



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY HALL KIVA
3939 DRINKWATER BLVD.
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008**

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Robert Frost, Chair
George Adams, Commissioner
Jeanne Alspaugh, Commissioner
James Duchene, Commissioner
Ronald Petersen, Commissioner

ABSENT: John Faramelli, Vice-chair
Ron King, Commissioner

STAFF: Tim Barnard, CIP/Planning Coordinator
Leslie Clark, Parks and Recreation Manager
Trina Clemens
Robert L. DeLeon, Assistant Fire Chief of Scottsdale Fire Department
Terry Erickson, Senior Recreation Coordinator
Steve Lehmann, Senior Recreation Coordinator/Sports Liaison
Mark Lesco
William McDonald, Fire Chief of Scottsdale Fire Department
Doug Nesselroad, Parks and Recreation Manager
William Murphy, Parks and Recreation Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frost called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

2. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed the members present as stated above.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

At the request of Chair Frost, a moment of silence was observed.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (Action)

Work Study Session Meeting of December 19, 2007.

COMMISSIONER ALSPAUGH MOVED TO APPROVE THE WORK STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2007 MEETING. COMMISSIONER DUCHENE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

5. SCOTTSDALE FIRE STATION #1(Information Item)

William McDonald, Fire Chief, Scottsdale Fire Department; and Robert DeLeon, Assistant Fire Chief, will present the proposed integration of Fire Station #1 to Eldorado Park.

Chief McDonald provided an explanation of the integration of the fire station at Miller and Thomas into the southern end of Eldorado Park. He opined that this would improve the response performance for the southern portion of Scottsdale. The following briefing provides current status and future steps of this proposal. Chief McDonald informed the Commission that the department would be returning to the Commission in the future with an update on progress.

Assistant Chief DeLeon gave a slide presentation. Highlights include:

- Fire Operations
 - 13 fire stations in the City of Scottsdale.
 - In 2007, 22,408 calls for emergency service - 60% were for medical emergencies.
 - In 2007, \$8.7 million in fire loss.
 - The department has a certified hazardous material team and a full service fire and life safety division.
- Firefighters on Duty
 - 66 firefighters on duty every day.
 - 13 engine companies, 3 ladder companies.
 - Advance life support.
 - Aircraft rescue fire fighting at the airport.
 - 2 battalion chiefs on duty 24/7.
- Fire Station #1
 - 3 units at the station.
 - Responded to 6,900 calls for service in 2007; 5,300 were medical calls.
 - 155 fires in 2007.
 - 13 personnel, with 1 battalion chief.
- Fire Facts
 - A fire can double in size in 2 minutes.
- Standards of Coverage
 - Self assessment on number of stations, personnel, locations.
- Standard of Coverage Recommendations
 - Occupancy inventory and risk associated with each geographical area of each station location.
 - Analyze development information to ascertain if coverage is needed.
 - Develop service-level objectives.

- Station Locations
 - Locate stations throughout the City to allow for the fastest response time.
 - A citywide plan has been developed.
 - Goal is to respond within 4 minutes anywhere within the City 80% of the time.
- Relocating Fire Station #1
 - 25% of calls within Fire Station #1 area cannot be responded to within 4 minutes.
 - Ensure that this portion of the City has same level of response as any other part of the City.
 - Covers 10.5 square miles of area.
 - Building is 40 years old; needs remodeling; asbestos concerns.
- Growing Population
 - In 2007, one-third of response calls within the City were out of Station #1.
- Activity to Date
 - Discussion with Parks and Recreation staff regarding benefits of having a station at Eldorado Park.
 - Mail notifications were sent to affected residents. Two open houses were held.
- Next Steps
 - Selection of architect for planning phase in process.
 - Seek neighborhood input on conceptual drawing.
 - Keep Parks and Recreation Commission updated.
 - Seek Council approval.
- Initial Conceptual Drawing

Chair Frost thanked Chief McDonald and Assistant Chief DeLeon for their thorough presentation. There were no questions from the Commission.

**6. WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS - SOUTHERN NEIGHBORHOODS/PIMA PARK
(Information Item)**

Tim Barnard, CIP/Planning Coordinator, Community Services, will present an informational update on renovation of the water treatment plant and recreation center at Pima Park.

