



**SCOTTSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
Meeting Held Electronically**

PRESENT: Chair Maryann McAllen, Vice-Chair Kurt Jones, Commissioners Alexandra Albert (arrived at 5:06 p.m.), Todd Davis, Ronald Lehman, and Susan McGarry

ABSENT: Commissioner John Doering

STAFF: Director Reed Pryor, Director; Manager Brett Jackson, Project Coordination Liaison Taylor Reynolds

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McAllen called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 – January 20, 2021 and February 24, 2021

COMMISSIONER LEHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 20, 2021 AND FEBRUARY 24, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MCGARRY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MCALLEN, VICE-CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS DAVIS, LEHMAN, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. COMMISSIONER ALBERT WAS NOT YET PRESENT.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. COMMISSION BYLAW APPROVAL

The Commission reviewed proposed bylaw amendments presented at the February Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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

2. GP-2021: DRAFT SCOTTSDALE GENERAL PLAN 2035

Taylor Reynolds, Project Coordination Liaison, gave a presentation outlining recommendations relating to 1-GP-2021: Draft Scottsdale General Plan 2035. The presentation included an overview of the recent history of Scottsdale's General Plan update, including the 2012 special election process; the Citizen Review Committee (CRC) process and timeline; CRC plan organization and legislative edits that occurred as a result of their meetings; and areas of special interest to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Areas of particular interest to the Commission include:

- Open space element goals and policies related to open spaces, surrounding character, and management
- OS 7 discussing expanding, improving, and protecting open spaces
- Goal HC 3, wellness, specific to healthy living and physical activity
- Goal HC 6 senior citizen recreation
- HC 7, community centers and parks being used for community interaction and volunteerism; the recreation element, which discusses recreational facilities and programs
- Community Services Master Plan and Parks and Recreation Master Plan

A citizen input link is available through the City's website; public input opportunities will continue over the coming months. City Council is expected to review the General Plan in June 2021 in hopes of ratification by public vote in November of 2021.

3. PLAYGROUND RENOVATION UPDATE

Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager, provided an update to the Commission on the recent playground renovations. His presentation included an inventory of current playground, shade structures and par course equipment, which identified the installation dates and anticipated lifespan of each. Playground equipment has an anticipated lifespan of 10 to 15 years, but thanks to the diligence of staff, the City has had some playgrounds last as long as 30 years. Mr. Jackson noted that the City is transitioning playground ground covering to manufactured wood fibers (MWF), which is less expensive to maintain, provides twice the cushioning for falls, and is ADA compliant.

The City has replaced and renovated equipment at 18 parks since 2015, at a cost of \$2,938,461. Mr. Jackson reviewed FY 2020/21 projects that have been completed and are ongoing, including Rio Montana playground and Zuni which were recently completed. He noted that shade structure installations are scheduled to begin soon at Comanche Park and Shoshone Park. Photographs of the improvements at Northsight Park and Rio Montana Park were displayed. Mr. Jackson said funding sources vary and include operating budget funds, grants, CIP funds, and community collaboration. The last few projects have been funded through a three-year CIP process. Playground maintenance and renovations are determined based on

playground inspections done by the certified playground safety inspectors (CPSI) team. Parks and maintenance staff perform daily inspections.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Vice-Chair Jones suggested that consideration be given to planning an additional ADA facility in the northern part of the City. Chair McAllen noted that the ADA facility was installed at Chaparral Park because at the time, the City's special needs program was located out of Chaparral Park.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/MANAGER'S REPORTS

Director Pryor said that regarding motorized vehicle use on the multi-use path, the Transportation & Streets Director recently gave an update to City Council. He proposed changes to the ordinance and introduced a draft license. He received comments from Council and has directed his staff to make changes and further develop the license. His staff has been asked to present information to the Parks and Recreation Commission at a future meeting.

In response to questions about keeping parks and facilities clean and maintained, Director Pryor said that staff does daily inspections for cleanliness and safety and performs routine work at all sites. If larger issues with restroom cleanliness are found, contractors are given a two-hour window to address those issues.

Director Pryor is working with Commander Slavin at Scottsdale Police Department to discuss the possibility of starting a park ranger program. He will give an update as information comes available.

Spring training attendance is down from last year. Average attendance for the first eight games was 1,149. Attendance limits has been increased from 1,500 to 1,700, because additional seating was added on left field berms and down the sidelines. The new Scottsdale Stadium event center has eight non-baseball related events scheduled for April.

The Giants will be using the stadium clubhouse and have some presence at Indian School. Since the Giants' move to Papago Park, the Indian School Park baseball facilities are being marketed to other groups. The Triple Crown Sports baseball tournament is scheduled March 4th-7th, 11th-14th, and 18th-21st.

The Learn-to-Swim program has 320 participants registered so far and the Star Guard Lifeguard certification course is ongoing. McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center will be closed for the week of March 22nd through the 26th for renovations. Programming will be moved to Chaparral Park during the closure.

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park is hosting a "Tents by the Tracks" event on April 10th. Families can rent a space for an overnight stay with breakfast. The summer concert series will return this year with reserved spaces and social distancing protocols in place. The Model Railroad building will reopen on April 19, 2021 with limited capacity.

Civic Center Mall renovation is expected to be completed in Fall of 2022.

Tree City USA and the annual Arbor Day celebration will be held on a date to be determined in April 2021.

Tennis center renovations have been completed. Adult leagues and lessons, youth tennis, Ability 360 wheelchair tennis, and tournaments are ongoing. Director Pryor noted that U.S. Tennis has seen a 22 percent increase during 2020.

Director Pryor gave an overview of ongoing leisure education opportunities, including online opportunities.

Director Pryor gave an update on the progress of spray pad renovations at Chestnut Park and Paiute Park.

5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Davis noted that this was his last meeting and talked about his 45-year career in Parks and Recreation. He suggested that the Commission agendaize a presentation regarding the Council's discussion on people experiencing homelessness in relation to the parks system. He challenged the Commission to fight for more funding for parks maintenance. He suggested that the Commission hold a strategic meeting and assign individual Commissioners to be responsible for reporting on individual parks and/or programs.

Commissioner Lehman said he is increasingly impressed with city staff and the City of Scottsdale parks and recreation system.

Chair McAllen thanked Commissioner Davis for his years of service and dedication to the Commission and to the City. She noted appreciation to Director Pryor for looking into the possibility of forming a park ranger program and for checking on the laws regarding e-bikes.

6. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items could include Aquatics Allocation Policy review.

7. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER LEHMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER ALBERT SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MCALLEN, VICE-CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS ALBERT, DAVIS 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 6:06 p.m.

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