



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, January 7, 2015

**CHAPARRAL PARK
5401 N. HAYDEN RD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85250**

PRESENT: Harry Schlegelmilch, Chair
Stan Koczka, Vice Chair
Anne Wurth, Commissioner
David Brown, Commissioner
Virginia Harris, Commissioner
Michael Bouscher, Commissioner
Sherry Woodley, Commissioner

STAFF: Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Hugh McGill, LPC Parks and Recreation Manager
Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager
Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager
Mike Ruggiero, IT
Scott Anderson, Recreation Supervisor
Kira Peters, Recreation Supervisor

GUESTS: Drew Aquilina
Lisa Aquilina
Jeff Keane

Call to order

Chair Schlegelmilch called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as noted above.

Public Comment

Moment of Silence

Commissioners observed a moment of silence.

1. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. **Regular meeting; December 3, 2014**

COMMISSIONER WOODLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 3, 2014 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING. COMMISSIONER WOODLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0); VICE-CHAIR KOCZKA ABSTAINED.

2. **Election of Officers**

COMMISSIONER HARRIS NOMINATED CHAIR SCHLEGELMILCH TO CONTINUE IN HIS POSITION AS CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. VICE-CHAIR KOCZKA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 6-0; CHAIR SCHLEGELMILCH ABSTAINED.

CHAIR SCHLEGELMILCH NOMINATED COMMISSIONER BROWN FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER BOUSCHER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH FAILED THREE (3) TO THREE (3). VICE-CHAIR KOCZKA AND COMMISSIONERS WOODLEY AND WURTH DISSENTED. COMMISSIONER BROWN ABSTAINED.

VICE-CHAIR KOCZKA NOMINATED COMMISSIONER HARRIS FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WOODLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO TWO (2); CHAIR SCHLEGELMILCH AND COMMISSIONER BOUSCHER DISSENTED. COMMISSIONER HARRIS ABSTAINED.

3. **Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission 2014 Annual Report**

Chair Schlegelmilch discussed the Annual Report and briefly reviewed some of the anticipated key issues and upcoming challenges. There was no input from Commission members.

COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2014 ANNUAL REPORT. VICE-CHAIR KOCZKA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

4. **Family Circus Exhibit at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park**

Kira Peters, Recreation Supervisor, announced that the Family Circus Exhibit will be installed adjacent to the Giddy-Up Daddy statue installed at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in November of 2013.

Drew and Lisa Aquilina described the pavilion and exhibit, which will depict Bil Keane's studio and the Family Circus experience and will offer an interactive area for children.

Commission members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Jeff Keane explained that the exhibit will depict the history of Bil Keane's cartooning experiences throughout his life. The exhibit will have a '60s/'70s feel and the displays will be changed seasonally. It is hoped that technology can be incorporated into the display in the form of a video loop documentary and listening devices.

Ms. Aquilina explained that the Giddy-Up Daddy sculpture was funded through a committee established by the Town of Paradise Valley and the Keane family donated all of the resources and funding for the Pavilion, the installation and dedication of the sculpture, and will be funding the museum.

5. Youth Sports Field Allocation Update

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an overview of the factors relating to the partners that affect the allocation of fields for youth sports and the City's responsibilities. Her presentation included discussion of the nature of youth sports organizations and how that affects their field needs; recreational versus competitive teams; seasonal sports moving to year round; the differences between the old youth sports field allocation policy; roster verification challenges; facility booking policies; monitoring use and holding partners accountable. She stressed that the City's goal is to introduce citizens to activities and to support recreational uses.

Commission members were given an opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Ms. Erickson invited Commission members to attend the next Youth Sports Field Allocation meeting with the partners scheduled on Monday, January 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Eldorado Community Center. All partners are required to send representation to the meeting in addition to meeting one-on-one with staff.

Discussion ensued regarding participant verification and the issues raised because some organizations will not release the names of the children as part of the residency verification; prepped fields being used by drop-in users and the best way for staff to address those users; the potential for remote monitoring of fields; and the policy relating to the fees and charges for use of indoor park facilities.

