

## **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 March 13, 2019.

### **Members Present:**

Steven Crider  
Matthew Erickson  
Jaime Glasser  
Nycole Leyba  
Jo Martin  
Justin Murdock (via telephone)

### **Staff Present:**

Marc Heirshberg  
Fred Rustam  
Aimee Manis  
Tammy Davenport  
Jo Donovan  
Leslie Clark  
Erik Ostlund  
Curtis Ray  
Andrea Moore

### **Members Absent:**

Kimberly Forest  
Jacob Martinez

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Jo Martin, Chair.

### **Request for Change of Agenda Order**

Ms. Martin asked for a change in the Agenda order. Jaime Glasser made a motion, Steve Crider seconded, and it was unanimously carried to change the Agenda Order.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Crider – Erickson – Glasser – Leyba – Martin – Murdock

NAYS – None

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Martin, Chair, asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes from the January 9, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Matt Erickson made a motion, Steve Crider seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Crider – Erickson – Glasser – Leyba – Martin – Murdock

NAYS – None

### **Naming of Parks – Basin 101**

Mr. Heirshberg stated that the recommended name for Basin 101 be Delta Park. Mr. Heirshberg asked Andrea Moore if there had been any comments from the neighborhood, Ms. Moore stated that there had been none. Jaime Glasser made a motion, Nycole Leyba seconded, and it was unanimously carried to name Basin 101 to Delta Park.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Crider – Erickson – Glasser – Leyba – Martin – Murdock

NAYS – None

**Public Comments:** None

### **Presentation on Mesa Amphitheatre**

Mr. Heirshberg stated that last year during the budget process one of the requests was to be able to hire a dedicated position to sell and book the Mesa Amphitheatre to place it in a more competitive market. The request was approved, and Curtis Ray was hired. Mr. Ray has been with the City for 6 months, moving from Dodge City, Kansas. