



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2015

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

PRESENT: Harry Schlegelmilch, Chair
Virginia Harris, Vice Chair
Anne Wurth, Commissioner
Sherry Woodley, Commissioner
Todd Davis, Commissioner

ABSENT: David Brown, Commissioner
Michael Bouscher, Commissioner

STAFF: Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager
Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager
Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Mike Russerio, IT

GUESTS Joy Blonstein, Scottsdale Synchro
Gene Dafoe, Scottsdale Aquatic Club
Lia Fusaro, Clavadistas Del Sol

Call to order

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

Roll Call

Members present as noted above.

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 18, 2015**

VICE-CHAIR HARRIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 18, 2015 PARKS AND RECREATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER WURTH SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER WOODLEY NOT YET PRESENT. COMMISSIONERS BOUSCHER AND BROWN WERE ABSENT.

2. Annual Update from Aquatic Sponsored Teams

Item 2 was heard following Item 3.

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave background on the requirements to be a sponsored aquatics team the groups must be nonprofit, supply a recreational benefit, meet criteria, have specific eligibility, and show a priority to Scottsdale residents. One team in each aquatics sport is eligible as a sponsored team. A \$3 per lane, per hour fee was implemented on the teams in FY 2010/11. Fees go into a special revenue fund for pool maintenance. Revenue generated in the past fiscal year was \$112,000.

Joy Blonstein gave an update on Scottsdale Syncro's activities over the past year. Her presentation included a review of membership dues, scholarships, fundraising activities, and overall costs for each team level; listing various meets that were participated in; awards; and benefits to the swimmers. Scottsdale Syncro is not requesting any fee increases for FY 2015/16.

Lia Fusaro gave an update on Clavadistas Del Sol activities over the past year. Her presentation included discussion of impacts that regional and invitational meets have on the tourism in Scottsdale; benefits to participants; awards and accomplishments; and membership dues and scholarships. Clavadistas Del Sol is requesting a 10% rate increase.

Gene Dafoe gave update Scottsdale Aquatic Club activities over the past year. His presentation included a history of the program; the programs' vision and goals; membership dues and scholarships; accomplishments; and collaboration with the City of Scottsdale swim programs. Scottsdale Aquatic Club is requesting a 15% rate increase.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Discussion ensued regarding Scottsdale Aquatic Club's 15% rate increase and the potential for the increase to negatively affect lower income participants. Mr. Dafoe argued that the increase is needed to replenish the organization's reserve fund and to enable the hiring of an executive director.

COMMISSIONER WOODLEY MOVED TO APPROVE CONTINUED SPONSORSHIP OF SCOTTSDALE SYNCHRO ARIZONA FOR FY 2015/16; VICE-CHAIR HARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONERS BOUSCHER AND BROWN WERE ABSENT.

VICE-CHAIR HARRIS MOVED TO APPROVE CONTINUED SPONSORSHIP OF CLAVADISTAS DEL SOL FOR FY 2015/16; COMMISSIONER WOODLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONERS BOUSCHER AND BROWN WERE ABSENT.

VICE-CHAIR HARRIS MOVED TO APPROVE CONTINUED SPONSORSHIP OF SCOTTSDALE AQUATIC CLUB FOR FY 2015/16; COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ONE (1). VICE-CHAIR HARRIS DISSENTED, AND COMMISSIONERS BOUSCHER AND BROWN WERE ABSENT.

COMMISSIONER WOODLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUESTED FEE INCREASES FOR CLAVADISTAS DEL SOL AND SCOTTSDALE AQUATIC CLUB. COMMISSIONER WURTH SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ONE (1). VICE-CHAIR HARRIS DISSENTED, AND COMMISSIONERS BOUSCHER AND BROWN WERE ABSENT.

3. Scottsdale Aquatics Training - "Best of Aquatics" 2014

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an overview of training that lifeguard staff undertake. Scottsdale Aquatics received the Best of Aquatics 2014 award at the Aquatics Conference held in California for Training by Aquatics International. She reviewed the various recognitions that Scottsdale Aquatics has received in recent years, including: Best overall commitment to aquatics; articles in Aquatics International Magazine; McDowell Mountain Ranch for best public pool for 2009; best skate park in 2012; and McDowell Mountain Ranch for best public pool for 2013. She recognized the aquatic management team for their dedication and hard work.

Ms. Erickson reviewed the public training classes, which include Starguard lifeguard training classes, rollover Starguard lifeguard classes, Starguard lifeguard recertification classes and Starfish swim instructor classes. She discussed the hiring process, which includes a rigorous skills test and certification requirements, and lifeguard training requirements for both in season and off season.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Erickson said that all 189 aquatic staff are certified as lifeguards. The turnover for off-season lifeguards is low and a number of lifeguards are interested in an opportunity for aquatic management positions.

