



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Meeting Held Electronically**

PRESENT: Chair Maryann McAllen, Vice-Chair Kurt Jones, Commissioners, Eric Kurland, Susan McGarry, and Steve Masear

ABSENT: Commissioner Teresa Kim Quale

STAFF: Nick Molinari, Parks and Recreation Director; Parks Managers Brett Jackson, Denise Clayton, and Jody Pierce; Operations Supervisor Dan Bachman

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present as indicated above.

Chair McAllen welcomed Steve Masear to the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were submitted.

MINUTES

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes – October 20, 2021

VICE-CHAIR JONES MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 20, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MCGARRY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MCALLEN, VICE-CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS KURLAND AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER MASEAR ABSTAINED. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Nick Molinari, Director, said that the department has finalized a service contract with Social Prosperity Partners as the consultant on developing the new strategic plan. He gave an overview of elements of the plan, which include the following:

- Discovery – looking at current parks and recreation services, trends, and community needs currently being served
- Engagement – form a planning committee, public survey, identify resident priorities, and work with stakeholders
- Focus – summarize findings, identify and prioritize key priorities, create strategies
- Draft Plan – creating a draft plan and executive summary, identify gaps in current services, review mission, identify service priorities with corresponding goals and measurable objectives
- Final Draft – finalize draft plan and develop activities to promote findings

2. SCOTTSDALE SPORTS COMPLEX UPDATE

Dan Bachman, Parks and Recreation Operations Supervisor, gave an update on the operations, policies, projects, and recent activity at the Scottsdale Sports Complex. His presentation included a review of the history of the Sports Complex, amenities currently available at the facility, and statistics regarding facility usage. He described the field reservation process and fee structure. He noted that full facility reservations are required to be for a minimum of two days and can be booked up to 11 months in advance. Seasonal reservations are booked hourly for spring and fall sessions, with a maximum of one non-lighted field and one lighted field per organization per night allowed. Organizations that wish to participate in the rollover program must reserve full facility for a minimum of two days and show that their event generates a minimum of 400 Scottsdale hotel room nights.

Mr. Bachman gave an overview of the Bell Road expansion, including features and amenities that will be available at the Bell Road Sports Complex. Bell Road Sports Complex is expected to open in 2022, with the spring event season starting February 25th, nightly training starting February 28th. He noted that spring of 2022 has already been sold out. Mr. Bachman reviewed the sports complex operations and staff structure, facility maintenance features, and planned enhancements.

3. COMMISSION MEETING FUTURE PLANNING

Director Molinari asked for feedback on how the Commission would like to receive information and items of interest for future agendas. He noted that based on past Commissioner input presentations on Bond and CIP projects, the TPC lease amendment, and Ashler Hills are planned.

Commissioners requested the following items be added:

- Pilot program for a community garden
- Scottsdale Stadium update and tour
- Strategic planning committee updates

Director Molinari said that Commissioners will be given opportunities throughout the strategic planning process to engage with staff and the facilitator.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Molinari said that the Civic Center Mall renovation project began demolition and removal in mid-October. Currently they are focusing on tree salvage. Of the 20 mature trees that have been salvaged, 16 will be transplanted to McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park and four will be placed in areas damaged during monsoon season.

The City of Scottsdale was awarded Arizona Parks and Recreation Association's (APRA) 2021 Best Event Award for the Tents by the Tracks event held at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. The event featured a night of overnight camping for families and included an outdoor movie, dinner, late-night train and carousel rides and breakfast. APRA recognized the event for offering an outdoor, socially distanced family opportunity. The City is planning to host this event annually moving forward.

Halloween Spook-track-ula was held at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park October 8th through the 31st. The event attracted approximately 20,000 people and generated approximately \$270,000 in revenue over the three-week period.

Youth Development program hosted Family Night in the Pumpkin Patch on October 27th through 29th at Horizon and Mountain View Community Centers. There were approximately 100 participants.

McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatics Center hosted its annual Dunkin' for Pumpkins event.

As part of the drought management plan in response to the recent drought declaration, approximately 3,000 square feet of turf at Granite Reef Senior Center is being transformed to xeriscape. It is expected to save the City approximately \$16,000 in water annually.

Scottsdale Sports Complex field lighting renovations on fields five and six is reaching completion. The project was funded through Bond 2019 and is expected to generate approximately \$10,000 annually with the additional nighttime use.

Director Molinari announced that Commissioner Lehman has resigned his position.

5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Vice-Chair Jones thanked staff for their good work in maintaining Chaparral dog park.

Commissioner Kurland thanked staff for inviting Commission members to attend Canal Convergence. He said it was spectacular.

Chair McAllen thank staff for inviting Commissioners to events, which offers an opportunity for them to represent the Commission to the community. She enjoyed attending Dunkin' for Pumpkins and was given a tour of McDowell Mountain Ranch pool facilities. She encouraged Commissioners to take a tour of the facility. She complemented the aesthetics of Vista del Camino Park and thanked staff for maintaining Scottsdale's beautiful parks.

6. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No additional agenda items were suggested.

7. ADJOURNMENT

VICE-CHAIR JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER KURLAND SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MCALLEN, VICE-CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS KURLAND, MASEAR, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.
Jones/Kurland 5-0 RCV

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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