# **FY22 GOAL TEAM REPORT GOAL 4**

Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments

### Exceptional Recreational, Cultural and Educational Wells EMPO Opportunities

# **BRANCE POWERED BY THE TEAM**

## **GOAL 4**

- Capital Improvement Department
- Libraries
- Museums and Cultural Affairs
- Parks and Recreation
- El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens

 Key Service Impacts (COVID-19) ✓ Goal Priorities for FY22 Key Accomplishments ✓ Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) ✓ FY22 Key Deliverables Update ✓ Key Opportunities/Challenges



## Key Service Impacts: Response & Recovery

#### **Service Levels Returning:**

- 100% Zoo Operations
- 100% Senior Centers Operations
- 100% on City Leagues/Sports
- 100% on QOL Festivals/Largescale Events
- 100% Museums Open
- 60% of Libraries Operating
- 50% of Recreation Centers Operating
- 50% of Aquatics Facilities Operating



# **Goal-4 Key Service Impacts**

- Staffing level for portfolio impacted by 44% overall vacancy
- Inflation driving up cost of programming
- Continuation of pandemic creates unknowns related to:
  - Occupancy
  - Other potential restrictions from Federal Government, State or OEM



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## **Awards/Recognition**

#### Libraries

- Fully Accredited by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission
- Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award (Third Consecutive Year)

#### **Museums and Cultural Affairs Department**

- Renewal of American Association of Museums Accreditation for the El Paso Museum of Art
- El Paso Museum of History 1 of 15 national finalists for the IMLS 2022 Nation Medal for Museum Service
- Selection by Federal Government to launch a new stamp
- EP Best of the Best for El Paso Museum of Art, Chalk the Block

#### **Parks and Recreation**

- CAPRA Accreditation
- EP Best of the Best for Scenic Drive, Memorial Park

#### **Zoo and Botanical Gardens**

- AZA and American Public Garden Association Accreditation
- EP Best of the Best Outdoor Activity, 4th place Best Family Outing







## **Strategic Partnerships**

- Animal Services
- (\$) Art Bridges America
- AZA
- Bank of America
- Canutillo Independent School District
- (\$) Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition
- (\$) Center for Biological Diversity
- (\$) Chick-Fil-A
- Community Development
- County Nutrition Program
- El Paso Chihuahuas
- El Paso Community College
- El Paso Community Foundation
- El Paso Fire Department
- El Paso Independent School District
- El Paso Locomotive
- (\$) El Paso Museum of Art Foundation
- (\$) El Paso Museum of History Foundation
- El Paso Rhinos
- El Paso Water

- Environmental Services
- Everoneon.org
- Friends of the Libraries
- Frontera Land Alliance
- (\$) GECU
- Health Department
- Housing Authority of El Paso
- (\$) KLAQ Radio
- Live Active
- (\$) Marathon Petroleum
- Neighborhood Associations (various)
- Region 19
- Socorro Independent School District
- Sun Metro
- (\$) Teachers Federal Credit Union
- (\$) Texas Parks and Wildlife
- (\$) The Great Khalid Foundation
- University of Texas at El Paso
- (\$) Whataburger
- Ysleta Independent School District

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• (\$) Zoological Society

# Key Accomplishments

- Ten facilities open and bookmobile operating at other branches
- Opened Computer Labs
- Resumed in-person programming along with Read and Ride
- 5 Graduates of Career Online High School
- WorkPLACE Public Library Association Digital Skilling Grant (4,334 participants, 100 Free laptops to community, 5 partnerships)



"I want to finish my high school diploma in order to get into the college Dental Assisting program. I am now preparing for the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Exam." - Hualing Wang, Career Online High School graduate from El Paso, January 2022

## Key Accomplishments-MCAD

- Recipient of \$250K NEA award to support local creative sector recovery
- Hosted national unveiling of first ever United States Postal Service Dia de los Muertos Stamp
- 64% Increase in attendance at the Downtown Art & Farmers Market after reactivation
- Return to in-person Chalk the Block and Dia de los Muertos





## Key Accomplishments PARKS + RECREATION

- Implementation of Eco-Tourism strategy to capitalize on El Paso's unique setting
- Implementation of WinterFest, with in-person Celebration of Lights
- 9 senior centers opened ahead of schedule in response to community need
- Return to in-person Senior Games
- 397 Live Active EP events



