



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

**Kiva Forum-City Hall
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251**

- PRESENT:** Virginia Harris, Chair
Todd Davis, Vice Chair
Anne Wurth, Commissioner
Michael Bouscher, Commissioner
Sherry Woodley, Commissioner
- ABSENT:** Chris Thuman, Commissioner
- STAFF:** Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Jody Pierce, Parks and Recreation Manager
Denise Clayton, Parks and Recreation Manager
Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager
David Pratt, Irrigation Systems Supervisor
Ann Porter, Parks and Recreation Ops Supervisor
Erin McKallor-Quill, Parks and Recreation Ops Supervisor
Officer Slavin
- GUESTS:** Henry Wright
Jessica Hearl

Call to Order

Chair Harris 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 6, 2016

COMMISSIONER WOODLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 6, 2016 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER WURTH SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER THUMAN WAS ABSENT.

2. Indian School Lake Project

David Pratt, Irrigation Systems Supervisor, gave an update on the progress of the Indian School Park Lake renovation and irrigation system upgrades that began on April 4. His presentation included an explanation of how the irrigation needs of the park and the Giants minor league ball fields are being addressed during construction. The lake was originally built as a clay lined lake in the early 1980s and will be lined with a premium plastic-type material as part of the renovation. The renovations, including the lake, concrete edging, new trees, and additional irrigation systems are expected to cost approximately \$1.1 million.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Jackson explained that although the surface area is being reduced, the depth will be increased so that the lake will retain the same amount of water. The area of the lake is being reduced in an attempt to maintain the trees surrounding the lake, some of which were lost because their root systems were penetrating the lake area. Mr. Pratt noted that the fish have been relocated.

Mr. Pratt discussed the project at McDowell Mountain Ranch Park to replace the valves used to isolate the potable water connection in the fall, thus allowing the park to have additional water for fall overseeding.

A project to repair a main water line at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park was recently completed. Because it ran under the train, the line was rerouted to run parallel to the train and connected to a main line on each side of the train.

In response to a Commissioner inquiry, Mr. Pratt said that he would become involved with the McCormick Park well reservoir project if irrigation lines need to be rerouted and/or if the maintenance compound is affected.

3. Marketing Update

Ann Porter, Parks and Recreation Ops Supervisor, discussed the marketing efforts that are taking place for Parks and Recreation. She reviewed her background and her strategy for improving marketing efforts, including updates to the website, brochure improvements, a monthly newsletter, social media accounts, ActiveNet support, and media outreach. She has taken a role of oversight for all print items such as flyers and posters that go out and has brought a graphic designer in who will assist with graphics. She hopes to incorporate a theme of storytelling into all marketing materials in an effort to entice citizens to participate in activities.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Porter said that staff has so far been supportive of the changes to the process. She explained that the goal is to create a brand for the City, while staying respectful and maintaining the uniqueness of each park.

Chair Harris asked that staff provide the Commission with updates regarding updating the signage and kiosks at the Dog Park.

4. Police and Parks Update

Erin McKallor-Quill, Parks and Recreation Ops Supervisor, gave an overview of the partnership between Parks and Recreation and the Scottsdale Police Department and the Police P.L.A.Y. Program. The goal of the Police P.L.A.Y. Program is to provide positive interaction and cultivate relationships between Law Enforcement and youth through after-school programs in a recreational setting. The program was piloted in September of 2015. Uniformed officers visit an afterschool program for approximately 30 to 60 minutes once a week, interacting with young people through playing sports activities and indoor art activities. Visits are either scheduled or on a drop-in basis, depending on the officer's schedule. The goal of the program is to develop safer neighborhoods through community partnerships and communication.

Officer Slavin spoke about his experiences in the program.

Commission members were given an opportunity to make comments. Officer Slavin noted that in May the program will be acknowledged by the FBI as part of their Community Outreach Spotlight. Chair Harris noted that Chief Rodbell stressed the importance of the outreach program during his City Council budget presentation.

5. Fountain Maintenance

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an overview of the maintenance of fountains located on City property. Fountains are maintained through the Aquatic and Fountains Maintenance program. She presented photographs of the individual fountains, highlighting several of the pump rooms and vaults. She commended the hard work of Tech I Mark Richards, who is responsible for the daily fountain maintenance.

6. Commissioner Report

Vice-Chair Davis enjoyed attending the Culinary Festival and took his college class on a tour of Chaparral Park.

Chair Harris represented the Commission at the City's Arbor Day event. She noted that Mayor Lane read a proclamation and a tree was planted in acknowledgment of Arbor Day.

7. Manager Updates and Director's Report of Current Events

Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager, noted that Youth Corps will be accepting summer volunteer applications through April 24th. She presented photographs of the Eldorado Community Center roofing project, which is expected to be completed by the end of April. Ms. Peters noted that the first ActiveNet summer program registration opens on May 2nd and summer programs start on June 6th. She shared photographs of the Parks and Recreation Commission on their tour of McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center and the Cholla Park Pickleball Courts.

In the absence of Director Pryor, Ms. Peters announced that on Saturday, April 22, Our City will have representatives available at the Farmers Market on Brown to talk with community members who are interested in serving the community through volunteerism. She noted that the 2016/17 school year starts on August 8th and the Fall afterschool registration will open on July 20th.

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, noted that the lazy river water features at McDowell Mountain Ranch are undergoing repairs and are expected to be completed by mid-May. Chaparral pool covers are expected to be completed by the end of the fiscal year, June 30th. The aquatics skills assessments have completed and 33 positions have been offered to lifeguard candidates. Aquatic staff and assistant managers have been participating in ongoing training on Active Net. Swim lessons will begin on May 2nd and public swim will open on the weekends starting April 30th. April Pool's Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 24th at Eldorado Pool from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The McDowell Mountain Ranch building will be closed April 18th through the 30th for floor refinishing. Ms. Erickson noted that the third quarter expenses and revenues showed an increase in pool drop-in use and pool rentals at all three of the year-round centers. Date Night is scheduled for May 7th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Scottsdale Stadium. Mighty Mud Mania is 51 days away and will be on Saturday, June 11th from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Jody Pierce, Parks and Recreation Manager, announced that Police and Fire Games will be ongoing from Thursday through Saturday, with soccer games being played at Chaparral Park and softball at Thompson Peak Park. Mighty Mud Mania setup will begin next week. Vice-Chair Davis offered to supply the setup volunteers with snacks on a day that is most convenient to staff.

Denise Clayton, Parks and Recreation Manager, said that the park signs were inventoried in the Fall and the top priority is for all the signs to be uniform and have information specific to individual park offerings. Sign maintenance, including those at the Chaparral Dog Park, will be included in the next fiscal year's budget. Triple Crown Baseball's Youth Tournament was held in March and over 131 teams came to the state from 12 different states and Canada. 192 games were played throughout the weekend and the City generated over \$31,000 in just the permit fees. This coming weekend Indian School Park and Scottsdale Ranch Park will host the Arizona Interscholastic Association's Boys and Girls Tennis. Scottsdale Ranch Park will host the semi-finals in early May. Ms. Clayton noted that the adult sports and tennis programs

currently have approximately 296 teams. The average team has ten players. Registration for the summer season opens on May 2nd.

Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager, announced that Scottsdale Stadium had 177,699 fans attend spring training games this season, averaging approximately 11,100 fans per month, which is the highest number in the stadium's history. Scottsdale Stadium will host the Rugby and Balloon Classic on Saturday, April 22nd with Division One and Division Two high school championships and a marquee matchup of Arizona State and Team Mexico. Gates will open at noon and the Balloon Glow will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Brett Jackson mentioned that McCormick-Stillman Park hosted the Arbor Day Celebration and that the Summer Concert Series begins on Sunday, May 1st.

8. Public Comment

Henry White discussed the benefits of communities offering a bike park and suggested that his non-profit organization, Urban Recreation, be employed to build one in Scottsdale.

Jessica Hearl asked for assistance from the Parks and Recreation Commission in addressing the intolerable noise being caused by the recently opened pickleball courts.

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