Mr. Barnard distributed a line drawing diagram of the water quality improvement project that is occurring adjacent to Pima Park at 86th Street and Thomas Road. Mr. Barnard provided an explanation of the diagram. The Water Resources Department is adding equipment and expanding the plant. The existing recreation building will be demolished and replaced, and playground equipment will be replaced.

Mr. Barnard showed the Commission an artist's rendering of what the improvements might look like. Design is in the preliminary stages.

Commissioner Duchene asked Mr. Barnard how much impact there would be to park users during the project. Mr. Barnard replied that there will be no impact on a large portion of the park, and referred the Commissioners to the diagram previously presented.

Commissioner Adams inquired as to whether the water treatment plant was a producer of RO drinking water. Mr. Perkins answered in the affirmative.

Chair Frost asked Mr. Barnard what the comparison of square feet is between the existing building and the proposed building. Mr. Barnard responded that the exact size of the new building has not

been determined, but the preliminary design calls for an increase in square footage. Chair Frost acknowledged that the existing building has been in place for 30 years and a new, expanded facility would be beneficial to the surrounding community.

7. PARTNERSHIP FUNDING (Action Item)

Steve Lehmann, Senior Recreation Coordinator, will present at the meeting to request commission approval of two groups' request for partnership funding:

McDowell Mountain Little League: Field Improvements at Copper Ridge School and Desert Canyon School fields: Field equipment including foul poles, bleachers, backstop padding, bases, dugout organizer racks and other field equipment. Requesting up to \$883.75

McCormick Ranch Little League: Field Improvements for Chaparral Park and Cochise Fields. Field equipment including bases, portable fence posts storage shed, batting tunnel and other field equipment. Requesting up to \$883.75

Mr. Lehmann gave a slide presentation, which provided an explanation of the partnership funding policy for youth sports organizations and the partnership funding process. To date over \$685,000 has been awarded in partnership funding. Staff recommends approval and these two requests will exhaust this fiscal year's partnership funding.

Mr. Lehmann stated that the first request for partnership funding is from McDowell Mountain Little League for field Improvements at Copper Ridge School and Desert Canyon School fields. The League is requesting up to \$883.75. The second request is from McCormick Ranch Little League for field Improvements for Chaparral Park and Cochise fields. The League is requesting up to \$883.75.

Commissioner Duchene opined that sometimes there are things that these groups fund, such as wind and sunscreens, that the City should be paying for. He asked how the City could budget for such items. Mr. Lehmann responded that the budget does include replacement for a number of items. This partnership funding program is not meant to replace the department's building of new facilities or maintenance. It a method to allow organizations to help contribute to the facilities they use. Many of these improvements/replacement items take place in the older parks, whereas the newer parks are being built with these amenities. Commissioner Duchene suggested that a future discussion take place on this issue.

Chair Frost stated that he assumed that discussion had occurred with the Leagues on whether one League should get all the money and finish uncompleted projects and the give the other League priority for funding in the new fiscal year. He asked Mr. Lehmann what the rationale was in splitting the money. Mr. Lehmann replied that he felt splitting the funds was the fairest thing to do. Most of the items are small field equipment in both groups. Instead of trying to do just one of those small projects, it seemed better to split the funding. Chair Frost noted that these projects were for equipment and he was under the impression that partnership funding was for capital projects. Mr. Lehmann responded that equipment has been funded before. Chair Frost inquired if the Leagues had provided proof that they had the money for the project. Mr. Lehmann responded in the affirmative. The projects are monitored to ensure that the money is spent in accordance with the funding request.

COMMISSIONER DUCHENE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$883.75. COMMISSIONER ALSPAUGH SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

COMMISSIONER DUCHENE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MCCORMICK RANCH LITTLE LEAGUE REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$883.75. COMMISSIONER ALSPAUGH SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

8. ELDORADO UPDATE (Information Item)

Terry Erickson, Senior Recreation Coordinator, will give an informational update regarding Eldorado Park and Special Events Programs.

