



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
GRANITE REEF SENIOR CENTER
1700 N. GRANITE REEF ROAD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008**

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Robert Frost, Chair
John Faramelli, Vice Chair
Jeanne Alspaugh, Commissioner
James Duchene, Commissioner
Ronald Petersen, Commissioner

ABSENT: George Adams, Commissioner
Ron King, Commissioner

STAFF: Tim Barnard, CIP/Planning Coordinator
Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager
Rose Williams, Parks and Recreation Manager
Art Nunez, Water and Wastewater Director
Ron Steffen, Maintenance Worker III
Chris Perkins, Capital Project Manager
Leslie Clark, Parks and Recreation Manager
Doug Nesselroad, Parks & Recreation Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above, noting the presence of a quorum.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed at the request of Chair Frost.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Regular Meeting of May 21, 2008.

VICE CHAIR FAREMELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2008 REGULAR MEETING. COMMISSIONER ALSPAUGH SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

5. NORTH AREA UPDATE

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager, and Ron Steffen, Maintenance Worker III, will present an update to the Commission on the north area parks in Scottsdale.

Mr. Pryor provided an update on Copper Ridge, Grayhawk, and Sonoran Hills parks, using photographs to illustrate facilities.

Copper Ridge Park has three small youth baseball fields, two large baseball fields, a softball field, and a multi-use soccer/lacrosse field. The total acreage is 23.25, including 11.75 acres of turf. In the past year, the park has had 115,525 contacts.

Sonoran Hills Park has one baseball field, two tennis courts, two playgrounds, and two basketball courts on 11.75 total acres with six acres of turf. The park has had 9,250 contacts in the past year.

Grayhawk Park features two lighted baseball fields, two tennis courts, two volleyball courts, a playground, and two basketball courts, on 11.75 acres with six acres of turf. There have been 52,360 contacts in the past year.

Mr. Pryor reported that the maintenance crew for the north area parks does not have a home base from which to work. They are based out of the north corp yard and must travel to and from all the parks every day. When the new Grayhawk Park maintenance facility is completed late next year, they will be relocated there.

Vice Chair Faramelli inquired why the Sonoran Hills ball field is not lit. Mr. Pryor said the neighborhood expressed concern about a lighted baseball field, though the basketball and tennis courts are lit.

6. UPDATE OF WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS, SOUTHERN NEIGHBORHOODS (PIMA PARK WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION & RENOVATION OF RECREATION BUILDING) CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN.

Tim Barnard, CIP/Planning Coordinator in Community Services and Chris Perkins, Project Manager in Capital Projects Management, will update and request Commission approval of Water Quality Improvements, Southern Neighborhoods (Pima Park Water Treatment Plant Expansion & Renovation of recreation building) conceptual site plan.

Mr. Barnard updated the expansion and renovation of the existing water treatment plant adjacent to Pima Park, and rehabilitation of a well site there. The projects aim to address water quality consistency throughout Scottsdale's system.

Mr. Perkins reported that about 20 citizens showed up to a recent open house meeting. They requested softening of the architecture on west side of the building, and landscaping that would promote personal safety. He provided an overview of the site plan and views of the facility.

In response to Chair Frost, Mr. Nesselroad said the recreation facility would expand from 750 square feet to 1,700 square feet. It will include interior and exterior restrooms, and an open room with counter space. The building will be a nice addition, allowing the flexibility to accommodate a number of different programs.

Commissioner Duchene inquired what neighborhood residents thought of the project. Mr. Perkins said response has ranged from full support to full opposition. Commissioner Duchene asked about the possibility of adding a small barrier to enhance playground safety. Mr. Barnard responded that such a suggestion could be explored as part of the upcoming playground replacement project. Ms. Williams noted that there is currently plenty of room between the playground and the main street. A barrier has not been necessary.

Vice Chair Faramelli inquired if any part of the existing facility would be made obsolete with the new addition, and allow for the recouping of some space for the park. Mr. Nunez indicated it would not.

Mr. Barnard said the entire project would be paid for through the Water Department budget.

Commissioner Duchene inquired whether any requests had been made for more ramada space. Ms. Williams said the main ramadas are heavily used on weekends, but that the open space is needed for after-school programs. No reservations are taken for ramadas in any of the neighborhood parks.

Commissioner Alspaugh inquired about playground shade. Mr. Barnard said the playground equipment replacement project would include shade for playgrounds as the budget allows.

In response to Chair Frost, Mr. Barnard said the Commission would have the opportunity to review the final design later in the summer. Chair Frost encouraged a strong City effort to inform residents in advance about the project.

Commissioner Duchene requested that consideration be given to making more ramada space available.

VICE CHAIR FAREMELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN FOR THE WATER PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER DUCHENE SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

7. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET UPDATE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION FOR FY08/09.

Tim Barnard, CIP/Planning Coordinator, Community Services Department, will present the approved FY08/09 Capital Improvement Program Budget update for the Parks and Recreation Division.

Mr. Barnard presented the tentatively approved budget from the City Council meeting on June 3, 2008. It will go into effect on July 1. No significant changes have been made since the Commission last reviewed it. Given the City's current economic restraints, the City's focus is to maintain existing infrastructure, rather than add to it.

At the request of Financial Services, staff is preparing a report to determine when un-funded projects could be phased in over the next five to ten years, and what their estimated cost would be. Chair Frost said this issue would be the Commission's main function over the course of the next several years. It is incumbent for the Commission to ensure that the Council is aware that it does not pay off in the long term to allow the infrastructure to fall behind. Recreation programs are necessary as Scottsdale's population continues to grow.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORT

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

Chair Frost reported on the Troon North Park public hearing. In general, the public seemed pleased with the way the park is developing. Concern was expressed over what happens in the park after dark. Citizens were informed that the park would not be gated to allow for its closure at dusk. If the Police Department or the Parks and Recreation Department do not address their concerns, they would have the option to present them to the Commission.

Chair Frost asked the Commissioners to provide input on future agenda items. He identified future capital projects and the establishment of Commission goals as topics for future agendas.

Commissioner Duchene requested the Commission investigate whether the partnership funding process, as currently configured, adequately serves the needs of the community. Worthy projects may be excluded in the existing first-come, first-served system.

Vice Chair Faramelli said it is important to revisit the lighting situation at parks such as Sonoran Hills. The lighting of unlit fields would provide the opportunity to address the

current field shortage. Chair Frost said Mr. Murphy has been asked to provide a report on all the facilities that could be lighted. If the lighting of additional fields is not looked at in the FY08/09 budget, then it needs to be in the bond issue.

Commissioner Duchene requested a discussion on how to make better use of existing park space, such as sodding non-field areas to use during warm-ups and practices.

Commissioner Duchene also noted that different programs for common type facilities are not equal in terms of cost or availability. He requested looking into the situation to identify ways to equalize them.

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

Rose Williams, Parks and Recreation Manager, 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.

Ms. Williams reported that training for the aquatic staff started on May 31 and will run until June 6. The next session of swimming lessons and exercise classes starts on June 9.

The adaptive recreation program recently held its sixth annual Tip a Cup fundraiser to benefit Special Olympics athletes. A total of \$3,610 was raised, which is the most ever.

Renovation has started on the El Dorado Park lake. Irrigation work has started at Camelback Park. The City Hall lagoon project will begin in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Barnard reported that the City could accept the Yavapai ballfield work from the contractor at any time. The restroom building work is another four weeks away from completion.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

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 5:55 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