



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY HALL KIVA
3939 DRINKWATER BLVD.
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008**

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Robert Frost, Chairperson
John Faramelli, Vice-Chair
George Adams
Jeanne Alspaugh
Ron King

ABSENT: James Duchene
Ronald Petersen

STAFF: Linda Ayres, Senior Recreation Coordinator
Tim Barnard, CIP/Planning Coordinator
Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Manager
Leslie Clark, Parks and Recreation Manager
Trina Clemens, Admin Secretary
Don Davis, Parks and Recreation Manager
Mark Lescoe, Senior Recreation Coordinator
Doug Nesselroad, Parks and Recreation Manager
Jason Wadron, Stadium Coordinator
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 formal roll call noted the presence of Commissioners as noted above.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (Action)

Regular Meeting of March 5, 2008.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2008 MEETING. COMMISSIONER ALSPAUGH SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

5. MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN RANCH 1 YEAR UPDATE (Information Item)

Linda Ayres, Senior Recreation Coordinator will provide the annual update for McDowell Mountain Ranch Park and Aquatic Center.

Ms. Linda Ayres, Senior Recreation Coordinator, began her presentation by distributing rescue key chains to the Commissioners. Highlights of her PowerPoint presentation included:

- Budget & staffing slide
- Admission fees & rentals
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Ms. Ayres noted that admission fees remain unchanged at \$2.

- Swim lesson attendance
- Leisure education classes include belly dancing, aerobic dance, wiggles & giggles, and zumba
- Over 38,000 have attended the skate park over the past year
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Ms. Ayres described the program staff implement to encourage skaters to use proper safety gear.

- Special events included the Hawaiian Day in June attended by over 1,000 people; the dive in movie in August, and H2HOHOHO in December
- They are very proud that three staff members have achieved the Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program certification.
- Amazing Swim is a new program to encourage lap swimmers to swim more by letting them check their activity level.
- The Red Ball Project is a mobile art project that very successfully visited the skate park
- They host Desert Mountain High School swim and dive teams through an IGA with the Scottsdale Unified School District. Notre Dame also uses the facility. Scottsdale Healthcare purchased the equipment for the fitness center and run various health and wellness programs. The Police and Fire Departments use the facility for training. Scottsdale Synchronized Arizona is a year-round sponsored team.
- McDowell Mountain Ranch hosted a Critical Incident Training with the Fire and Police and other City departments.
- Customer feedback has been positive. People are saying this is a great place for the entire family. Parents appreciate being able to work out while their child is in a swim class or other activity.

Chair Frost remarked it is interesting that they need to bribe kids to be safe at the skate park. He added that when he visited the aquatic facility last summer he found that it was being well used by whole families, which is wonderful.

6. CIP UPDATE (Information Item)

Tim Barnard, Capital Improvement Projects/Planning Coordinator, will provide information updates to the commission.

Mr. Tim Barnard, Capital Improvement Projects Manager, stated that staff want to provide a regular monthly update on the CIP projects to the Commission.

The City Hall Lagoon renovation is currently under design and construction. A new circulation system is to be installed, which will reduce the overall volume of water in the lagoon, resulting in less algae buildup.

The Eldorado Ballfield Renovations will realign the backstops and create larger fields with ADA access to the restrooms.

Staff recently met with the construction manager @ risk for the Grayhawk Community Park Phase I to finalize their contract for the cost. They plan to present this to City Council on April 14, with construction hopefully starting within 30 to 45 days.

Mr. Barnard noted that the irrigation pumps are being replaced and renovations are being performed on the lakes at Indian Bend Wash. He added that renovations to the lake at Eldorado Park are in the design stage. The McCormick Railroad Park Museum building is currently under review to select a site location within the park.

Noting that for safety reasons the City replaces aging playground equipment, Mr. Barnard said that this year staff plan to replace the playground at Rotary Gainey and Vista Del Camino/McKellips Lake. The Public Pool Equipment Replacement project is a similar program to ensure that pool facilities are kept up to date. This year staff plan decking repairs and automatic pool covers at Cactus Pool.

The final six tennis courts at Scottsdale Ranch Park are being added.

The South Ballfields Project at Chaparral Park, which involved reconfiguring the fields to allow for better use, is close to completion and Little League are already using the youth fields.

The Sports Lighting & Expansion project ensures that lighting is replaced as necessary. Staff also evaluate fields that are not currently lighted as there is a need for lighted sports fields in the City. This year lighting was added and replaced at Chaparral, Eldorado, and the Yavapai ballfields.

An architect (**Floor and Associates**) has been selected for design of the Troon North Community Park Phase I.

All but one of the lakes at Camelback Park, previously the Villa Monterey Golf Course, will be filled in. They are not needed for irrigation and attract mosquitoes during the summer.

The Vista Del Camino Yavapai ballfields are under construction.

Mr. Barnard noted that design work has started on the Pima Park Water Treatment Plant expansion, including a completely new recreation center.