Ms. Erickson gave a slide presentation on Eldorado Park and Special Events Programs. Highlights include:

- Responsible for Eldorado, Pima, Paiute, Apache, and Papago Parks; City-wide special events; “Keep an Eye on Your Park Program.”
- Eldorado Park.
 - In Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt.
 - 60-acre park.
 - One of oldest parks in Scottsdale.
 - Skate park built in 1999.
 - Lake revitalization in March 2008.
 - Building renovation in 1997.
 - Host Barker Branch of Girls and Boys Club.
 - Leisure education classes.
- Special Events
 - Commissioners provided with a day timer and invitation to Valentine’s Day dance.
 - Winfield Scott birthday.
 - Participate in McCormick Stillman Railroad Park “Exclusively Little” event for ages 6 and under.
 - Participate in Scottsdale Arts Festival, March 7-9, 2008.
 - Skate park competition, March 15, 2008.
 - Cycle of the Arts.
 - Cinco de Mayo celebration.
 - July 4th celebration.
 - Wet & Wild Water Day.
 - Mighty Mud Mania.
- Neighborhood Parks and Additional Programs
 - Thomas Road Bike Stop.
 - Supervise Handlebar Helpers Program.
 - International Club.

Commissioner Duchene inquired as to whether the Handlebar Helpers Program was in need of bikes. Ms. Erickson replied in the affirmative.

**9. COMMISSION MEETING TIME CHANGE DISCUSSION (Information Item)
William Murphy, Parks and Recreation Director, will lead a discussion on the potential time change of bi-monthly Commission meetings to 4:00 pm instead of 5:00 pm**

Mr. Murphy stated that, based upon the Work Study Session in December, he was inviting discussion on changing the meeting time from 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Chair Frost read a statement from Commissioner King wherein he opined that changing the meeting time to 4:00 p.m. would be an inconvenience to the public and not in the best interests of the Commission or the community. Discussion ensued. The Commission agreed to keep the meeting time at 5:00 p.m.

10. COMMISSIONER REPORT (Information Item)

The Commissioners will give updates on events and activities they have attended since the last Commission meeting.

Commissioner Alspaugh reported it was her responsibility to visit all Scottsdale parks. On January 14, she and her spouse visited Mescal and Northside Parks. She noted some items that needed attention and informed Mr. Murphy of such.

Commissioner Adams reported he had received a bike for Christmas and was exploring the greenbelts by bike. He visited Eldorado, Indian School, Chaparral, Chestnut, and Rotary Parks, and Scottsdale Stadium since the last Commission meeting. Chair Frost noted that Commissioner Adams was a good example of fitness in Scottsdale.

Commissioner Duchene reported he is part of a group that chose the project architect for Troon North Park. He felt fortunate to be part of that group. The process created an awareness of how much work goes into a project of this type.

Chair Frost reported he participated in the Jingle Bell Hike.

Commissioner Petersen reported he had visited a number of parks and they are always in good shape and thanked the staff for their work.

**11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))
(Information item)**

William Murphy, Parks and Recreation Director, will update the Commission on the status of events and activities of the Parks and Recreation, and Parks and Grounds Management Divisions. This includes, but is not limited to, updates on programming, special events, calendars, and upcoming meetings.

Mr. Murphy gave his report. Highlights include:

- The joint meeting with City Council has been changed to February 20, 2008, at the Kiva, at 5:00 p.m.
- On January 22, 2008, staff will present to Council the park name changes, which have been previously approved by the Commission.
- Ground breaking ceremony at Villa Monterey on January 24, 2008. First phase of project planned for the first week of February 2008.

- Staff will be parking cars at the FBR Open.
- 152 teams registered for adult softball; 22 teams are playing kickball; 18 teams registered for basketball.
- Scottsdale is the recipient of the Tree City USA Growth Award. Two staff members completed courses to be certified arborists.
- McCormick Stillman Railroad Park had 30,976 riders during the holidays, generating revenue of \$89,300.
- Pinnacle Peak staff hosted an astronomy talk on January 12. Getting close to one-millionth visitor since park opened in April 2002.
- Baseball season will start next week at Scottsdale Stadium with the Giants Fantasy Camp.

Mr. Murphy announced that he has been appointed the Parks and Recreation Director.

Chair Frost directed Mr. Murphy to have a review of the joint Commission/Council meeting agenda for the next meeting.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Information Only)

Citizens may address the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission during Public Comment. This “Public Comment” time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. However, Arizona State Law prohibits the Parks and Recreation Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda.

No members of the public wished to address the Commission.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A/V Tronics, Inc.