



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

SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

**City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

PRESENT: Virginia Harris, Chair
Todd Davis, Vice Chair
Anne Wurth, Commissioner
Michael Bouscher, Commissioner
Sherry Woodley, Commissioner (arrived at 5:06 p.m.)
Chris Thuman, Commissioner
Fred Klein, Commissioner

STAFF: Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director
Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Denise Clayton, Parks and Recreation Manager
Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Jody Pierce, Parks and Recreation Manager
Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
Jeff Cesaretti, Stadium Supervisor

Call to Order

Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as noted above.

Director Pryor welcomed new Commissioner Fred Klein.

Public Comment

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

Moment of Silence

Commissioners observed a moment of silence.

Chair Harris introduced Commissioner Klein and welcomed him to the Commission.

Commissioner Klein introduced himself and discussed his background and interest in Parks and Recreation.

1. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: May 4, 2016

COMMISSIONER WOODLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 4, 2016 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER THUMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

2. Stadium Use Agreement and Rugby Bowl Update

Jeff Cesaretti, Stadium Supervisor, gave an overview of the revised Stadium Use Agreement and the second annual Fiesta Bowl Rugby and Balloon Classic held on April 23rd. The Rugby Bowl consisted of two high school championship games and a featured game between ASU and the Mexican National team. Total revenue to the City from the event was \$18,238.

3. Wayfinding Signage

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, gave an update on the City's Wayfinding Signage program for the path network. Her presentation included background of the signage program, which was first identified in the 2008 Transportation Master Plan bicycle element and culminated in a decision by City Council in March of 2014 to hire a private consultant to design consistent path signage citywide. She reviewed the options presented by MAG as part of the regional wayfinding program, and highlighted details of the prototype signs planned for the City of Scottsdale's trail system. Public comments received during the May 11th and 14th open houses are being considered. The prototype signs will be on display in the One Civic atrium for approximately another month and the Transportation Commission will offer comments and a recommendation during their June 16th meeting.

Commission members were given an opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Ms. Conklu discussed opportunities for technology integration and a map app. The "yield to horses" sign will only appear in areas where paths are appropriate for equine use.

4. Community Services Sponsorship and Consideration of the Multi-Year Agreement for Sponsored Teams

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, presented minor revisions to the Community Services Sponsorship policy. She briefly reviewed the Community Services Sponsorship policy and the Youth Aquatic Facility Allocation policy and the history of sponsored teams in Scottsdale, dating back to the early 1970s. Amendments made to the policy include changing the requirement to provide the City with rosters from quarterly to biannually; on page 3 changing the term of sponsorship from "one year" to "one year or for a longer term if approved by the Scottsdale City Council." Groups that are part of the multi-year agreement will continue to give an annual update to the Commission and the Commission will continue to give recommendations on requests for fee increases. Staff is recommending the first multi-year agreement with Scottsdale Aquatic Club to be a three-year agreement with two one-year extensions.

Discussion ensued regarding terms of the agreement with Scottsdale Aquatic Club, the ongoing role of the Commission, and extending the multi-year agreement option to other areas of Community Services such as Human Services and the Library. Commissioners expressed concern about creating a policy that allows groups to operate for three to five years and the potential for unforeseen complications to arise. Ms. Erickson explained that a multi-year agreement offers assurance and stability to the organizations and reduces the time spent by staff and the legal department in annually renewing agreements.

COMMISSIONER WOODLEY MOVED TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE SPONSORSHIP POLICY WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MAY 4, 2016. VICE-CHAIR DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO TWO (2); COMMISSIONERS THUMAN AND KLEIN DISSENTED.

COMMISSIONER BOUSCHER MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE AND SCOTTSDALE AQUATICS CLUB. VICE-CHAIR DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ONE (1). COMMISSIONER THUMAN DISSENTED.

5. New ActiveNet Software and Summer Programming

Ms. Erickson presented an overview of the new ActiveNet software, summer programming, and the first day of summer 2016 registration. She discussed the reasons for moving to the ActiveNet system, details of how the cloud-based system operates, and the benefits of reduced server maintenance and green zone infrastructure costs, and the ActiveNet help desk. Ms. Erickson provided a live demonstration of registering for programs through the ActiveNet system.

