



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2015

Chaparral Park
5401 N. Hayden Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

PRESENT: Harry Schlegelmilch, Chair
Virginia Harris, Vice Chair
Anne Wurth, Commissioner
Sherry Woodley, Commissioner (arrived 5:04 p.m.)
Todd Davis, Commissioner
Ron Chambless, Commissioner
Michael Bouscher, Commissioner

STAFF: Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director
Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Ryan Burris, IT
Jody Pierce, Parks and Recreation Manager
Denise Clayton, Parks and Recreation Manager
Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager
Trevor Groth, Recreation Leader III
Erin McKallor-Quill, Parks and Recreation Ops. Supervisor

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: September 2, 2015**

Commissioner Davis noted that under current events it should say that it is the 40th anniversary of McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park.

VICE-CHAIR HARRIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER BOUCHER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER WOODLEY WAS NOT YET PRESENT.

2. Parks and Recreation Volunteers

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation manager gave an update on volunteer programs in Parks and Recreation. She reviewed volunteer opportunities and statistics related to Helping Hands, Handlebar Helpers, Youth Corp, and Special Event volunteers. She highlighted the swim mentors and junior guard programs, noting that swim mentors are primarily senior citizens. Junior Guards is for young people considering becoming a lifeguard. Participants who log more than 75 hours can attend the lifeguard classes for half price. She briefly discussed the Pinnacle Peak volunteers, McDowell Sonoran Preserve volunteers, and single day volunteer programs, including Eagle Scout projects.

Commission members were given an opportunity to make comments. Commissioner Davis suggested asking the Handlebar Helpers to offer basic bicycle maintenance workshops to the public.

Commissioner Harris inquired about the volunteer group that was involved with the Chaparral Dog Park when it first opened. Director Pryor said that was an unsponsored group. Discussion ensued regarding the ability of citizens to form a volunteer group to volunteer in the park and work with the city to communicate and provide education to park users.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential for the City to form a 501(c)(3) that would offer more latitude in accepting donations and expending funds. Ms. Erickson explained that in past consultations with legal staff it was determined that forming a non-profit would have to be a citizen driven endeavor. Staff will consult with the legal department again on that topic.

3. Update on Youth Corps Program

Trevor Groth, Recreation Leader III, gave an update on the Summer Youth Corps Program. During his presentation he talked about the application and interview process, site placement, volunteer orientation, and the specialized sites such as city offices and the police department. The age limit for volunteers has been raised to from 13 to 17 in part because the younger children were just out of program and still had many friends in

the program. The majority of the Youth Corps volunteers were involved in the program and transition into Youth Corp.

Mr. Groth highlighted a project through the City Treasurer's Office where two volunteers were asked to participate in a seven week project administering online surveys asking "What motivates us to work?"

The Service Learning Team offers four service projects including a rabbit animal shelter, mighty mud mania, St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, and UMOM clothing closet. The purpose of the projects is to offer additional exposure to the teens outside of the City of Scottsdale.

At the end of the summer, participants are recognized at a Gala.

4. Safety Program

Erin McKallor-Quill, Parks and Recreation Operations Supervisor, gave a presentation on the safety program. Her presentation included a brief discussion about safety updates, the role of the department, and the safety team. The safety team participates in safety meetings that include OSHA required trainings as well as trainings that can benefit the staff, and safety policies and procedures. She discussed the partnership with the police department and Eldorado Park staff. Each year the group participates in workplace safety training and emergency preparedness. Programs that are in force include Crime Prevention Officers, who do safety training with staff; P.L.A.Y. , which is a program partnering law enforcement and youth; and school resource officers.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. McKallor-Quill said that crime trends in Scottsdale include some vandalism, car break-ins at the trailheads, off-leash activities, and challenges with transients and some criminal activity in the southern parks.

5. AZPRA Conference Update

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an update on the activities she participated in at this year's 65th Annual AZPRA Conference. She reported on the session on Outsourcing Recreation which talked about the pros and cons of outsourcing services. The Personal Branding session discussed the importance of being open to feedback and offered ideas for balancing personal and work life. The Better Business Model session encompassed differentiated pricing, offering additional services, and social media.

Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an update on the activities she participated in at the conference. She reported on the Leading Optimistically seminar which covered about leadership and influencing people, giving people hope and confidence to take on new challenges.

Commission members were given the opportunity to make comments. They discussed outsourcing and better business modeling, creating a culture that is branded to the staff, and core values.

6. Indoor Sports Facility Update

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on his findings of the recently completed Master Plan surveys regarding a new indoor sports facility and possible challenges. An indoor facility is not on the bond list for this year, so it would likely be five to seven years before a facility could be considered. The City is working with WestWorld to discuss the possibility of using their North Hall for summer programming, which could include basketball, volleyball, and equestrian programs. Mr. Pryor is working with the CVB to find multipurpose flooring that could be rolled out for different events.

Parks and Recreation is working with the Library and the Human Services Department to bring a children's learning and activities festival to WestWorld next October.

Mr. Pryor noted that it is rumored that there could be some private development coming possibly on the SRPMIC land. He suggested that the City could have an opportunity to partner with those groups on an indoor facility.

Discussion ensued regarding various opportunities for indoor facilities, public/private partnerships, indoor facilities already available in the Valley, and partnering with the Ice Den to provide summer indoor activities.

7. Recognition of Chair Schlegelmilch's Years of Service

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director, presented Chair Schlegelmilch with a gift on behalf of staff and thanked him for his years of service on the Commission.

Chair Schlegelmilch spoke about his experiences on the Commission.

Vice-Chair Harris said she enjoyed serving with Chair Schlegelmilch and thanked him for his work and dedication.

8. Commissioner Report

Commissioner Chambless went on a tour with Mr. Pryor of several of the northern properties. He commended the management and maintenance of the facilities.

Commissioner Davis attended a soccer match at the Sports Complex and was impressed with the fields.

9. Director's Report of Current Events

Mr. Pryor reported on the Cactus League 2015 Economic Impact Study, which shows statistics since 2012.

Overseeding in the Civic Center Mall will begin on Monday, September 21st beginning on the west end and going towards City Hall.

The Ronald Amundsen Presidential Car window replacement project is underway and new trees are being planted to provide more shade.

Upcoming events include Date Night at the Scottsdale Stadium October 3rd from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Rail Fair at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park is scheduled for October 10th and 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fall Festival will be held at Eldorado Park on October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

City Council will be conducting interviews for Commission positions on September 21st at 4:00 p.m.

A discussion about cost modeling that followed within the department will be agendaized for next meeting to talk about what the models look like for the different facilities and programs, and where the department is compared to what the modeling was asking for.

Mr. Pryor said that the rental car tax issue is not expected to affect the City of Scottsdale.

Vice-Chair Harris asked what the feedback has been on the new website. Ms. Peters said that feedback has been mixed and the City anticipates feedback throughout the first year. Anyone who would like to provide feedback can do so through the Office of Communication.

10. Public Comment

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

11. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the regular meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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