



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022  
City Hall Kiva Forum**

**PRESENT:** Chair Kurt Jones, Commissioners Maryann McAllen, Steve Masear, Susan McGarry, Kristen Parrish, and Teresa Kim Quale

**ABSENT:** Vice-Chair Eric Kurland

**STAFF:** Director Nick Molinari, Parks and Recreation Managers Brett Jackson, Denise Clayton, Sunny Nakagawa, Chris Walsh, Stephanie Tippett and Kevin McKee, Senior Assistant City Attorney Kim Campbell

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jones 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 wished to speak.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – February 16, 2022**

COMMISSIONER PARRISH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 16, 2022 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MASEAR SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS MASEAR, MCGARRY, PARRISH, AND QUALE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER MCALLEN ABSTAINED. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**2. ETHICS CODE REFRESHER TRAINING AND UPDATES**

Kim Campbell, Senior Assistant City Attorney, gave a presentation outlining the Scottsdale City Ethics Code, including newly adopted amendments to the City of Scottsdale Ethics Code. Updates include added definitions, new exemptions to the gifts policy and an update to the personal interest disclosure form.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

### **3. COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TIME**

Brief discussion ensued regarding the Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting time. Director Molinari noted that the time of the meetings is flexible, however changing to a day of the week other than the third Wednesday of the month would require a change to the bylaws. Commissioners agreed that further discussion should be tabled until all members of the Commission are present.

### **4. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RETREAT AGENDA**

Director Molinari announced that a Parks and Recreation Commission retreat is being considered for September 2022. Topics suggested for the retreat included:

- Discussion about the Parks and Recreation Department strategic plan
- Presentation about the Community Services Division functions and how other Community Services departments interact with Parks and Recreation
- Review of the organizational chart
- Presentation outlining responsibilities of each manager
- Budget update
- Discussion regarding ideas for the future of the Commission, the department, and parks in general

Commissioners were asked to email Director Molinari with any further suggestions for the retreat agenda.

### **5. DIRECTORS REPORT**

Director Molinari gave an update on 2022 Cactus League Spring Training at Scottsdale Stadium, which due to the MLB lockout was shortened to a total of nine games. Attendance for the season totaled approximately 60,181 attendees.

Triple Crown Sports Tournament was played over four weekends in March at numerous sites around Scottsdale with a total of 519 teams from 19 states and Canada participating. The tournament brought in approximately \$109,045 in revenue for the City.

Tents by the Tracks at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, held on Saturday, April 9, 2022, had approximately 407 attendees.

Adapted Services programs are returning to a normal schedule. Recent events included a movie night and a dance.

Mayor Ortega will host an Earth Day breakfast at Pima Park on Friday, April 22, 2022. In honor of Arbor Day, a tree planting event is scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2022. During this event 80 trees will be planted, thanks to partnerships with APS and the Neighborhood Advisory Commission.

Director Molinari talked about the difficulties the department has had with lifeguard recruitment. To remain competitive, the City has increased base pay for lifeguards by approximately \$2 per hour and has worked with an advertising agency to develop a comprehensive and targeted marketing campaign. The campaign targets parents, highlighting the convenience of

Scottsdale's pool locations. It is expected that lifeguard positions will be fully staffed within the next few weeks.

The new playground on the north side of Vista del Camino has been completed. Construction on the new inclusive playground at Thompson Peak Park is expected to begin soon.

Director Molinari commended Scottsdale Stadium staff for their expeditious work to convert space at Scottsdale Stadium in time to host the Scottsdale Arts Gala and to reset the space in time for the next gameday within 24 hours.

The Pac-12 Tournament is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, May 25th through 29th.

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park will host Summer Concert Series Sunday evenings throughout the month of May. Attendance will be as it was prior to the pandemic.

Eldorado Pool will host the Safety Luau on July 31, 2022.

## **6. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

Commissioner McAllen thanked staff for inviting Commissioners to the Bell 94 grand opening events. She commented on the number of out-of-town visitors that the Triple Crown Tournament attracted.

Commissioner Quale noted that the focus of the most recent Paths and Trails Subcommittee meeting was bicycles and bicycle safety. She recently had an opportunity to visit Cactus Park and was impressed with the facility.

## **7. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Possible future agenda items include:

- Presentation about the lifeguard recruitment process
- Tournaments marketing campaign
- Ashlar Hills Neighborhood Park municipal use master site plan.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

COMMISSIONER MCALLEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER PARRISH SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS MASEAR, MCALLEN, MCGARRY, PARRISH, 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 5:52 p.m.

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