



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2015

**ELDORADO PARK
2311 N. MILLER ROAD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85257**

PRESENT: Harry Schlegelmilch, Chair
Virginia Harris, Vice Chair
Anne Wurth, Commissioner
Sherry Woodley, Commissioner (arrived at 5:01 p.m.)
Todd Davis, Commissioner
Michael Bouscher, Commissioner

STAFF: Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director
Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager
Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Mike Russerio, IT
David Pratt, Irrigation Systems Supervisor
Ken Shoup, Aquatic Maintenance Supervisor
Jessica Miller, Operations Supervisor
Efrain Enriquez, Youth Sports Field Allocation Assistance 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: April 15, 2015

VICE-CHAIR HARRIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 15, 2015 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0).

- b. Joint Study Session: April 29, 2015

VICE-CHAIR HARRIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 15, 2015 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION / HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION JOINT STUDY SESSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER WOODLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0).

2. Parks Water Conservation program Update

David Pratt, Irrigation Systems Supervisor, gave a presentation describing the Parks Water Conservation Program, which the City implemented in 2002. His presentation included a description of the irrigation systems and management practices used in operating the computerized central control system, monthly monitoring requirements and practices. Park staff are given an opportunity to participate in a grounds training program and are required to participate in annual training in water management and irrigation maintenance

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Pratt explained that the system replacement is primarily necessary because the technology is outdated and the software updates are no longer compatible. Mr. Pratt estimated the cost for controllers and a hydrometer irrigation valve with a flow sensor at approximately \$1.7 million. The state does not mandate water conservation, but does require that regulator monitoring be in place for turf areas less than ten acres. The water conservation approach is a City of Scottsdale initiative. Mr. Pratt noted that the City has the opportunity to share its knowledge including the development of the Indian Bend Wash, which is a water harvesting system, with other cities.

Mr. Pryor noted that the city obtains water for the irrigation systems from various sources including CAP water, SRP, and affluent water.

Ms. Cameron noted that the project is estimated at \$1.9 million and is being considered for the bond.

3. Aquatic Facility Site Security Plans (SSP), US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Ken Shoup, Aquatic Maintenance Supervisor provided an update on the progress of filing SSP for each of Scottsdale's aquatic facilities and sites. The City was contacted by the Department of Homeland Security about how the supply of liquefied chlorine gas

used in the public pools is being secured from foreign and domestic terrorists. The City now reports to the EPA, OSHA, and DHS. Mr. Shoup discussed specific concerns regarding chlorine gas as well as other chemicals that could be used and an approximate cost breakdown for the various methods as well as the process being used to house the chemical.

The City is proposing installation of a new system in which a brine solution is run through electrical plates, producing a weak bleach solution which is then treated with ultraviolet light. In the event funding is not secured for the new system, a proposal for additional security for the chlorine gas has been written.

Mr. Shoup reviewed the capital improvement plans that have recently been completed including replacement of the deck at Cactus pool, updating irrigation controllers that are controllable by a smartphone, and installation of ten new starting blocks.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Shoup said that his wish list projects would include installation of quartz-based plaster at more pool locations and an upgrade of the diving boards.

4. Financial Assistance Program Update

Jessica Miller, Parks and Recreation operations Supervisor, provided an update on the changes to the financial assistance program. Her presentation included a review of the qualification methods, available funding resources, and a breakdown of applicants by zip code. She discussed the financial aid application and registration process, noting that the new program which was implemented in spring of 2013 allows people who apply for financial assistance to apply and register for classes online.

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, noted that the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community gaming grants are the primary source of funding for the financial assistance program.

5. Youth Sports Field Allocation Update

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, introduced Efrain Enriquez as the new youth sports field allocation assistance coordinator and gave an update regarding the Youth Sports Field allocation subgroup, which was formed in January during the partner meeting. She discussed the benefits of bringing partners and other stakeholders together to discuss field allocation policies. The next partners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th at Mountain View Park beginning at 6:00 p.m.

6. Commissioner Report

Commissioner Davis said that he had a great time attending the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Sunday concert. He had the opportunity to tour the Eldorado facility prior to this evening's meeting.

Commissioner Wurth said that she attended the Arizona United Soccer game and is glad that the Scottsdale Stadium is being used for a variety of sporting activities.

7. Director's Report of Current Events

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, said that the next board and commission nominations are scheduled during the City Council meeting on May 12th and nominees will be interviewed sometime in June.

The Youth Sports Track program recently completed its season. This year 412 young people participated on 21 teams over three weeks learning the fundamentals of track and field. The season concluded with an event held at Saguaro High School on May 1st.

Youth Development and Youth Sports have recently completed the track and field fitness programs at the four title one schools and are now preparing for the summer programs.

There is a capital project currently underway to repair damage caused by the fall rain storms.

The Scottsdale Bobcats adapted recreation track and field team recently competed at Higley High School in Gilbert and brought home many gold, silver, and bronze medals. Anyone interested in becoming involved with the adapted rec programs contact Neal at (480) 312-2234. Ms. Cameron reminded everyone to tour the new multisensory environment room and accessible kitchen.

McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center has completed the program of replacing turf with pavers behind the diving areas. The center is ramping up for summer season and has just completed the final Star Guard class of the season.

The 40th Annual Mighty Mud Mania is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th. Ms. Cameron invited everyone to participate in the daily Facebook contest. The contest winners will receive passes for Mighty Mud Mania.

The Arizona United Soccer Club has hosted two games at the Scottsdale Stadium so far this year, with approximately 9,000 tickets sold so far.

Date Night at the Stadium is scheduled for Friday, May 8th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event is free to admission with donations to Scottsdale Cares encouraged. Food trucks will be available and the movie Pitch Perfect will be played after sundown.

Ms. Cameron announced that Reed Pryor has been named the new Parks and Recreation Director.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting is scheduled for May 20th in the City Hall Kiva.

Terry Erickson thanked Ms. Cameron for her dedication to the City over the last 32 years.

Ms. Cameron thanked everyone for their support.

Chair Schlegelmilch thanked Ms. Cameron for her years of service on behalf of the Commission.

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 6:30 p.m.

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