



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
Meeting Held Electronically**

PRESENT: Chair Maryann McAllen, Vice-Chair Kurt Jones, Commissioners Alexandra Albert, Eric Kurland, Ronald Lehman, and Susan McGarry

STAFF: Community Services Administrator Kira Peters; Managers Dan Bachman, Brett Jackson, Nick Molinari, Jody Pierce, Chris Walsh; Operations Supervisor Erin McKallor-Quill; Public Information Officer Erin Walsh

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McAllen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present as indicated above.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who submitted comments.

MINUTES

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes – April 21, 2021

Commissioner Kurland noted that he voted in favor of the Youth Aquatic Facility Allocation Policy and Commissioner Lehman abstained.

COMMISSIONER ALBERT MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 21, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. VICE-CHAIR JONES SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MCALLEN, VICE-CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS ALBERT, KURLAND, LEHMAN, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. REVIEW OF BOND PROJECT 1. REPLACE AGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVE PUBLIC AND EVENT SPACES ON CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

Public Information Officer Erin Walsh discussed the history of the renovations to Scottsdale Civic Center (formerly Civic Center Mall) being included in Bond 2019. She noted that the site

was developed 51 years ago and many of the amenities are in need of updating, including infrastructure improvements that will help make the venue event ready. Changes made to address recent emergency closures, to address restroom issues and ADA compliance issues were made based on the 2015 master plan. On May 1, 2018, City Council approved the second update to the master plan, which became the basis for the project being included in the 2019 bond election. A Bond Task Force helped to rank and prioritize projects and during the City Council review, Scottsdale Civic Center renovations were deemed top priority for bond funding. Also included in the bond election was project number 36, which is designated to provide free Wi-Fi at Civic Center Plaza.

Brandon Sobiech, PLA, Principal of Dig Studio gave a presentation outlining recommendations regarding the Civic Center Plaza infrastructure and public event space improvements. He said that focus was given to the goals of the previous master site plan and focused on creating a family-friendly entertainment destination and enhancing connectivity. Design principles revolved around honoring history, recognizing significant existing architecture and institutions around the site, and understanding the influential arts, culture, and existing sculptures while showcasing Scottsdale as a leader in environmental sustainability.

Mr. Sobiech gave a detailed description of each of the various contextual zones planned for the project. Areas included:

- The West Sail – Pedestrian corridor connecting Main Street into the Civic Center
- West Bowl – Area near Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts
- Civic Lawn – Area spanning Drinkwater Bridge in front of City Hall
- Social Hub – Family-friendly amenities zone, located between Civic Center Library and City Hall
- East Bowl – Event destination to the east of City Hall, which will be home to a permanent stage and infrastructure improvements

Mr. Sobiech noted that the project will include planting of 103 additional trees, an event tent setup expansion, Wi-Fi throughout the park, programmable exterior lighting, and abundant plug-in locations for everyday activities.

Ms. Walsh said that a virtual public meeting is scheduled to launch on Monday, May 24, 2021 and will be available on the City's website through June 11, 2021. She encouraged the public to post comments. The public hearing process will continue with presentations to various boards and commissions and ending with Design Review Board and City Council reviews. She anticipates that preconstruction work and public art relocation will begin in late summer 2021 and construction will begin in October 2021. Project completion is projected for January 2023. Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Sobiech said that consideration is being given to making a connection from the site south to the 2nd Street parking garage and doing a full regrading of the west corridor to allow more visibility upon entering the park. Wayfinding signage will also be installed.

2. NAMING PROPOSAL – BARKER BRANCH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Operations Supervisor Erin McKallor-Quill presented a request for approval of the naming of the program office in the Executive Council Charities Teen Center at the Barker Branch Boys and Girls Club located within the Eldorado Community Center as the "Boys & Girls Clubs of America and The Hartford College and Career Center". She noted that Boys and Girls Club have been in partnership with the City of Scottsdale since 1998 when Eldorado Community Center was

expanded to include Barker Boys and Girls Club. Barker Boys and Girls Club recently was the recipient of \$35,000 in funding for a college and career center in the Executive Council Charities Teen Center. Funding will provide an employee to ensure that teen members have resources, opportunities and abilities to enter the workforce or pursue higher education.

