



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, February 4, 2015

**MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK
8625 E. Mountain View Road
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85258**

PRESENT: Harry Schlegelmilch, Chair
Virginia Harris, Vice Chair
Anne Wurth, Commissioner
David Brown, Commissioner
Michael Bouscher, Commissioner
Sherry Woodley, Commissioner (arrived at 5:05 p.m.)

STAFF: Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Hugh McGill, Parks and Recreation Manager
Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager
Trevor Groth, Assistant Coordinator
Zach Matz, Recreation Leader III
Scott Anderson, Recreation Supervisor
Jim Curry, Assistant Coordinator
Aaron Crow, Recreation Leader II
Mike Ruggiero, IT

Call to order

Chair Schlegelmilch called the meeting to order at 5:00 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: January 7, 2015

Chair Schlegelmilch noted that he was the dissenter on the vote for Item 6, not Vice-Chair Koczka

COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 7, 2015 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER HARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0); COMMISSIONER WOODLEY NOT YET PRESENT

2. Mountain View After-School Program's Video Club Movie Trailer

Trevor Groth, Assistant Coordinator, talked briefly about the Mountain View After-School program and the activities that have been made possible in part by the STEM Fitness and Nutrition Grants. The Video Club was able to use STEM Grants funds towards the purchase of video production equipment.

Aaron Crow, Recreation Leader II and Video Club director, gave a presentation discussing the purpose of the club and the processes of film making. The purpose of the club is to introduce children and youth to new technologies, the concept of visual storytelling, and the film making process. During the production of the most recent project shooting a movie trailer, participants learned about plotting a story, writing a shooting script, directing, and using a camera to effectively tell a story. Mr. Crow played the final movie for the Commission.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Mr. Crow said that upcoming projects include workshops on sound design and editing and silent film. Commissioner Brown suggested that the club arrange a field trip to tour the Scottsdale Community College film production department.

At the end of the year parents will be invited to come to a screening of all of the films that have been produced through the year.

3. Parks and Recreation After-School Program Update

Zach Matz, Recreation Leader III, gave a presentation discussing the after-school programs' self assessment that were recently provided to the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence. The assessment is part of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation's commitment to the Arizona Quality Standards for Out-of-School time programs.

Mr. Matz reviewed the background of the partnership between the City of Scottsdale, the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence, and other key organizations around the state and their commitment to creating a standard for the quality of after-school programs in

Arizona. He noted that the initial self-assessment created by AzCASE included 100 Arizona programs including two community based centers (Horizon and Mountain View) and four school-based programs (Hohokam, Navajo, Tonalea, and Yavapai) in Scottsdale. The self-assessment program will eventually be expanded to over 400 programs across the state. Assessments were broken into various standards and categories and the results of the assessments and a comparison with the results from other participants were provided to the City. Parks and Recreation staff will use the resulting data and continue working with principals from the Title I schools to further Scottsdale's commitment to quality after-school and out of school programs.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Matz mentioned a successful family event held at Hohokam Elementary and ways in which the data could be used in future for marketing and expansion of programming.

4. History and Background of Boats on City Lakes

Jim Curry, Assistant Coordinator at Eldorado Park, presented a brief overview of the boat policy in Scottsdale parks. He gave short history of boat use in Scottsdale and explained that currently Chaparral Lake and McKellips Lake are the only two lakes in Scottsdale that allow public boating, primarily because the smaller lakes would not be able to accommodate boats. Boats must be registered with the State of Arizona and users are required to follow the boating regulations outlined by the City of Scottsdale. Mr. Curry mentioned that McKellips Lake and Indian School Lake allow model boats to be operated between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and sunset.

Commission members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Curry explained that one reason Eldorado Lake cannot be used for boating is because when the lake was redone the boat launches that had been used in the past for paddle boating were removed. Terry Erickson added that as part of the renovation the north lake was designated by Game and Fish as an urban pond for fishing and a number of fish habitats were installed, which would not be compatible with boating.

5. Commissioner Report

Commissioner Harris said that she had the opportunity to have a behind-the-scenes tour of the Waste Management Open and complimented the organizers. She noted that she attended the Youth Sports Field allocation meeting and felt that attendees were receptive to staff's presentation.

6. Director's Report of Current Events

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, gave an update on recent activities. She noted that City Council made nominations for the new Commission members and interviews and appointments will be made within the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Cameron said that Henry Garcia, Railroad Park staff member, and Russ Mosser, Paradise and Pacific Railroad Club member, represented the City and promoted the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park and parks and recreation in general at Navajo Elementary School's STEM event on Thursday January 29th.

Mountain View Park had a successful soccer season with little negative feedback from neighbors thanks to staff, parents, and supporters' efforts to enforce the good neighbor policy. Ms. Cameron showed a photograph of a large model plane retrieved from a tree by park staff. She mentioned that in addition to the video club the After-School program has various other programs available for children and youth and that the science theme wrapped up at the end of January.

Civic Center Mall hosted the Arizona Indian Festival, which had representation of the Native American influence in Arizona. The festival is part of the NFL group and travels with them during Super Bowl.

Youth development has hosted Preserve hikes, cowboy training, participated in Pro Bowl practice and event planning, and have been chosen to participate in the 62nd Annual Parade Del Sol Parade on February 14th.

The Navajo Elementary School After-School Program had an opportunity to work with a group of volunteers who showed the participants how to tie and throw a lasso, protect themselves from the sun, and to carry buckets of water like the cowboys in the Old West.

Tonalea After-School Program took an excursion to the new loop at the Lost Dog Trailhead and participants were given a tour and learned about animals that live in the Preserve.

The Scottsdale Sports Complex was made available for parking to attendees of the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction and had a 15 percent increase in usage over last year. The Waste Management Golf Tournament had record attendance of 563,368 fans and broke the weekday record with attendance of 75,300 fans on Wednesday.

Adapted Rec Services Bobcats team competed in the Four Peaks Area Tournament in Mesa on January 22nd and all athletes took home a gold medal. The Unified Traditional and Junior teams will be competing on February 7th.

The Parks and Recreation will be going through the budget process with City Council during their five work studies that are planned for the next six weeks and information will be provided to the Commission as it comes available. Ms. Cameron noted that the Indian School Park Tennis Center reported a 13.9 percent increase during the past year.

Civic Center Mall had 18 new benches installed thanks to a new funding source that was identified.

Horizon Community Center will be hosting a Family Fun Night on February 28th. The event will include games, food vendors, and a movie in the park that will begin at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for February 18th at City Hall Kiva at 5:00 p.m.

The Commission briefly discussed the process of sponsoring benches through the memorial program. Tim Barnard explained that bench locations are limited in the Civic Center Mall because of the need for space for the many events that are hosted there.

Ms. Cameron explained that the increased revenue at the Indian School Tennis Center is due to tennis and volleyball program registration numbers, tennis tournaments, and facility rentals. Mr. Barnard added that Club Tennis rentals are by traveling teams which are charged the non-resident rate.

7. Public Comment

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

8. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the regular meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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