



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

Wednesday, September 21, 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
Chris Thuman, Commissioner
Fred Klein, Commissioner
- ABSENT:** Sherry Woodley, 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
Scott Anderson, Operations Supervisor
Stephanie Tippet, Operations Supervisor
- GUESTS:** Amy Moore, Navajo Elementary School Principal

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members present as stated above.

Public Comment

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

Moment of Silence

Commissioners observed a moment of silence.

1. Approval of the Minutes

COMMISSIONER BOUCHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2016, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER WURTH SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER WOODLEY WAS ABSENT.

2. Leisure Education Programs and Facility Booking Update

Stephanie Tippett, Operations Supervisor, gave an update on the Leisure Education and Facility Booking programs. She explained that in the fall of 2015 the registration systems began moving from the CLASS registration system into the ActiveNet system software. Staff received training in January and February of 2016 and the first activity registration through the ActiveNet system started with the May 2, 2016 summer registration. Ms. Tippett reviewed the registration and revenue data, the responsibilities of the booking office, and user comments.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Tippett said that the class drop-in feature has been eliminated; however, drop-ins are sometimes permitted on a case-by-case basis.

3. Afterschool Programming Update

Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an overview of the 2016 Afterschool program opportunities for youth in Scottsdale. After school programs are offered at the Horizon and Mountain View Community Centers and at the City's Title 1 Schools. Fees and charges cover 57% of direct costs for the programs.

Scott Anderson, Operations Supervisor, discussed the after school programs offered at Horizon and Mountain View which include programs for 1st through 5th graders and a teen program for middle school students, noting that the recent implementation of a \$30 fee for the teen program at Horizon has been successful. He gave an overview of the objectives of the programs offered at the Title 1 Schools, which include Tonalea K-8 school, Arcadia Neighborhood Learning Center K-8 school, Hohokam, Yavapai, and Navajo elementary schools. Thanks to a federal grant, students are offered a free snack after school and some locations offer a free hot dinner.

Amy Moore, Navajo Elementary School Principal, talked about the partnership between Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) and the City of Scottsdale. She said that the goals of the after school program at Navajo focus on a commitment to learning by offering homework help and math and reading extension activities.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Discussion ensued regarding after school staff training, adaptive recreation opportunities, program fees and hours, and the snack and hot meal grant program.

4. CIP Project Updates

Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an update on the CIP projects related to Parks and Recreation. He discussed the prioritization criteria used by Scottsdale for construction related projects, steps taken to rate different projects, and the FY 2016/17 CIP budget program. Upcoming and ongoing projects include the aquatics chemical system replacement for the four pools, Indian Bend Wash Lakes Phase I, McCormick-Stillman Park reservoir removal, Vista Del Camino Indian Bend Wash Park renovation, the Scottsdale Stadium Master Plan, and Scottsdale Stadium safety repairs and maintenance.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Jackson clarified that the pump replacement would take place over a two-year period at each of the four pools. Scottsdale Stadium was last renovated in 1992. Mr. Jackson described the plans for the Vista Del Camino park renovations, including the lake renovation.

5. Commissioner Report

Vice-Chair Davis noted that thanks to Ms. Erickson, he was able to take his Scottsdale Community College class on a tour of Eldorado Park. He said that his students commented that it would be beneficial to the community if the individual parks participated in social media outlets.

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

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director, noted that Lights on Afterschool will be held on Friday, September 23rd, at Scottsdale Stadium starting at 5:30 p.m. The Children's Learning and Play Festival of WestWorld will be held on Saturday, October 1st, starting at 9:00 a.m. Rail Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 8th and 9th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The fourth Date Night at Scottsdale Stadium will be on Saturday, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Fall Festival will be at Eldorado Park on Saturday, October 29th starting at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Pryor noted that the next meeting will be held at Florence Ely Nelson Desert Park and suggested that the location offers an opportunity to tour the parks in the northern area.

Mr. Pryor said that he anticipates agendaing a discussion about the possibility of bringing BMX to Scottsdale. He noted that the Drone Ordinance revision was approved by City Council.

Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager, said that the Scottsdale Stadium master plan was approved by City Council and a kickoff meeting to discuss renovations with the Giants is anticipated within the next few weeks. Scottsdale Sports Complex will host the Second Annual Global Energy Run on Sunday, September 25th. He noted that Scottsdale is the third city in the United States to host this 3K and 10K event. The winner for both men's and women's race will receive an all expenses paid trip to a future race of their choice. The 2017 Phoenix Open preparation will begin on October 4th.

Jody Pierce, Parks and Recreation Manager, reviewed damages and park cleanup efforts following the recent monsoons. He noted that one summer focus was on growing grass and in particular the dog parks and ball fields were part of a sod renovation project. All soccer fields and ball fields are now open and available for play.

Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager reiterated that Rail Fair will be held on October 8th and 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will include model train displays and exhibits and a wide selection of the park's seldom seen vintage railroad equipment on display. He suggested arriving early to avoid crowds. Overseeding will begin on the Scottsdale Mall on Monday, September 26th and planting of annuals will begin on October 17th. Downtown winter annuals planting is ongoing and is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Denise Clayton, Parks and Recreation Manager, said that there are over 300 adult sports teams registered currently and tennis and other programs are ongoing with close to full registration. Club SAR program has been going well, with many popular activities.

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an update on aquatics, fountains, and special events. There are currently 12 school swim teams being hosted at the pools. McDowell Mountain Ranch will be hosting this year's dive meets. Changes in pool hours include Cactus Pool will be open weekdays until 2:00 p.m. beginning in October and McDowell Mountain Ranch will be open Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for both the pool and the gym. Scottsdale Aquatic Club are using both Eldorado Pool and Chaparral Pool for their South Team training. Water aerobics is being offered at all of the sites. McDowell Mountain Ranch is offering swim lessons throughout the fall season. Dunkin' for Pumpkins on October 22nd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The volcano fountain at Scottsdale Mall will be drained next week for repairs. She reiterated the dates for the upcoming Date Night and Fall Festival events.

Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager, listed fun activities that will be part of the Lights on After School event and noted that Mayor Lane will be speaking. Fall break camps will be offered during Fall Intersession October 10th through 14th at Horizon and Mountain View. Ms. Peters noted that she and Ms. Clayton will be giving a presentation about Pickleball at the next NRPA Conference and the presentation will be live streamed for anyone interested in watching.

7. Public Comment

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

8. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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