



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

PRESENT: Sherry Woodley, Chair, Jason Watton, Vice Chair, Commissioners Alexandra Albert, Michael Auerbach, Todd Davis, Kurt Jones, and Fred Klein

STAFF: Director Reed Pryor; Managers Denise Clayton, Terry Erickson, Brett Jackson, Sunny Nakagawa, Jody Pierce, and Chris Walsh, Supervisor David Pratt and Deanna Zuppan, and City Attorney Assistant Kim Campbell,

Call to Order

Chair Woodley called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Commissioners observed a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Members present as indicated above.

Public Comment

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

Minutes

Regular Meeting – February 20, 2019

COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 20, 2019 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER KLEIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR WOODLEY, VICE-CHAIR WATTON, COMMISSIONERS ALBERT, AUERBACH, DAVIS, JONES, AND KLEIN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Commission Bylaws

Reed Pryor, Director, presented the draft bylaws, which were revised based on input from Commissioners during the January 2019 meeting.

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2. Open Meeting Law Review and Training

Kim Campbell, Assistant City Attorney, provided a mandatory training to the Commission on the State of Arizona's open meeting laws and requirements. Open meeting law is a general policy statement and also state law policy that states that meetings should be conducted openly and in public and that notices and agendas be timely posted. Ms. Campbell's presentation included review of the definition of a "meeting;" recent legislative clarifications regarding use of technology for communication; violations that can occur by circumventing the open meeting law; how to avoid an "accidental meeting;" meeting notice and agenda requirements; director and commissioner reports; minutes requirements; and violation enforcement and penalties.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Campbell said that marked agendas are posted within three days following a meeting and the complete minutes are posted following the meeting during which they are approved. She explained that "legal action" is anything that comes before the Commission for a decision. She said that although agendas are only required to be posted 24 hours before a meeting, the City of Scottsdale practice is to post agendas at least five days in advance of a meeting.

Commissioners signed a document confirming they attended the open meeting law training and agree to follow the open meeting law requirements.

3. Update on the Adapted Services Program Area

Deanna Zuppan, Operations Supervisor for Adaptive Services, gave an overview of the programs and services provided to people with disabilities from age 2 to 102 years old through the Adaptive Services Center. The top five disabilities being seen in Scottsdale Unified School District are autistic spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, developmental disabilities, emotional disabilities, and ADHD/ADD. She talked about the Adapted Services program, including sports opportunities, interpretive services, and dances. She noted that the Mighty Mighty Bobcats flag football team took fourth in the nation last year. She talked about one of the participants who took an interest in DJ-ing with the regular DJ at the monthly dances. He had opportunities to work with several local DJs and has now his own following, drawing people who are not special needs to the monthly dances to see him.

Population specific programs provide staff who are trained to work with children with disabilities to work with individual participants, helping them learn how to be a friend and communicate. Inclusion programs provide opportunities to integrate with peers in the least restrictive environment. Social community integration programs include a variety of clubs and leisure education classes. Adaptive Sports is divided into age groups of 8 to 15 years old and 16 and older.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Commissioners commended Ms. Zuppan and the City of Scottsdale for the Adapted Services Program. Commissioner Albert suggested that PAL Experiences might be a program that would be a beneficial partner for the Adapted Recreation program.

Ms. Zuppan noted that a new full-time position was recently filled. With the help of the new staff member, she hopes to increase community outreach, create additional programming tailored to community needs, and build new relationships throughout the community. She mentioned that recently a disabled chef contacted her about working with Ability 360 on the filming of a Food Network movie that will highlight features in the kitchen. The chef hopes to also work with the City to offer a cooking class for people with physical challenges.

Director Pryor said that Adaptive Services will be consulted about accessibility needs as part of development of the Chaparral Master Plan. Commissioner Davis stressed the importance of reaching out to Adaptive Services for input regarding accessibility in all Scottsdale parks.

Ms. Zuppan noted that Dial-a-Ride and Cab Connection are great resources for people with disabilities. Applications for both programs can be submitted through the Human Services Department.

4. Update on the Department's Water Saving Programs

David Pratt, Irrigation Systems Supervisor, provided an update and information about the methods the Parks & Recreation Department has in place to conserve water usage in the City parks and medians.

Mr. Pratt discussed the history of the City of Scottsdale's comprehensive water conservation program, which began in partnership with Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) in 2002. The program consists of the following measures: Irrigation technologies, irrigation advancements, management practices, education, and tracking.

Computerized irrigation control systems were first installed in Scottsdale park facilities in 1994. These systems are able to measure flow and automatically shut down irrigation systems if the flow is greater than the determined rate. New irrigation technology was purchased in FY 2018/19 thanks to CIP funding in the amount of \$1.3 million. The funds were used to install a baseline control system, which allows operation of the valves by authorized staff through the use of a Smartphone. Installation of the new systems is currently in progress.

