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San Bernardino County Fire Assistant Chief Scott Tuttle (R) introduced the newest member of the department, Battalion Chief Bob Evans. Heather Clisby photo. Artist rendering of the proposed Pioneer Park. Heather Clisby photo

The Twentynine Palms City Council met last night (February 23) and awarded 17 contracts for Project Phoenix construction and approved a grant application for a new park. Reporter Heather Clisby was there ...

Last night's meeting of the Twentynine Palms City Council was a productive one despite an absent Mayor Daniel Mintz. A public hearing was held on the sewer rate fee study. Just one protest letter was submitted so the council voted to approve.

With Councilmember Joel Klink stating that the vote brought happy tears to his eyes after so much time and effort, the council voted to award 17 contracts for the building of the Project Phoenix Community Center and the Joshua Tree National Park Cultural Center for just over \$7.5 million. Construction is slated to commence March 29.

Community Development Director Travis Clark presented details on the application for Proposition 68 park bond grant funds totaling \$8.5 million to develop Pioneer Park. Located off of Sullivan and Adobe Roads, the park project will cover 17.7 acres.

Recreational features include the renovation and expansion of Theatre 29, outdoor stages and amphitheater, multi-use field (soccer, football, etc.), walking trails, running loop, children's playground, inter-generational playground, basketball court, tennis court, sand volleyball court, picnic and BBQ pavilion, bike flow course, kite flying hill, public art and arroyo nature trail and demonstration gardens.

Plans for Pioneer Park (which originated in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan from 2008 and the city's General Plan in 2012) incorporated suggestion from the community after several public meetings.

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