6. Fit City Scottsdale

Vice-Chair Davis gave a presentation and overview of the Fit City Scottsdale concept being promoted and initiated through Scottsdale Community College and other community partners and Scottsdale businesses. He explained that Fit City Scottsdale originated through a Scottsdale Healthcare and Scottsdale Community College project and is in transition because when Scottsdale Healthcare became Honor Health, it could no longer support the program.

Vice-Chair Davis discussed the program, which is designed to allow collaboration and input from public and private organizations. The goal is to make presentations to community members and businesses for communication and to educate residents on offerings available in their neighborhood. The hope is to build a mentoring program for students. The categories that are currently offered are Fitness, Wellness, Community Service, Events and Festivals, and Sports and Outdoor Recreation. Organizations are encouraged to post their events in the "share tank." All posts must be approved by the program administrator prior to going live. More information can be found at BeScottsdalefit.com.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Vice-Chair Davis explained that the current program is more of a grass roots movement with the goal of engaging the community and students. The program is being marketed as a process of helping to promote quality of life and Parks and Recreation programs.

7. Commissioner Report

Commissioner Woodley attended the Commissioner appreciation breakfast along with Vice-Chair Davis, Chair Harris, and Commissioner Thuman.

Vice-Chair Davis enjoyed attending two concerts at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. He is looking forward to Mighty Mud Mania, which is in 23 days.

Chair Harris said she is looking forward to Mighty Mud Mania and asked that everyone volunteer to participate. She participated in the most recent Scottsdale 101 classes and recommended that anyone who might be interested sign up for the next session.

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

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director, thanked Vice-Chair Davis for his participation in the Youth Corps orientation and training. He noted that Leader training is scheduled for June 2nd at Mountain View Park and the first day of programs will start on June 6th.

City Council approved the Parks and Recreation fees and charges during the May 17th meeting and final budget adoption is agendaized for the June 7th City Council meeting.

Youth Sports Field Allocation's baseball group meeting is scheduled for May 19th at Mountain View Park. Topics for discussion will include spring sports, field maintenance, and procedures.

Staff is considering various solutions to mitigate noise from the pickleball courts. The probable solution will be noise reduction plastic polymer sheeting that will help deaden sound. Research is being done to determine what wind load issues could be faced on the existing fence.

Initial research on a BMX bike park indicates that costs would be approximately \$750,000 for a concrete surface and approximately \$450,000 for a dirt park for an average of 20,000 square foot parcel. Finding a location large enough in Scottsdale could prove challenging.

Director Pryor noted that Date Night at Scottsdale Stadium on May 7th was successful with approximately 1,300 people in attendance.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission study session is scheduled for June 1st at Chaparral Drinkwater Building. Topics of discussion will be future thinking and priorities for next year. The following meeting will be September 7th at Chaparral Park.

Denise Clayton, Parks and Recreation Manager, noted that adult sports summer programs are in registration. Programs began May 2nd and leagues begin on June 6th. Team sports, individual tennis lessons, and leagues are available for registration now.

Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager said that the Papago Park playground demo has begun, and the demo at Paiute will begin soon. He anticipates that it will take approximately a month for the new construction. He noted that city staff attended Tree City USA last month at the state capitol and announced that Winfield Scott's Windbreak was selected as an Arizona Magnificent 7 Witness Tree and will hold the status for the year. Windbreak is the trees that Winfield Scott planted when the Town of Scottsdale was created located on the medians along Drinkwater Blvd and Second Street.

Jody Pierce, Parks and Recreation Manager, said that construction for Mighty Mud Mania is continuing in anticipation of the countdown to June 11th.

Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager, said that the Scottsdale Sports Complex fields will be closed in July for turf remediation, Staff will be discussing ideas to celebrate the Sports Complex's 10th anniversary, which is August 26th. Mr. Walsh noted that the Scottsdale Stadium facilities Master Plan discussions are underway with the Giants and gave a brief review of the minor renovations taking place on the fields.

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, reviewed aquatics programs activities, noting that there are approximately 2,300 registrants for swim lessons. Family passes are available for purchase through May 30th for McDowell Mountain Ranch, Cactus, and Eldorado that will be good Memorial Day through Labor Day. She reminded the public to check pool hours through the summer because times will fluctuate depending on usage. She noted that there were three rescues at Eldorado last Sunday and one rescue at McDowell Mountain Ranch last week. Critical incident training with the Police and Fire Departments is Saturday, May 28th at McDowell Mountain Ranch.

9. Public Comment

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

10. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the regular meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz