



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015**

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

**PRESENT:** Virginia Harris, Chair  
Chris Thuman, Commissioner  
Anne Wurth, Commissioner  
Sherry Woodley, Commissioner  
Todd Davis, Commissioner  
Ron Chambless, Commissioner  
Michael Bouscher, Commissioner

**STAFF:** Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director  
Denise Clayton, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Paul Germinaro, Assistant Recreation Coordinator  
Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Gary Meyer, Senior Project Manager  
Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Jody Pierce, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager

**GUESTS:** Patty Hardwick  
Jeanette Harris  
Kathy Zatari  
James Hammonds  
Amy Leanz

**Call to order**

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

## **Roll Call**

Members present as noted above.

## **Moment of Silence**

Commission members observed a moment of silence.

Chair Harris welcomed incoming Commissioner Thuman.

Commissioner Thuman introduced himself and talked about his background and interest in the Parks and Recreation Commission.

### **1. Approval of the Minutes** **a. Regular Meeting: September 16, 2015**

Commissioner Woodley noted that in the third paragraph Director Pryor was identified as Mr. Reed.

**COMMISSIONER WOODLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 PARKS AND RECREATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER CHAMBLESS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).**

### **2. Election of Vice Chair**

**COMMISSIONER CHAMBLESS NOMINATED TODD DAVIS FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.**

**COMMISSIONER BOUCHER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION OF TODD DAVIS FOR THE VICE CHAIR POSITION. COMMISSIONER WURTH SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).**

### **3. Civic Center Mall Master Plan Update**

Gary Meyer, Senior Project Manager, gave an update on the status of the Civic Center Mall master plan process. His presentation included a review of the evolution of the Civic Center Mall dating back to the 1930s and brief mention of possible areas of improvement that have been suggested thus far, including making green space visible from surrounding streets, addressing deferred maintenance issues, pedestrian access, improved event areas, and ADA access.

Public meetings to receive input from citizens about the Civic Center Mall are scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Additional meetings will be scheduled to review compiled citizen input and to review an initial plan. It is anticipated that a municipal use master site plan will be brought forward in Spring of 2016.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Meyer noted that the project was initially brought forward by the Cultural Council out of a concern about the stage set-up and electrical accessibility. He said that once a master site plan

is approved, funding of the project will go through the capital improvement program budget process.

#### **4. Youth Sports in the City of Scottsdale**

Paul Germinaro, Assistant Recreation Coordinator, gave an overview of recreational youth sports available to school age youth through Parks and Recreation and how club sports has impacted recreational sports. He explained that recreational sports are affordable, meet after school and teach children the basic fundamentals of sports with a focus on positive peer interaction. Mr. Germinaro's presentation included a discussion about the various sport programs and camps available through the youth sports program and how they compare to club programs and a review of how the City of Scottsdale program participation compares to national statistics.

Commission members were given an opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Commissioner Chambless mentioned his strategic position paper containing seven initiatives and highlighted his three primary recommendations. A copy of his paper will be distributed to staff and Commission members. In response to Commissioner inquiry, Mr. Germinaro speculated that the track program is popular because it offers track meets and awards and is less demanding than track clubs which are expensive, more competitive and require travel.

Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave a presentation discussing the City's tennis program. She highlighted the Indian School Park and Scottsdale Ranch Park centers, discussing their programs, which include the availability of private instruction, group lessons, and public drop-in play. She noted that a Wheelchair Tournament will be held at Scottsdale Ranch Park from November 19th through the 22nd.

Indian School Park coordinates sand volleyball adult team play for 278 teams. Ms. Peters noted that due to the popularity of sand volleyball in high schools, the City is investing in adjustable height nets so that women's volleyball can be accommodated as well as regulation height.

#### **5. NRPA 2015 Conference Review**

Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager, and Brett Jackson Parks and Recreation Manager, shared key information from their attending the NRPA conference. Mr. Jackson attended 11 educational sessions. He highlighted information he obtained from attending the session on Parks and Recreation's Role in Emergency Management, Urban Forestry, and building strong voter support for Bond ballot measures and from visiting playground vendors and a booth focusing on ball field lighting. Ms. Peters said that she attended a session on CAPRA visitor training and was trained on the reaccreditation process and what visitors are looking for when they evaluate a City. She noted that the City of Scottsdale will go through the accreditation process again in 2019.

## **6. Department Cost Recovery Model**

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director, gave a brief overview of the recovery cost model for the Parks and Recreation Department. He highlighted the role of the Community Services Fees and Charges Committee, noting that Chair Harris has volunteered to participate on the Committee this season.

Commission members were given an opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Director Pryor explained that the cost recovery rates for the Scottsdale Sports Complex are calculated based on the City's partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation, because they are a partner in the land ownership.

## **7. Commissioner Report**

Commissioner Chambless reminded everyone about the important issues on the bond election scheduled for November.

Commissioner Bouscher noted that Arizona Fall League started in October and will play through November 21st.

Commissioner Davis said he visited Club SAR and was impressed with the facility and the affordability of programming. He volunteered at the Date Night event and complimented staff who organized the event.

Chair Harris attended the camp at Chaparral Park and is continuing to attend an exercise class at Granite Reef Senior Center. She made note that another participant in her class is 97 years old and has been taking exercise classes with the City for 14 years.

## **8. Director's Report of Current Events**

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed statistics for attendance at the Rail Fair held at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park on October 10th and 11th, noting that revenue was up approximately \$4,000 from last year.

Date night held on October 3rd was well attended. Surveys were taken and indicated that people would like to see the event held on a regular basis.

Director Pryor noted that community outreach meetings are scheduled at the Community Design Studio to discuss the Special Event Ordinance on November 12 and 13.

Dunking or Pumpkins will be held at Eldorado Pool and McDowell Mountain Ranch on Saturday, October 24, 2015.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2015 at Eldorado Park.

## **9. Public Comment**

Patty Hardwick expressed disappointment in the fact that the Leisure Education Classes have been changed and no longer allow attendees to make up classes when they are missed and stressed the importance of being allowed to make up classes.

Jeannette Harris asked that the decision to not allow makeup classes to be offered for Leisure Education classes at the instructor's discretion be revisited.

Kathy Zatari commented about the change in the Leisure Education classes policy to eliminate makeup classes and stressed the importance of allowing makeup classes.

James Hammonds stressed the importance of allowing makeup classes in the Leisure Education classes.

Amy Leanz asked that the decision to eliminate Leisure Education Class makeup classes be revisited.

## **10. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the regular meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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