COMMISSIONER MCGARRY MOVED TO APPROVE THE NAMING OF THE PROGRAM OFFICE IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHARITIES TEEN CENTER AT THE BARKER BRANCH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB LOCATED WITHIN THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY CENTER AS THE "BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA AND THE HARTFORD COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER". COMMISSIONER ALBERT SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MCALLEN, VICE-CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS ALBERT, KURLAND, LEHMAN, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. WESTWORLD SPORTS FIELD PROJECT

Recreation Manager Chris Walsh provided an informational update on the West World sports fields project, which was passed as part of the 2019 bond election. His presentation included an overview of the initial design concepts for the project, project funding, site location and project phasing. The site will have five international-size lit fields, restrooms, a small staff office, and walking paths. He anticipates that design work will be completed by year's end. He reviewed how site elevation changes from east to southwest are being addressed, highlighted areas where Musco LED lighting will be installed and landscaping plans.

Mr. Walsh anticipates that native plant salvage and grading preparation will begin over the summer. Construction is expected to begin in late 2021 or early 2022, with completion expected by January 2023. A virtual open house is planned to launch by the end of this week and will be available through June 14, 2021.

Mr. Walsh noted that ball field lighting information can be viewed as part of the WestWorld Sports Complex video and as part of the virtual open house. Additionally, information can be viewed on the Horizon Park video on May 20th, 21st, 25th, and 28th and June 1st through 3rd and 7th through 14th.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Community Services Administrator Kira Peters said that Parks and Recreation Director recruitment closed on Friday, May 14th. Interviews will begin on Monday, May 24th.

Summer 2021 programming information can be found in the Scottsdale Life brochure as well as online. Community services and parks and recreation resources and activities are available for all ages.

Aquatics learn to swim programming will be available at all aquatics centers beginning on Monday, June 4th. To date, 3,822 people are enrolled in aquatics programming. Public swim hours are available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through August 1st. Reservations open to the public on June 7th.

Summer Camps will be available at Echo Canyon, Cocopah, and Horizon for children, grades first through fifth. Club 6, 7, 8 will be available for middle school-age children. Endless Summer Excursion Camp begins on July 26th.

Ms. Peters said that 100 trees have been planted in the park system since March, including those planted as part of the Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration. In addition, the City distributed approximately 100 trees to citizens at the Farmers market during March.

Chesnutt Park spray pad renovation is in progress and is expected to be completed by the end of May. Paiute Park spray pad has been completed and opened to the public in April.

Ms. Peters announced that the Summer Concert Series at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park will begin on May 30, 2021. Cost for a reservation is \$30 for a marked 8 x 8 space that will accommodate up to six people. A beer and wine permit can be obtained for an additional \$15. Those who are interested can register at Railroadpark.com.

Solstice Park, located near Solari Bridge, will have its grand opening on June 20, 2021 as part of Scottsdale's 70th anniversary celebrations. Various activities will be available as part of the celebration.

Ms. Peters gave an update on the recent bond projects. She noted that a public meeting will be scheduled soon for the Ashlar Hills neighborhood park project. Bell Road Sports Complex is under way and is expected to be completed by Spring of 2022. DC Ranch Park lake project is in progress and is expected to be completed in June of 2021. Areas surrounding the lake should be completed in November 2021.

5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Albert said she has had a great experience in parks during the past month. She was happy to hear that the alley behind the parking garage near Civic Center is planned for renovation as part of that project.

Chair McAllen said that Chaparral Park looks great. She has registered for Summer Concert Series dates. She commented that she was surprised at the number of people and varying activities happening when she visited Vista del Camino Park.

6. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Possible future agenda items include:

- Social Media Posts; update on Chaparral off-leash activity area
- Possible pilot program for a community garden

7. ADJOURNMENT

VICE-CHAIR JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER LEHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MCALLEN, VICE-CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS ALBERT KURLAND, LEHMAN, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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