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2024 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 and tourist sites. Division of Parks and Recreation was established through the passage of Public Law 11-106, 14-17 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 85-50.1 implement fee collections and enforcement 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

- Capitol Hill Baseball field renovation (Chain-link Fence and Restroom)
- Solar lights installation at the Gualo Rai and Capitol hill basketball court
- Adoption of the Capital Hill basketball and pickleball court
- Kili Beach restroom renovation
- Solar light replacement at the Inos Peace Park
- Grotto restroom renovation
- Collection of data and fees for entrance at the Grotto Dive Site
- Maintaining Parks and Recreation jurisdiction as mandated by law, including tourist sites in Marpi
- Assist other government agencies with their immediate repair and maintenance needs

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 division once they were built.

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), continues to remain strong and vibrant throughout these challenging times.



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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

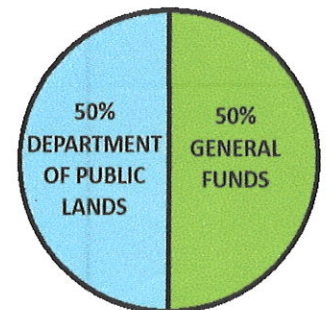
- Personnel Funding
 - 50% CNMI General Funds
 - 50% Department of Public Lands
 - \$945,026 – Civil Service Employees/Personnel
 - \$60,537- Ungraded Employees/Personnel
 - \$136,499 – Fringe Benefits

- Revolving Account
 - \$121,000.00

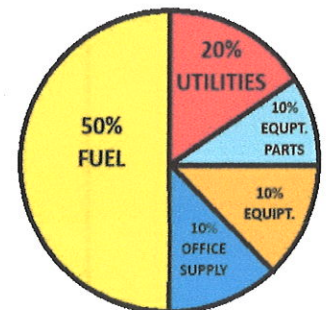
- Monthly Collection of Park Fees
 - \$2,800.00
 - Grotto Collection - \$12,000.00

- Expenses on Utilities
 - \$33,000.00 per year
 - Grotto
 - Water \$5,760.00
 - Sewer - \$3,840.00
 - Central Park
 - Power - \$3,600.00
 - Water - \$300.00
 - Garapan Office
 - \$850.00 per month (\$10,200.00 per year)
 - AsPerdido Shop
 - Power - \$60.00
 - Water - \$400.00

- Monthly Billing for Communication



PERSONNEL FUNDING

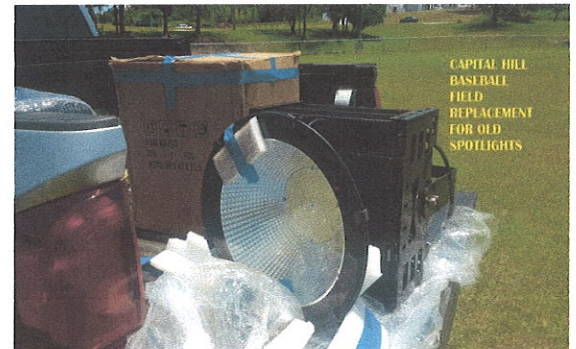


UTILITIES COST

- \$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 – 13 operational
- Operational Equipment's, Machinery, and Tools
 - All small engines are working except for one John Deere Zero Turn Mower
 - John Deere Mower – 2 units operational, 1 brand new
 - Bush Cutters – 10 units operational, 16 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

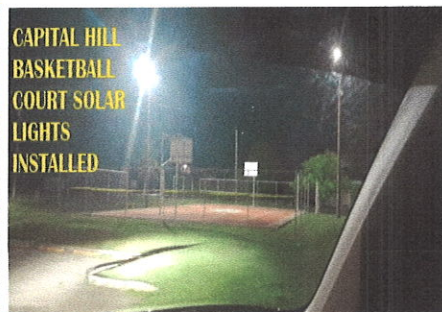
- Saipan Local Laws
 - 23-8
 - 23-10
 - 23-18
 - 23-20