# **EL PASO ZOO + BOTANICAL GARDENS**

- Overall YTD Attendance up over 15%
- **Spring Break Attendance** up 4k guests compared to last year which was a record year.
- **Eggstravaganzoo Attendance** broke 7 year record with over 10,300 guest over the weekend.
- All buildings, demos and keeper chats reinstated

### **Spring Baby season:**

- 8 Pronghorns born (Antelope like animal)
- 2 Cotton Top Tamarins born (small primate)
- Orangutan pregnant
- Mexican Wolf pregnant
- Preswalski Horse pregnant
- Assorted birds and reptile births





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# **Goal 4- Key Performance Indicators**

Key Performance Indicators	FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 (Thru Q2)	Target
MCAD: Increase in Museum Attendance	165,300	195,739	228,404	155,853	30,430	50,912	199,654
Library: Program attendance	170,284	166,032	* <b>155,660</b> *branch closed due to renovations	70,383	<b>87,460</b> (Virtual)	<b>*10,182</b> *Reflects two signature in-person programs	70,500
Parks: Recreation program participation	627,690	849,545	790,797	517,068	240,749	564,366	864,665
Zoo: Increase Event Attendance by 3% annually	36,873	41,768	43,191	<b>17,093*</b> *partially clos ed	<b>0</b> *closed because of covid so no events could occur.	14,706 Bulk of events occur last half of 22	44,486
% Quality of Life projects completed within contractual time frame	93%	100%	100%	100%	95%	100%	90%
% Quality of Life projects completed at or under budget	90%	100%	100%	100%	95%	100%	90%

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# Deliver bond projects impacting quality of life across the city in a timely, efficient manner

Key Strategic Objective	Update			
Complete Quality of Life Bond Projects and develop signature programming (2.0 from 20 by 20):				
Mexican American Cultural Center and Main Library	MACC and Library open early 2024			
La Nube Children's Museum	La Nube opens early 2023			
Multi-Purpose Center	<ul> <li>MPC - Per council direction procuring consulting firm for feasibility study</li> </ul>			



## Establish technical criteria for improved quality of life facilities

### **Key Strategic Objective**

Align and implement key investment strategies sustaining and enhancing park system operations and outdoor offerings



## Update

#### **In Construction**

- Liz Morayma Park Improvements
- Nations Tobin Pool Roof
- Joey Barraza Park Improvements Phase II
- Dick Shinaut Skate Park
- Pueblo Viejo Park Improvements
- Play Drain Walking Trail Phase II
- Leo Cancellare Pool Renovations
- Viscount Training and Instructional Pool and Multi-Purpose Recreation Improvements
- Wainwright and NE Basin Park Improvements



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#### In Design

- Chelsea Pool Pocket Park
- Clark and Cleveland Phase II
- Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center Improvements



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### Update

### El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens

#### Projects in progress:

- Penguin Oasis
- South American Restroom Facility
- Animal Holding Two
- Leopard Exhibit Upgrade
- Sea Lion Repair and Upgrade

#### Projects in Design:

- Galapagos Tortoise Repair and Upgrade
- Discovery Center Upgrade
- Komodo Dragon Exhibit





### Create innovative recreational, educational and cultural programs

### Update

### **El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens**

#### NEW Event; Combining Party for the Planet with Eggstravaganzoo for a more robust event

- Free tree giveaway
- Egg hunt, spring games and special entertainment
- Partner support from local agencies
- Environmental games to teach about conservation and recycling
- NEW Event; Kids Nights Out open 5 to 8 PM, July Saturdays;
- Open later hours with special admission after 5 PM, or stay with regular admission
- Kids Cosplay Wrestling, Magician, Live dance acts, sing along contests, games, crafts plus snacks and fair food available.

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#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Continue to leverage technological resources to deliver services more efficiently and effectively
- Continuing to phase in services/facilities safely, in line with budgets while also evaluating programs on hiatus to determine quality, customer response and resource allocation
- Restructure of Cultural Affairs Division for efficiency and leadership development

#### CHALLENGES

• Significant escalation in all costs for programs, operations and construction (steel, gas, supply shortages, animal feed, etc.)

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