouts

Mrs Fonseca:

I will have Olivia Tamez contact you from my office. I'm really grateful and appreciative that the girls have put this money together for this awesome project. We will do everything possible to help you all make this a reality.

Thank you

Eddie Cantu

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 1, 2017, at 10:31 AM, Laura Fonseca <Wala22@yahoo.com> wrote:

Greetings Commissioner Cantu,

My name is Mrs. Laura Fonseca and I am a Girl Scout troop leader for Troop 430 which consists of 15 junior level (5th graders) and 2 Brownies (2nd and 3rd graders) girls. This girl scout troop is based right here in San Juan.

This year my girls are working on earning their Bronze Award. In order to complete their Bronze award, they must plan, organize, and execute a community project. We have been doing a lot of planning. The girls raised some funds through their annual Girl Scout cookie sales. The troop also participated in "Lemonade Day" with the city of McAllen on Saturday May 13, 2017. All of the proceeds from the "Lemonade Day" sale have been set aside to fund this community project.

This project is led, planned and executed by the girls. After many meetings and much brainstorming, they came up with the idea to set up a little free library to promote literacy in the community. This little free library will be taken care of by Girl Scouts for the community. Here is a link to show you an example of what we have in mind. <https://littlefreelibrary.org> I know that San Juan has a great library in the south side of town, as a matter of fact we have held some of our Girl Scout meeting in the training room. After doing some research, we found out that there is only one "little free library" set up in the whole PSJA community, and it is located in the south side of San Juan in a gated subdivision, not making it very accessible to the whole community. We have looked around the city and we are thinking of placing this "little free library" in the north side of San Juan. We found the north San Juan park, to be a perfect location this way after children visit the park they can grab a book or two and enjoy at home.

This project will be fully funded by the Girl Scouts and donations collected. We just need approval from your office to proceed with our community project. The "little free library" will be kept up with books for all ages and for all to enjoy. Once again, the idea is to promote literacy in the community by making books accessible. Back in May I met with at the time San Juan City Mayor San Juanita Sanchez and San Juan Library Director Armandina Sesin for approval and approval was granted. However, I was directed to follow with your office as the North San Juan Park belong to your office.

I ask that you please guide me as to the procedures I need to follow to give this project a green light. My troop and I are eager to start and take action on this community project.

I have attached a picture of what we have in mind for the "little free library" to give you an idea. Again, we look forward to his project and anxiously await for your reply. I would gladly meet with you at your convenience or I may be reached at 956-460-2392 or via email at wala22@yahoo.com. Thank you for your time and hope to hear great news from you very soon.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Laura Fonseca

Troop #430