CAPITAL HILL
BASEBALL
FIELD
REPLACEMENT
FOR OLD
SPOTLIGHTS



PARKS AND
RECREATION FIELD
STAFF



CAPITAL HILL
BASKETBALL
COURT SOLAR
LIGHTS
INSTALLED



CAPITAL HILL
BASEBALL
FIELD
FENCING
RENOVATION
COMPLETE



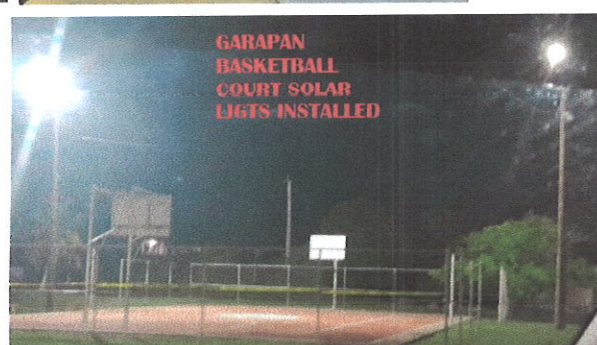
EQUIPMENTS
DONATED BY
THE OGM



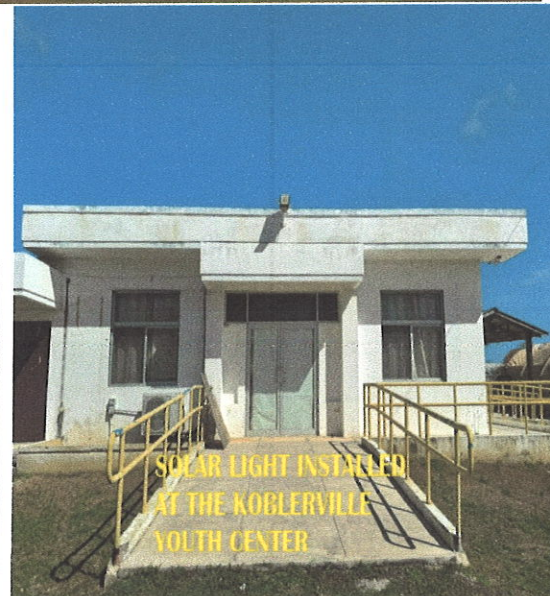
SOLAR LIGHTS
REPLACING
OLD LIGHTS



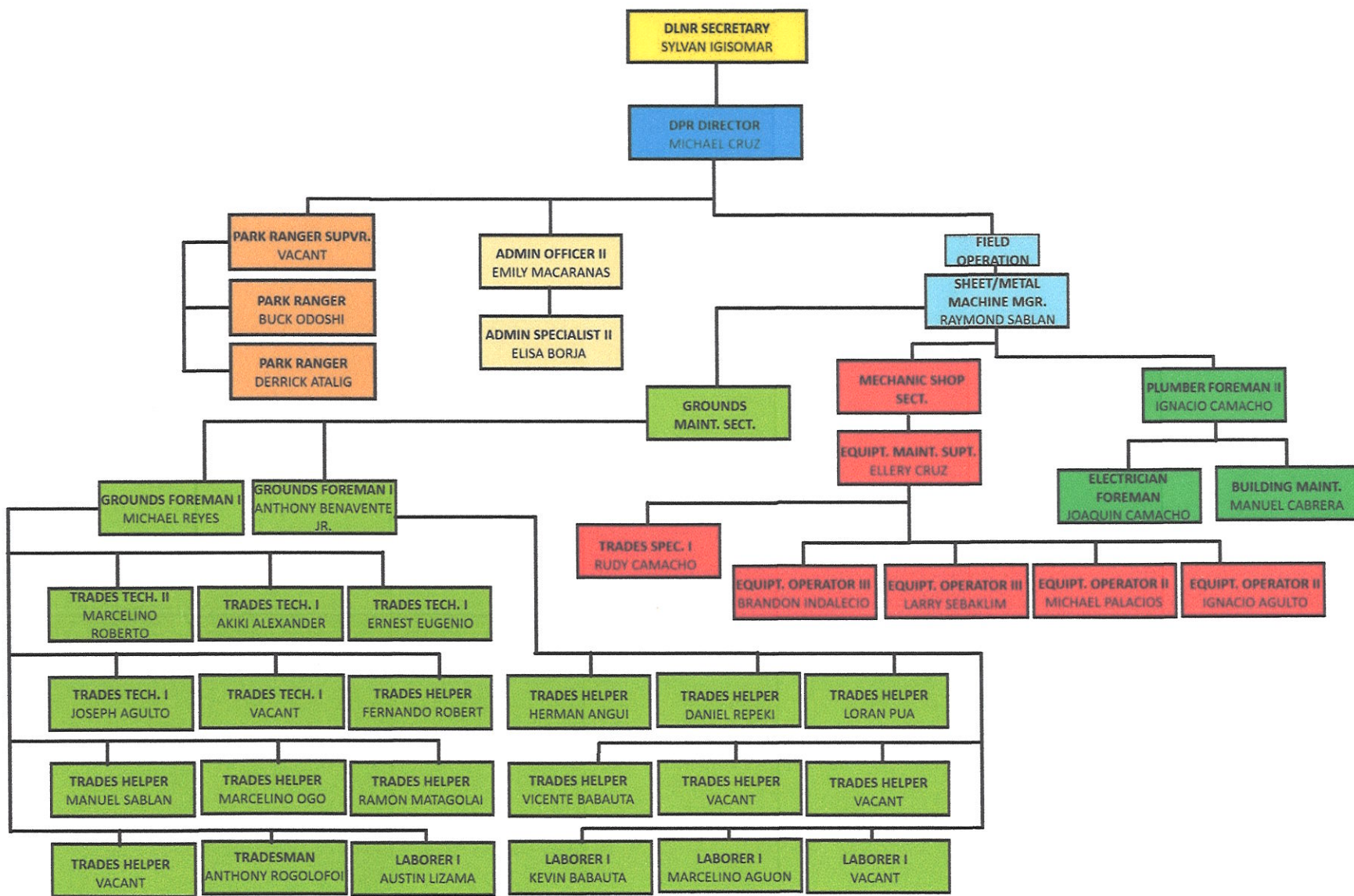
OFFICE OF THE
GRANTS
MANAGEMENT
AND CLEARING
PROGRAM DONATED
SOLAR LIGHTS FOR
PARKS AND
RECREATION TO
BE INSTALLED
ACROSS PARKS
ON GUAM TERRITORY

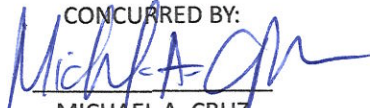


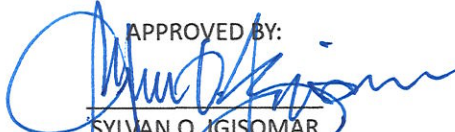
GARAPAN
BASKETBALL
COURT SOLAR
LIGHTS INSTALLED



SOLAR LIGHT INSTALLED
AT THE KOBLERVILLE
YOUTH CENTER



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