



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, February 18, 2015

**CITY HALL KIVA FORUM
3939 N. DRINKWATER BLVD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

- PRESENT:** Harry Schlegelmilch, Chair
Virginia Harris, Vice Chair
Michael Bouscher, Commissioner
David Brown, Commissioner
Todd Davis, Commissioner
Sherry Woodley, Commissioner
Anne Wurth, Commissioner
- STAFF:** Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager
Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Hugh McGill, LPC Parks and Recreation Manager
Daniel Morgan, Human Services Specialist
Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager
Mike Russerio, IT
- GUESTS:** Heidi Artigue, Mayor's Youth Council
Preston Wiley, Mayor's Youth Council President

Call to order

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

Roll Call

Members present as noted above.

Chair Schlegelmilch welcomed Todd Davis to the Commission.

Public Comment

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

Moment of Silence

Commission members observed a moment of silence.

1. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. **Regular Meeting: February 4, 2015**

COMMISSIONER WOODLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 4, 2015 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

2. **Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council Update**

Daniel Morgan, Human Services Specialist, introduced Preston Wiley and Heidi Artigue who gave an overview of the 2014/15 Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council projects and activities. They reviewed the purpose of the Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council and highlighted special events that members participated in, including a simulated City Council meeting, Scottsdale Youth Town Hall, and the Parada del Sol. During the past year, members were offered opportunities to participate in service learning projects, including assisting with packing holiday meal bags at Vista del Camino and the Adopt-a-Road program and were invited to participate in tours of many Scottsdale facilities. Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council will be accepting applications now through April 1, 2015 for the 2015/16 school year.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Wiley said that youth who will be sophomores, juniors, and seniors next year and who demonstrate what it's like to be a citizen of Scottsdale are welcome to apply.

3. **Community Services Division Capital Improvement Program Budget Process Review and Proposed FY 2015/16 Projects**

Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave a presentation reviewing the Community Services Capital Improvement Program (CIP), reviewed the budget process, and proposed FY 2015/16 Community Services Division projects. He discussed the planning philosophy and process of determining project priorities. Projects are prioritized by departments and that information is forwarded to City management and the City manager for review and approval. The final list will be brought to City Council on April 14, 2015 for discussion and direction. Priority projects being proposed by the Community Services Division for 2015 are an aquatics chemical system replacement and Scottsdale Stadium infrastructure improvements.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Barnard explained the ranking system and the process the liaison group follows in making any changes they feel are necessary to the list before it is presented to the City Manager. Discussion ensued regarding reasons behind the decision to focus on the aquatics

chemical system replacement and the Stadium infrastructure improvements, funding sources, and a possible future bond.

4. Commissioner Report

Chair Schlegelmilch mentioned that Hugh McGill would be retiring soon and thanked him for his 22 years of service to the community.

Commissioner Harris thanked Mr. McGill and wished him good luck in his future endeavors.

Commissioner Davis said that the recent Parada del Sol was well conceived and brought vitality to Old Town.

5. Director's Report of Current Events

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, thanked Hugh McGill for leaving a legacy for his staff and peers to maintain a standard of excellence.

Ms. Cameron noted that summer recreation and aquatics job applications are now being accepted.

Ms. Cameron noted that City Council is continuing to review the operating budget and has recently discussed rates and fees as well as the medical rates and premiums. Recommended rate changes include an increased rate for the stadium rental, which is anticipated to generate an additional \$9,600 in General Fund revenue; an increase in the full facility rental for the Scottsdale Sports Complex, which is anticipated to generate approximately \$8,500 in additional revenue; converting the McDowell Mountain Ranch Skate Park membership to a lifetime membership, sunsetting the fee that was applied toward the installation of controlled access; and implementing the fee increases at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park for the train ride fee during Holiday Lights, which has generated approximately \$32,000 each year during the pilot program.

The medical rates and fees proposal included an increase of 6.8 percent, primarily due to the Affordable Care Act regulations, an increase in the number of smaller cost claims, an increase in the cost of specialty drugs, and ordinary medical and pharmacy cost increases in the Maricopa County market. The proposal included eliminating part-time staff leave and medical benefits.

An event focusing on Animals Galore and targeting children up to age five is planned for February 5th. The All About Me event will be held on February 19th. The events focus on early childhood development and the role that play has in growing and learning.

The Mayor's Youth Council is recruiting new members and will be accepting applications until April 1, 2015.

The City of Scottsdale will be hosting Gadgets Steam and Science, a behind the scenes look at the science and technology that drives City services on Saturday, February 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library and Civic Center Mall. The police department will offer demonstrations of the simulated impairment vehicle and the irrigation staff and aquatics maintenance staff will be sharing science

behind safe pools and fountains and how a citywide irrigation system can be managed from one location using cloud technology.

Spring Training opens March 3rd and the Giants will have their first home game on March 4th against the Oakland A's. The pitchers and catchers are holding initial workouts this week and the first full squad workout will be on Tuesday, February 24th. The Parks and Recreation Commission has been invited to attend the first home game.

Family Fun Night at Horizon Park is scheduled February 28th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and will include a screening of Big Hero Six at sunset.

The Exclusively Little event at McCormick-Stillman Railroad park is free and targets children six years old and under and will include a variety of activities, including a stuffed animal contest.

Parks and Recreation Commissioners are invited to attend a Giant's Spring Training game in lieu of the next scheduled regular Commission meeting.

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager, said that staff has been working hard to get the Scottsdale Sports complex back in shape and met with the tournament organizers before they had their event and they were comfortable with moving forward with the event. Staff has been working with the Thunderbirds to finalize the removal of the Bird's Nest area on the northeast side of the park by the first of next week.

Chair Schlegelmilch complimented the maintenance and improvements in the Mall.

6. Public Comment

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

7. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the regular meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

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