



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2015

**HORIZON PARK
15444 N. 100TH ST
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260**

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

STAFF: Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Reed Prior, Parks and Recreation Manager
Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Mike Russerio, IT
Eric Ibsen, Downtown Maintenance Coordinator
Matt Clark, Maintenance Worker III
Sunny Nakagawa, Horizon Community Center Coordinator

Call to order

Chair Schlegelmilch called the meeting to order at 5:00 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: March 18, 2015

VICE-CHAIR HARRIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 18, 2015 PARKS AND RECREATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER WOODLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

2. Downtown Update

Eric Ibsen, Downtown Maintenance Coordinator, gave an update of the Super Bowl events and maintenance and operations challenges. He discussed the upgrades made to medians and landscaping in the Downtown area and the Civic Center Mall in preparation for Super Bowl and the adjustments that were made to the maintenance schedule in response to the many events scheduled the week leading up to the game.

Commission members were given an opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

Commissioners complimented Mr. Ibsen and his staff for their ability to keep Downtown pristine, given the size of the crowds.

Mr. Ibsen explained that the median and landscaping enhancements were made based on proximity to the Downtown area and the Civic Center Mall. The enhancements and additional maintenance were not specifically budgeted for, but may be recouped through the Super Bowl fund's contingency process.

Mr. Ibsen noted that past experience with the 2008 Super Bowl helped with preparation for the 2015 Super Bowl, so with the exception of the progressive increase in the crowds, there were not too many surprises.

3. Civic Center Mall Update

Matt Clark, Maintenance Worker III, gave a presentation discussing maintenance operations and challenges for the Civic Center Mall and other areas of responsibility in the proximity of Downtown. His presentation included a review of his department's areas of responsibility, planter enhancements, new amenities, overseeding, monsoon damage repairs, annual flower replacements, irrigation, and steps taken to repair damage caused by use during events. He noted that maintenance workers attend a maintenance training series offering training in fertilizing, calibration, and turf maintenance.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Clark explained that the City has a contract with the Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts (SCPA) with regards to events in the Civic Center Mall. The agreement holds SCPA financially responsible for damages to the Mall during events. Ms. Cameron noted that the SCPA was a City department that converted to a non-profit organization. The City of Scottsdale contracts with the Cultural Council and gives them funds each year toward their operation. Profits from events go to the Cultural Council, which in turn pays the City a portion.

4. Paths & Trails Subcommittee Appointment

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the Paths & Trails Subcommittee meeting schedule noting that meetings typically meet at the McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center and start at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Bouscher volunteered to represent the Parks and Recreation Commission on the Paths & Trails Subcommittee.

5. Commissioner Report

Commissioner Davis said he took his Scottsdale Community College class to tour McCormick-Stillman Railroad park, a private fitness center and the YMCA. At the end of their field trip, the students expressed how impressed they were with the railroad park.

Vice-Chair Harris shared positive comments that she has received from visitors to the Chaparral Park ball fields and the off-leash area.

6. Director's Report of Current Events

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, noted that City Council is continuing its review of the draft FY 2015/16 budget. The City Manager released his budget on March 17th and it can be reviewed on the City's website. City Council will hear presentations on April 14th and April 28th; a special meeting on the Bond Program is scheduled for April 21st; the cap will be established on May 12th, and final adoption of the FY 2015/16 budget will be on June 2nd.

The Triple Crown Sports Tournament was held on March 13th, 14th, and 19th through the 22nd at facilities throughout the City. In all, 296 teams from around the country participated in a total of 353 games.

The Wedge Skate Competition took place on Saturday, March 21st at Eldorado Park. Channel 12 provided news coverage of the event and sponsors donated almost \$3,000 in prizes. The event benefits the City because it helps to develop relationships between staff and park users.

The City of Scottsdale is working together with the Scottsdale Unified School District to enable girls sand volleyball for high school students. Scottsdale is hosting the Chaparral High School team at Scottsdale Ranch Park.

Horizon Park hosted the Desert Mountain High School girls softball tournament. Eighty games were played from Tuesday through Saturday and the park had over 3,000 visitors over the course of the tournament.

McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center hosted Starfish instructor classes for 20 participants over spring break. Starguard lifeguard classes are ongoing. The seasonal pool heating fee increase has ended and costs are back to \$2 for residents and \$3 for non-residents. Revenues collected from the sponsored teams will allow for replacement of umbrellas damaged during the fall rainstorms.

Scottsdale Leadership and Kira Peters identified an area in the Adapted Rec sensory room that were in need of upgrades. These have been completed and can be seen during an April 9th open house.

Doc Cavalier Park is hosting a Rec-n-Roll event focusing on caring for our desert on April 9th at 9:00 a.m.

The Scottsdale Opportunity Expo (formerly The Teen Employment Expo) is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at SkySong.

Public meetings to review the Community Services Division Draft Master Plan will be held as follows:

- During the Library Board meeting on April 22nd at 3:30;
- At the Boys and Girls Club at Thompson Peak Park on April 22nd at 5:30 p.m.;
- At Granite Reef Senior Center on April 27th at 5:30 p.m.;
- On April 29th during the joint Human Services Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at Via Linda Senior Center at 5:00 p.m.

The goal of the master plan is to create a clear set of specific and prioritized recommendations for which services will be designed, that will enhance the livability and economic vitality of Scottsdale as it pertains to community services. The Master Plan will be publicly available in May.

Date Night at the Stadium is scheduled for Friday, May 8th. Participants are asked to make a donation to support Scottsdale Cares. The event will include gourmet food trucks, libations, tours of the stadium, and a movie on the field.

An update on the proposed Bond Election is scheduled for April 21st. Capital projects staff is discussing six projects.

Ms. Cameron invited the Commission members to attend the Tree City USA Arbor Day Celebration at Granite Reef Senior Center on April 17th at 10:00 a.m. celebrating Scottsdale's 33rd consecutive year as Tree City USA and the 23rd consecutive year receiving the Growth Award. Scottsdale is the Arizona leader for both recognitions.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be April 15th in the Kiva.

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager, noted that the field conversion at Scottsdale Stadium is underway for the rugby event scheduled for April 18th and soccer will begin on April 19th and run through September.

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 6:12 p.m.

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