The Vista Del Camino Community Center, which was the City's first community center, has been extensively remodeled and expanded. Staff just moved in from the old senior center and are very pleased with the facilities. Mr. Barnard invited the Commissioners to attend the official opening.

Vice-Chair Faramelli thanked Mr. Barnard, saying he appreciates that the Commission will receive monthly updates. He asked where the maintenance compound will be located at Grayhawk Community Park.

Mr. Barnard explained that the maintenance compound will serve the Grayhawk Community Park as well as other north Scottsdale parks. He showed its planned location on the site plan. In response to a follow-up question by Vice Chair Faramelli, he stated that a community building is planned for Phase II of the park development.

Vice-Chair Faramelli requested a copy of the public outreach schedule for the McCormick Railroad Park Museum Building. Mr. Barnard undertook to have it sent.

Noting that he has been assigned to the Pima Park Water Treatment Plant, Vice-Chair Faramelli said he would be happy to be involved in design if that would help staff. Mr. Barnard assured the Commissioners that staff are happy to sit down and brief them on specific projects at any time.

Commissioner Adams asked about the timeline for the installation of the building at the Chaparral Quad south ballpark. Mr. Barnard replied that staff are finalizing the cost estimate and hope to start construction within two to three weeks. They expect this will be a straightforward project. Commissioner Adams asked whether the scope of that building has changed. Mr. Barnard explained that it has not changed greatly in scope, although staff tried to give more space for the concession area. Commissioner Adams asked whether it would be possible to increase the size of the building in future if more funding became available. Mr. Barnard said it may be possible to widen the building.

Chair Frost asked Mr. Barnard to confirm that construction of the lakes at Camelback Park will be done correctly the first time. Mr. Barnard said that is their intention.

7. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE (Information Item)

Mark Lescoe, Senior Recreation Coordinator will provide updates on this year's after school program.

Mr. Lescoe gave a PowerPoint Presentation. Highlights include:

After school rotation

Adapted recreation support

After school attendance is at almost 7,000 visits a month
Program wait list totals, compared with last year at this time.

Mr. Lescoe stated they were fortunate to receive some extra staff funding that has reduced the wait lists in some of the centers. Adding an extra rec leader costs about \$2 per child per day.

The program is designed to meet the seven developmental needs of children, which are:

- Competence & Achievement
- Creative Expression
- Positive Social Interaction
- Physical Activity
- Structure and Clear Limits
- Self-Definition
- Meaningful Participation

Mr. Lescoe added that staff take the children to the zoo and museums when possible and encourage parental involvement.

Vice-Chair Faramelli asked whether City Council will see the information about the waiting list. He felt it is important to let the Councilmembers know the impact the additional funding is having on the children of Scottsdale. Mr. Lescoe said that staff will ensure that happens.

Vice-Chair Faramelli asked why additional staff had not been added at Yavapai. Mr. Lescoe explained that they are limited by the amount of space the school has made available for the program, however the school is working with staff to give more space. He added that the extra funding has taken 100 children off the wait list and that staff do a good job of moving children off the wait list and into the program on a timely basis.

Chair Frost asked Mr. Lescoe to email him this information as well as the budget increase that City Council approved last year. He undertook to update Councilmembers with the progress that has been made thanks to the extra funding they approved. Vice-Chair Faramelli suggested that testimony from some of the people who were admitted to the program thanks to the extra funding would also be very persuasive.

Chair Frost asked to review the slide with the seven developmental needs. He commented that this philosophy has been developed within the last ten years, and how important it is for children to have a structured program tailored to this thinking. He would love to see a similar after school program at every school. He added that his grandson told him they are not allowed to run at school so all children need opportunities for physical activity.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORT (Information Item)

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

Vice-Chair Faramelli spent a Saturday at the Wedge watching the skateboarding competition.

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

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 introduced Jan Cameron who was Human Services manager at the [Via Linda Senior Center](#) who is now working in management for Parks and Recreation. Jason Wadron is the new Stadium Coordinator. He was recently working in Chandler at the Tumbleweed Community Center.

The official Vista Del Camino opening is at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 29th. This Friday the City will receive the Tree City USA Award and the Growth Award from the Arizona Community Tree Council. He, Ms. Debra Baird and Mayor Manross will receive the awards at a ceremony. On April 11th at 10:00 a.m. the Scottsdale Arbor Day celebration will take place at Vista del Camino.

The Youth Task Force will meet on Thursday, March 27th McDowell [Mtn Ranch Aquatic Center](#).

Mr. Murphy noted that the [intersession programs](#) offered during the spring break also had wait lists. He recommended hiking Pinnacle Peak where the wildflowers are spectacular.

Commissioner Alspaugh thanked staff for acting quickly on the trash problems at Shoshone Park.

10. 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
AV-Tronics, Inc.

Meets established criteria.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William B. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W'.

William B. Murphy, Director
Parks and Recreation Director