



Resolution

No. 2126

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS, ARIZONA, RELINQUISHING THE REMAINING PROPERTY KNOWN AS FRIENDSHIP PARK (5.22 ACRES) TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE SAN LUIS, ARIZONA LAND PORT OF ENTRY 1.

WHEREAS, on or about December 16, 1983, the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) transferred to the City of San Luis (“city”), the land known as Friendship Park by means of Patent Number 02-74-0026; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2008, by Resolution No. 806 and upon the request of BLM for the needs of the Department of Homeland Security, the city relinquished the south 90 feet of Friendship park to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, San Luis, Arizona Land Port of Entry 2 opened for commercial traffic and only non-commercial traffic flows through San Luis, Arizona Land Port of Entry 1 (“POE-1”); and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2018, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the City of San Luis hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of a pedestrian processing annex which expanded POE-1 by 8,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the remainder of POE-1 is about 40 years old; and

WHEREAS, modernization and improvements of POE-1 are necessary for economic development of the region as they will expedite traffic through it and reduce wait times created by about 8.5 million people per year passing through POE-1 with only about seven (7) vehicle lanes.

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2019 the U.S. Congress and the U.S. President approved 152.4 million dollars to build improvements to the San Luis, Arizona Land Port of Entry 1 (POE-1); and

WHEREAS, BLM proposes to renovate and expand the existing downtown San Luis, Arizona Land Port of Entry (POE-1) to improve its functionality, capacity, and security; and.

WHEREAS, BLM has expressed a need for the land currently occupied by Friendship Park to expand the existing land area of POE-1; and

WHEREAS, the needs of the City of San Luis for Parks and Recreation facilities have changed due to the growth of the city in both land area and population; and,

WHEREAS, The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has expressed a willingness to assist the BLM and the City of San Luis with any actions required to facilitate the city's relinquishment; and

WHEREAS, BLM has expressed a willingness to assist the City of San Luis with any actions required to facilitate the city's acquisition of additional land suitable for park facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of San Luis as follows:

SECTION 1: The expansion and renovation of POE-1 is to the advantage of the City of San Luis for economic development and for development of the Main Street area as a viable business district.

SECTION 2: The City of San Luis agrees to comply with all appropriate procedures, guidelines, and requirements established by BLM to facilitate this action.

SECTION 3: That the relinquishment of the remaining property known as Friendship Park (5.22 acres) and further described as:

That portion of T11S-R25W-Sec 12, Description-Lot 13 located north of the chain link fence that separates the park from the security area is hereby approved.

SECTION 4: The City Manager or designee is authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, application, agreements, contracts, and amendments which may be necessary for the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona,
this _____ day of April, 2020.

Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk

Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney