



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
Meeting Held Electronically**

PRESENT: Chair Maryann McAllen, Vice-Chair Kurt Jones, Commissioners Eric Kurland (arrived at 5:05 p.m.), Steve Masear, Susan McGarry, and Teresa Kim Quale

STAFF: Director Nick Molinari; Managers Brett Jackson, Denise Clayton, Jody Pierce, Sunny Nakagawa; Garrett Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McAllen called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present as indicated above.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public submitted comments.

MINUTES

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes – November 17, 2021

VICE-CHAIR JONES MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 17, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER QUALE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MCALLEN, VICE-CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS MASEAR, MCGARRY, AND QUALE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER KURLAND NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. TOURNAMENT PLAYERS CLUB (TPC)/PGA TOUR SPORTSBOOK FACILITY ON THE EXPO PAD

Jordan Rose, with Rose Law Group, gave a presentation, outlining the location and operation of the sportsbook wagering facility and restaurant and bar being developed on the "Expo Pad", that is leased by the City of Scottsdale to the Tournament Players Club of

Scottsdale, Inc. (TPC) as part of the TPC Scottsdale Golf Facility, pursuant to the City Council-approved amendment to the TPC Lease and Management Agreement.

Michael Marcoux, architect with Allan + Philp Partners, highlighted the site plan and building elevations, including building location, parking, dining and activity spaces, and other amenities planned for the site. He noted that branding for the facility is comfortable elegance with a level of sophistication.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Rose said that the facility development is taking place under a conditional use permit, which expands the TPC's footprint. She noted that the City of Scottsdale owns the property and will have use of the facility once it is completed. She anticipates that the facility will be completed in time for 2023 Super Bowl activities.

Ms. Rose said that a public meeting was held via ZOOM on December 14, 2021. Questions from the community primarily focused on ingress and egress from the property and noise concerns.

2. ASHLER HILLS AND THOMPSON PEAK PARK BOND 2019 PROJECTS UPDATE

Nick Molinari, Parks and Recreation Director, gave an update on the progress of the Ashler Hills Neighborhood Park and the Thompson Peak Park Off Leash Area, which were both included in the Bond 2019 package.

He noted that Ashler Hills is 17-acre neighborhood park, budgeted for \$6.1 million as part of the 2019 bond election. The facility will include multiuse, lighted courts, a shaded playground, restroom building, and passive park area. As part of public outreach, a virtual open house was available for approximately five weeks, September through October, and consisted of a video presentation which included details of the conceptual plan and questions and answers for citizens to review. The public survey generated 232 public comments.

Residents have expressed interest in having an off-leash dog area in the park; however, the City feels that neighborhood parks are not the appropriate location for off-leash areas. Typically, off-leash areas are placed in community parks. The next community meeting is tentatively scheduled for January/February 2022.

Director Molinari gave an update on the Thompson Peak Park off-leash area, identified in the 2015 Community Services Master plan and budgeted for \$4.6 million as part of the 2019 bond election. The three-and-a-half acre off-leash park will be located on the corner of Thompson Peak Parkway and 89th Street. It will consist of four fenced dog cells, a footbridge connecting the new space with existing amenities, and 100 additional parking spaces. The RFP process has been completed and an architect's contract is expected to be awarded within the next few weeks.

Commissioners requested that future presentations include an aerial view of development sites.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Molinari gave an update on the Bell Road Sports Complex construction. Recent work has focused on landscaping the surrounding areas, including perimeter fencing, electrical installations and preparation for parking lot paving, which is scheduled for early January.

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park will be hosting Holiday Lights through January 2, 2022. Similar to last year, due to COVID precautions, a limited number of tickets are being sold at \$15 each for two time slots nightly. The number of tickets per time slot has been increased since last year. Tickets include unlimited train and carousel rides. Director Molinari noted that visitors appreciate the shorter lines and parking availability. He expressed appreciation for the help of Scottsdale Fire Department staff this year.

Director Molinari presented photographs of the completed Horizon Park pickleball courts project.

4. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Vice-Chair Jones continues to enjoy using the Chaparral dog park and is hoping that the new grass area is open soon. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Kurland thanked Director Molinari for meeting with him to talk about building a community garden. He has been in communication with the Veterans Advisory Commission about the possibility of coordinating to build a Veterans memorial community garden. He wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Commissioner Masear wished everyone happy holidays and happy new year.

Commissioner McGarry said she looks forward to using the Horizon pickleball court and wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Quale gave an update on the Paths and Trails Subcommittee meeting held on December 7. She was impressed that the City has been able to get federal grants to assist with development of City paths and trails. She wished everyone happy holidays.

Chair McAllen said that she enjoyed attending the tree lighting at Soleri Park and looks forward to attending Holiday Lights with her family. She wished everyone happy holidays and a happy new year.

5. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

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