

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in a regular session at the Parks and Recreation office at 200 S. Center Street, Building 1, Mesa, on January 14, 2015.

Members Present:

Kent Bulkley
John Duclos
Jennifer Madsen
Wayne Manske
Bert Millett
Kathleen Rahn
Josh Todd
Ron Wills

Staff Present:

Marc Heirshberg
Michael Holste
Leslie Clark
Jo Donovan
Tammy Davenport
Erik Ostlund
Beverlee Nielsen
Cindy Hunt

Members Absent:

Milt Fort
Mark Yarbrough

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Jennifer Madsen, Co-Chair.

Approval of Minutes

Jennifer Madsen, Co-Chair, asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes from the November 12, 2014 Parks Board meeting. Kathleen Rahn made a motion, Kent Bulkley seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Public Comments: None

New Boardmember introduced – Josh Todd

Josh Todd, new Board member introduced himself. He works for Visit Mesa, the tourism and visitors bureau for the City of Mesa, with a background in Parks and Recreation.

Presentation on the PRCF Fun and Fitness Program

Cindy Hunt, Recreation Supervisor, along with Beverlee Nielsen, Recreation Coordinator and Adam Rodriguez, Recreation Assistant, presented the Fun and Fitness Program. The program is used to bring recreation programs out into the community. A grant was received from the Gila River Indian Community and a new Fun and Fitness Van was purchased to bring activities to kids who cannot attend after school programs or get to our facilities. It has been a great success with the Mesa Public Schools and the public. Ms. Nielsen explained that Fun and Fitness is not technology, it is a hands on activity driven program. The Parks Advisory Board was invited to go out and inspect the van and see the programs that are being to the public.

Presentation of Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Schedule for FY2014/15 and 2015/16.

Mr. Heirshberg explained that in the November Board meeting that most of the changes that were being brought forth were verbiage changes and to simplify the fee structure. The fiscal impact is very minor, less than \$2,000 for the next two fiscal years. The changes were discussed with the Board, there was a discussion regarding Swim Lap fees and aquatics staff is

working on creating a reduced fee for lunch time lap swim. The Commercial fees and charges changes were minor terminology changes.

Open public hearing discussion on Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Schedule for FY2014/15 and 2015/16

There were no comments from the public.

Close public hearing discussion on Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Schedule for FY2014/15 and 2015/16

Mr. Wills closed the discussion, Mr. Bulkley made a motion, Ms. Rahn seconded, and it was unanimously carried that the Board recommend that the Fees and Charges Schedule be sent to the Audit, Finance and Enterprise Committee.

Director's Comments

Mr. Heirshberg introduced Erik Ostlund, Golf and Cemetery Supervisor, who joined the Department in the middle of September. The new organizational structure of PRCF was explained to the Board, instead of replacing the Assistant Director position. Administrator positions have been opened in Recreation and Commercial, with Leslie Clark filling the Recreation position and Erik Ostlund filling the Commercial position within the next few months and the Administrator positions will report to Mike Holste, Assistant Director.

Mr. Heirshberg presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Parks Bond Projects Update:

Mr. Heirshberg shared with the Board an invitation to the Day at the Diamond on February 21st, which is the grand opening of the Oakland A's training complex and the re-opening of Hohokam Stadium. Cubs Park has been changed to Sloan Park and the public will begin to see new signs and external changes because of that change. The hotel next to Sloan Park and Riverview is expected to open on February 26th.

Mr. Heirshberg asked Mr. Ostlund to give an update on Dobson Ranch Golf Course. The restrooms are being updated, interior of the Cart Barn, a large focus is going into the restaurant, and the half-way house will be renamed, just giving the course a nice face lift.

Mr. Heirshberg reminded the Board that on Saturday, January 11, 2014 is the Run, Walk and Roll benefiting Arizona Disabled Sports at Tempe Beach Park, currently there are 670 registrants.

Reports on meetings and/or events attended by Board Members

Mr. Todd attended Celebrate Mesa and stated that with the Super Bowl being held in Glendale; over 2100 Mesa hotel rooms have been booked.

Mr. Duclos attended Desert Trails Park Grand Opening.

Ms. Rahn attended the Desert Trails Park Grand Opening and Enviro Day at the Capital.

Mr. Bulkley took his grandchildren to Riverview Park over the holidays.

Mr. Manske also visited Riverview Park and Park of the Canals and has some plants he'd like to offer to have planted at Park of the Canals.

Mr. Millet reminded the Board that the Parks Foundation is looking for new members and is having a meeting at the Parks and Recreation Office, Thursday, January 22, 2015 and all are invited.

Mr. Wills attended Desert Trails Grand Opening and swam at Kino Aquatics Complex.

Mr. Wills asked if there were any other items for discussion; the Board had no additional comments. Mr. Duclos made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Bulkley seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Heirshberg, CPRE
PRCF Department Director