



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
Meeting Held Electronically**

PRESENT: Chair Maryann McAllen (left at 5:47 p.m.), Vice-Chair Kurt Jones, Commissioners Alexandra Albert, Eric Kurland, Ronald Lehman, and Susan McGarry

STAFF: Director Reed Pryor, Director; Community Services Administrator Kira Peters; Managers Denise Clayton, Sunny Nakagawa, Nick Molinari; Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McAllen called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 – March 17, 2021

COMMISSIONER MCGARRY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 17, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER LEHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MCALLEN, COMMISSIONERS ALBERT, LEHMAN, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER KURLAND ABSTAINED. VICE-CHAIR JONES BRIEFLY LOST HIS ZOOM CONNECTION DURING THE VOTE.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. E-BIKES, SCOOTERS, MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update on the use of E-bikes, scooters, and motorized vehicles throughout the city including in parks, on pathways, and

streets. She said that the transportation department has recently taken over the responsibility of managing efforts to regulate the use of E-bikes, scooters, and motorized vehicles. She reviewed the history of E-bike and scooter share operation, which dates to the fall of 2017. In November of 2018, City Council adopted Ordinance 4372, amending the code for bicycles and related devices. Based on those amendments, regulations were developed by a team of staff from various departments and a core working group drafted and revised regulations. Council directed the City Manager to create a data report, which ultimately covered a 12-month period from December 2018 to December 2019. The data report influenced proposed changes reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission last year as well as proposed changes currently being recommended.

Recommended changes to the Ordinance, including those brought forth last year and additional recommendations being added to City Code include:

- Requiring devices to be parked in designated areas or on bike racks
- Restricting usage between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., which have been shown to be hours of most emergency calls related to scooters and E-bikes.
- Implementing a transportation safety zone, prohibiting riding of bicycles, E-bikes, and scooters in those areas due to potential conflicts with pedestrians
- Adding relocation and impoundment fees

In addition to recommended amendments, City Code language relating to motorized vehicles is being updated. Ms. Conklu said that she anticipates that there will be changes to regulations in Civic Center Mall once renovations are completed and that the City Manager will authorize staff in various departments to help the police department in enforcement of regulations. Staff is researching the possibility of requiring shared mobility device provider licensing and adding signage related to motorized vehicles to shared use paths. She noted that the wayfinding signage project, which includes areas from Thomas Road to Indian Bend Road, will be moving into implementation over the next few months.

City Council was presented recommendations, which included Adoption of Ordinance 4486 and Ordinance 4488 and unanimously voted to table the discussion. Staff anticipates returning to Council with recommendations in fall of 2021.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Conklu said that staff discussed the possibility of using licensing fees to fund a city staff person to do more checking and verifying where issues are. Currently, the city relies heavily on citizens to report issues through Scottsdale EZ. It is possible that Council will want to use a portion of the fees to pay for things such as signage, markings, decals, and bike racks. Commissioner Kurland suggested limiting number of licenses to help alleviate the parking concerns and/or requiring companies with larger contracts to provide additional parking or signage.

2. YOUTH AQUATIC FACILITY ALLOCATION POLICY

Sunny Nakagawa, Parks and Recreation Manager, provided an update on the Youth Aquatic Facility Allocation Policy. She reviewed the history of the allocation policy, dating back to 2010 and the addition of a pilot program implemented in 2018. Aquatics staff recently updated the policy language and created a points system to determine home pool allocation.

The points system would determine the home pool allocation and to determine use of other aquatics facility allocations outside of a home location. A tie breaker would be used in the event that two groups had the same score. Another proposed change is to allow for multiyear agreements, based on the length of time a team has been with the City of Scottsdale. Partner teams who have been in the City for five years or more would be given an opportunity to enter into a multiyear agreement for three years with two one-year renewal options. Partner teams with less than five years in the city would enter into yearly agreements. Changes made to the partner applications include requiring detailed information on scholarships and financial assistance to families and proof of attendance, and coach certifications.

Vice-Chair Jones recalled that several years ago another swim club expressed interest in coming to the City. A conflict arose because groups tend to favor Cactus Pool and the teams were not willing to be assigned to one of the city's other pools. He stressed the importance of providing opportunities for other swim clubs to use Scottsdale's facilities in the future. He suggested that an update on the Aquatics Policy be provided to the Commission on an annual basis.

VICE-CHAIR JONES MOVED TO APPROVE THE YOUTH AQUATIC FACILITY ALLOCATION POLICY. COMMISSIONER ALBERT SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MCALLEN, VICE-CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS ALBERT, KURLAND, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER LEHMAN ABSTAINED.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Reed Pryor, Director, announced that this will be his last meeting. He said that Kira Peters is the new Community Services Administrator and will be overseeing Parks and Recreation and Library operations moving forward.

Kira Peters, Community Services Administrator, introduced herself and talked briefly about her background in parks and recreation. She noted that recruitment for the position of Parks Director is open now and she anticipates filling the position by early June.

Director Pryor thanked the Commission for their support over his time with the City. He commended staff for their professionalism, attitude, and ability to get things done. He talked briefly about new facilities, including Bell Road Sports Complex, Ashlar Hills, Thompson Peak off-leash area, and WestWorld Sports Complex.

Commissioners thanked Director Pryor for his years of service to the community.

4. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Vice-Chair Jones said that he and his family have enjoyed taking their recently adopted rescue dog to Chaparral Dog Park. He commended staff for the hard work they do to maintain the facility.

Commissioner Albert said that she frequently goes to Chaparral Park. She commented that the park is busy and typically has a lot of different activities taking place. She said that the park is an enrichment to Scottsdale's community.

Commissioner Kurland expressed interest in being updated on events that Commissioners are invited to attend.

Chair McAllen said that she is looking forward to the McCormick Ranch Railroad Park Concert Series and noted that registration opens for that event on April 26th. She feels confident that the program will be a success. She mentioned that she and her walking group had an opportunity to see one of the eagles at Chapparal Park last week.

5. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items will include an update on perceived issues regarding Chaparral dog park that are being expressed by some citizens on social media and steps staff is taking to address those issues.

6. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER LEHMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER ALBERT SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. VICE-CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS ALBERT, KURLAND, LEHMAN, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. CHAIR MCALLEN WAS NOT PRESENT – ZOOM CALL DROPPED.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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