4. Scottsdale Sports Complex Update

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an update on the parking and events at the Scottsdale Sports Complex during the Waste Management Open, Birds Nest, and Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction. His presentation included highlighting the unique design of the complex; review of the calendar of events; and preparation and clean-up for each event.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Pryor explained that the City of Scottsdale has an agreement with the PGA Tour and the TPC and does not receive any revenue from the parking arrangement. He discussed how the rain affected the fields used for parking and possible alternate parking and transportation options for next year.

5. Paths & Trails Subcommittee Appointment

Chair Schlegelmilch announced that Commissioner Brown does not intend to reapply for his position on the Commission once his term is up on April 17th, which leaves the Parks and Recreation position on the Paths and Trails Subcommittee open.

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the purpose of the Paths and Trails Subcommittee and asked for a volunteer to serve on the subcommittee.

It was consensus of the Commission to table the item in order to give Commissioners time to review their schedules and reflect on the commitment.

6. Commissioner Report

Chair Schlegelmilch announced that Tim Barnard would be leaving the City to pursue his career goals and he thanked him for his years of service.

Commissioner Wurth commented that she has had the opportunity with her children to use different sports venues throughout Arizona, and Scottsdale's facilities are considered by many to be the best available.

Commissioner Davis complimented Vista del Camino for their ability to combine recreation and social services. He had the opportunity to attend the Parada del Sol Rodeo and the Arts Festival and will be attending an event at Paiute Park on Friday. He asked Commissioners be regularly updated with an activities calendar.

Vice-Chair Harris attended the Incredibly Little event at McCormick-Stillman Park. She thanked Mr. Barnard for his service and congratulated him on his new opportunities.

Chair Schlegelmilch noted that the Giant's game held on St. Patrick's Day had a great turnout for a mid-week game.

7. Director's Report of Current Events

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the status of the FY 2015/16 budget and upcoming budget schedule. Upcoming meeting dates include: a study session to discuss the Desert Discovery Center; April 14th and 28th, a presentation/discussion/possible action regarding the proposed FY 2015/16 proposed budget and capital program; May 12th, tentative budget adoption; June 2nd, final adoption of budget estimates; June 16th final adoption of tax levies. The City Manager's proposed budget is available for review on the City website.

Facilities has completed renovation of the playground at Eldorado Park which included a new rubber surface with a concrete surface and 240 tons of sand.

Ms. Cameron thanked the adult sports and special events staff for working with the planners to set up the Baseball City event. Special recognition went out to Tim Nisbet, Michael Cane, Terry Erickson, Dan Miller, and Nick Molinari.

Adapted Recreation held their monthly social club on March 13th and attended a showing of Beauty and the Beast at Desert Stages Theatre. The Bobcats flag football

team participated in a football tournament. Anyone who is interested in participating in adapted recreation activities can contact staff at (480) 312-2234.

Spring intersession programs at Paiute Neighborhood Center, Mountain View Park, Horizon Community Center and Youth Sports just completed. These programs offered an opportunity for young people to keep busy over spring break.

After school program participants at Hohokam Elementary School had volunteers visit and teach them about the early lives of cowboys. Yavapai afterschool program participants had the opportunity to visit Lost Dog Wash Trailhead and learn about animals living in the Preserve and were able to decorate and ride on a float in the 62nd Parada del Sol parade with the City Manager.

Downtown Scottsdale Young Professionals Kiwanis Kickball fundraiser was held at the Yavapai ball fields. Proceeds will benefit the POSA Shop with a Cop program.

The Community Services Division Master Plan is entering its final phases. Public outreach meetings are scheduled for April 1st at Appaloosa Library, April 2nd at Granite Reef Senior Center, April 22nd during the Library Board meeting, and April 29th at a joint meeting with the Human Services Commission and Parks And Recreation Commission at Via Linda Senior Center.

Ms. Cameron encouraged everyone to attend a Spring Training game at the Giants Stadium.

The Wedge Skate Park at Eldorado Park will be holding a competition Saturday, March 21st. There is a \$10 entry fee to compete and all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Scottsdale Stadium will be Date Night at the Stadium on Friday, May 8th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Entry is free for those 21 and over and food trucks, wine, and entertainment will be available for a fee.

Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an update on a potential future bond election. He provided the marked agenda and the Council report from the City Council meeting to discuss bond issues held on March 2nd. Projects will continue to be evaluated and City Council will be provided additional information during a future meeting.

Ms. Cameron announced that the Arbor Day Foundation named Scottsdale a Tree City USA winner for the 33rd consecutive year and awarded Scottsdale for demonstrating environmental improvement and a high level of tree care for the 23rd consecutive year. Scottsdale has been the recipient of both awards more than any other community in Arizona. She noted that Tree City USA is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. The City of Scottsdale will host an Arbor Day celebration in April.

Ms. Cameron thanked Tim Barnard for his service and wished him good luck with his future endeavors.

8. Public Comment

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

9. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the regular meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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