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## 2026 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, tourist sites, Marpi Public Cemetery, and the Division of Roads and Grounds transferring to DLNR Division of Parks and Recreation along with its duties and responsibilities from the Division of Roads and Grounds. Division of Parks and Recreation was established through the passage of Public Law 11-106 & PL14-27 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 85-50.2 implement permit fee collections to cover the cost of maintenance 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 pickleball court.
- Capitol Hill baseball field artificial turf installation.
- Playground installation at San Isidro Beach Park.
- PakPak Beach Park renovation with new pavilions and playground equipment through

the office of the Governor and office of Grants Management and Clearing House.

- Koblerville Childrens Park installation of playground, restroom and pavilion. Through the office of Grants Management and Clearing House.

- Assisted ESF-3 (DPW) with typhoon Sinlaku and Bavi operations.
- Capitol Hill Recreational Park playground installation.
- Walkway installation and wheelchair access to Paupau restroom.
- Open the Marpi Public Cemetery for public use.
- Installation of fencing around the grave site in the Marpi Public Cemetery.
- Maintaining Park and Recreation sites as mandated by the PL 11-106.
- Maintaining tourist sites mandated by PL 14-27.
- Maintaining the CNMI Marpi Public Cemetery.
- Assist DPL with maintenance of Kanoa, Marianas Resort, and Managaha as per a MOA.
- Public Restrooms that are operable: San Isidro Beach Park, Capitol Hill Baseball Field, PauPau, Central Park, Grotto, Kilili Beach.

### 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 facilities once they were completed and turned over to the division.

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) and Department of Public Lands continues to remain strong and vibrant throughout these challenging times.

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

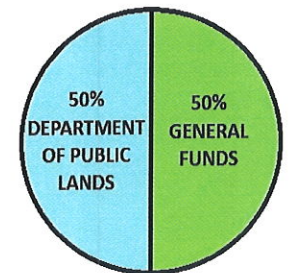
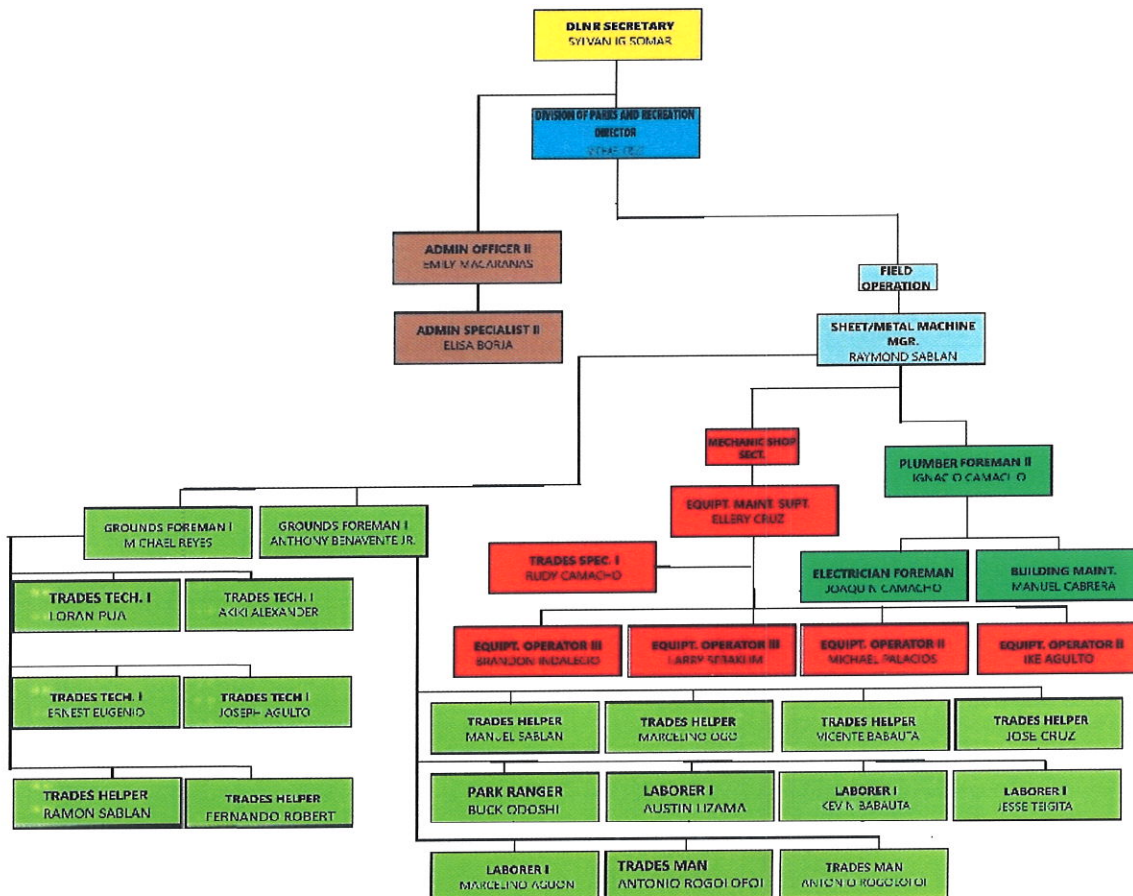
Division's Budget and Personnel

- Personnel Funding
  - 50% CNMI General Funds

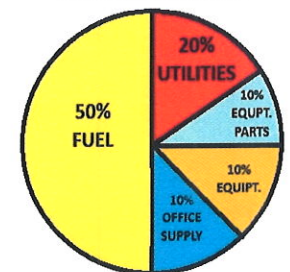
- 50% Department of Public Lands
- \$1,106,053.00 – Civil Service Employees/Personnel and Fringe Benefit

- Expenses on Utilities
  - \$45,000.00 per year
  - Grotto
    - Water \$5,760.00
    - Sewer - \$3,840.00
  - Central Park
    - Power - \$5,000.00
    - Water - \$300.00
  - Garapan Office
    - \$850.00 per month (\$10,200.00 per year)
  - AsPerdido Shop
    - Power - \$60.00
    - Water - \$400.00
  - San Isidro Beach Park
    - Water - \$4,000.00
- Monthly Billing for Communication
  - \$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 – 11 operational
- Operational Equipment's, Machinery, and Tools
  - All small engines are working except for one John Deere Zero Turn Mower
  - Mower – 6 units operational,
  - Bush Cutters – 26 units operational,
  - Blowers – 11 units operational,
  - Chain saw – 2 operational (20 inch), 4 operational (16 inch)
  - 1 Backhoe Loader



PERSONNEL FUNDING



UTILITIES COST



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