Mr. Pratt outlined other irrigation advancements and their benefits. Examples included C900 pipe repairs and 100 ICV series irrigation control valves. He talked about planned lake renovations, which will include installation of zero seepage plastic lining. McKellips Lake will be

lowered to reduce water waste at the end of Salt River Project's Indian Bend pump ditch. Mr. Pratt noted that park turf areas are being converted to xeriscape where it makes sense.

Park staff is now being offered an opportunity to attend a certification program in water management practices and irrigation maintenance. Mr. Pratt has presented water conservation education to staff and to neighboring municipalities. He highlighted an interview he did for ABC 15 where he talked about shutting down irrigation systems in Scottsdale during rain events.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Pratt explained that Scottsdale lakes were built in the late 1960's and are experiencing a lot of erosion of the clay liners as well as sediment and algae. Renovations at Vista del Camino and Eldorado lakes will mitigate ongoing costly maintenance. As part of xeriscape transitions, DG is being used in many areas and wood chips are considered where appropriate. Mr. Pratt talked about the use of SRP water versus domestic potable water. Water sources are dependent upon the available infrastructure in each area. The most cost saving source is SRP water. Potable water is currently approximately 60 percent of all parks usage and 100 percent of medians and rights-of-way. Effluent water is used on all golf courses, at the soccer complex, and at Gainey Ranch Rotary Park. McDowell Mountain Ranch uses CAP water. Mr. Pratt discussed security measures associated with the baseline control system. Mr. Pratt explained how Indian Bend Wash works during a rain event, noting that SRP releases water into the wash when their systems cannot handle the magnitude coming into their system.

Director Pryor said that the path improvements recently completed behind the Giants Spring Training Facility was in response to complaints about standing water in that area. The project included grading improvements and installation of drain channel connections.

5. Director's Report

Director Pryor said that the Junior Science Festival will be held at Lost Dog Wash Trailhead on March 21st through 23rd. The event will host groups of Title 1 school children on Friday and Saturday and is open to the public on Saturday the 23rd.

Triple Crown Sports Tournament was played March 8-10 and March 14 - 17th at numerous sites around Scottsdale. A total of 286 teams from 13 states participated in 503 games. The tournament brought in approximately \$61,000 in revenue for the City.

Horizon Park will host a Bike-in Movie Night on April 6th and Community Board Game Night on March 22nd from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Director Pryor presented photographs from the pickleball tournament at Horizon Park on March 9, 2019 and the new playground shade structure constructed at Osborn Park.

The new Tinder Car was installed at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park on Thursday, February 21, 2019.

Director Pryor said that the CIP public meetings have been completed, with the exception of a possible additional meeting with Ashler Hills. He reviewed the proposed CIP timeline. A list of Parks and Recreation CIP projects will be shared with Commissioners.

City Council has authorized a MOU with the Giants organization and Charros for Scottsdale Stadium capital improvements that will be outlined in a 25-year agreement. Hunt Construction is under contract for design, build and service for the first part of Phase 1 of the project. Construction is scheduled to start April 2019 just after the close of spring training

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for April 17th at MMR Aquatic Center. The May meeting will be held on May 15th at the Kiva. Consideration will be given to scheduling a retreat in June.

Commissioner Auerbach asked whether the list of 67 CIP projects that was sent out is in priority order and Mr. Pryor confirmed that it is not. Sixteen of the projects are Community Services projects, and of those 13 are projects related to Parks and Recreation. Mr. Pryor undertook to provide a list of these projects broken out for the Commissioners.

6. Commissioners' Updates

Commissioner Jones said that he enjoyed attending a Spring Training game at Scottsdale Stadium.

Chair Woodley confirmed that the letter regarding the Commission's desire to allocate funding for tennis court repairs was sent to City Council.

Commissioner Davis suggested that consideration be given to finding a plan to drain water that sits around Schrader's pond during flooding events in a timelier manner. He said that he attended the Disc Golf Tournament at Vista and suggested that the City work to grow the tournament and possibly create a tournament for youth.

Commissioner Albert attended the Disc Golf Tournament and the CIP public meeting at Granite Reef Senior Center. She commended staff for a good job with CIP presentations.

Commissioner Klein suggested that in the future the Triple Crown Baseball Tournament would be a prime opportunity to market the City's parks.

Chair Woodley encouraged everyone to attend the Desert Dog K-9 dog trials at Scottsdale Stadium on April 6th and 7th.

Commissioner Albert suggested that the Desert Foothills Area Drainage Master Study team (ADMS) be advised of the potential other meeting for the park if one is held.

7. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Stadium design
- Civic Center Mall Update

Director Pryor invited Commissioners to send their individual CIP ranking recommendations to City Council.

8. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER ALBERT SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR WOODLEY, VICE-CHAIR WATTON, COMMISSIONERS ALBERT, AUERBACH, DAVIS, JONES, AND KLEIN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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