Ms. Erickson explained that youth sports organizations are considered commercial users, but the city has made an exception so they are charged the resident rate for room rental. Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, explained that room rental rates are tied to square footage.

6. Results from an intercept Survey at the Chaparral Park Off Leash Area

Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an update on the recently completed intercept survey for the Chaparral off-leash area. His presentation included a review of the objectives of the survey and the methodology that was used. He discussed the scores which included questions regarding the overall experiences of users, annual user fees, controlled access, improvement suggestions, the number of resident versus non-resident users, and adherence to the park rules.

Discussion ensued regarding annual user fees, controlled access, off-leash area maintenance, park regulations, and the potential for controlled access with an option for users to offer a donation.

COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO NOT CHARGE A USER FEE FOR THE OFF-LEASH AREA; COMMISSIONER HARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO THREE (3); CHAIR SCHLEGELMILCH, VICE-CHAIR KOCZKA, AND COMMISSIONER BOUSCHER DISSENTED.

COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO NOT INSTALL CONTROLLED ACCESS; COMMISSIONER WURTH SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH FAILED WITH A VOTE OF THREE (3) TO FOUR (4); CHAIR SCHLEGELMILCH, VICE-CHAIR KOCZKA, AND COMMISSIONERS BOUSCHER AND WOODLEY DISSENTED.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS MOVED TO LOOK AT THE ASSOCIATED COSTS BEFORE DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CREATING A CONTROLLED ACCESS TO THE OFF-LEASH AREA. COMMISSIONER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ONE (1); CHAIR SCHLEGELMILCH DISSENTED.

CHAIR SCHLEGELMILCH MOVED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CONTROLLED ACCESS FOR THE OFF-LEASH AREA AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VOLUNTARY USER FEES; VICE-CHAIR KOCZKA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH FAILED WITH A VOTE OF THREE (3) TO FOUR (4); COMMISSIONERS BROWN, HARRIS, WURTH, AND WOODLEY DISSENTED.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS MOVED TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING OFF-LEASH AREA RULES; COMMISSIONER WOODLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO MAINTAIN EXISTING MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES; COMMISSIONER WOODLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ONE (1); VICE-CHAIR KOCZKA DISSENTED.

7. Recognition of Commissioner Koczka's Years of Service

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, highlighted Vice-Chair Koczka's background and his accomplishments throughout his time on the Parks and Recreation Commission and thanked him for his service.

Vice-Chair Koczka said a few words about his time on the Commission.

Chair Schlegelmilch and Commissioner Harris thanked Vice-Chair Koczka for his dedication.

8. Commissioner Report

Vice-Chair Koczka said that the Fees and Charges Committee moved the discussion regarding resident and non-resident fees and charges has been moved to next year's agenda.

9. Director's Report

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, invited Commission members to attend a vehicular behind-the-scenes tour of the TPC Waste Management Phoenix Open on Wednesday, January 14th at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Cameron noted that the budget process has begun. Bill Murphy is working with the City Manager to create the first draft. Additional information will be available as the process progresses.

The set up for the Waste Management Phoenix Open is approximately 85% complete. The tent is the largest in the United States. Scottsdale Sports Complex will be a parking location for the Barrett Jackson event which will run from Saturday, January 10th through January 18th. The Waste Management Phoenix Open will run from January 26th through February 4th.

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Holiday Lights event had increased attendance with over 1,300 riders; revenue was up by \$20,000 over last year.

Ms. Cameron noted that Cactus Aquatic Center had pool decking replaced. Copper Ridge Ball field is undergoing a light replacement project. The new lights will reduce the amount of light spill and glare into the surrounding neighborhoods. They will provide potential savings in ongoing energy costs as the technology carries a long-term warranty, which will save the City money. The first phase of the project will be completed in February and the north field is scheduled for replacement in June.

Paws in the Park is scheduled on January 17th at Chaparral Park from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will be a Super Bowl themed event.

Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council will host the 2015 Scottsdale Youth Town Hall at ASU SkySong on January 22, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Scottsdale youth will look at the core areas of the Scottsdale General Plan, Transportation, Character and Design, and Economic Development and will produce a document that will be presented to Mayor and Council.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for January 21st in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

10. Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

11. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the regular meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz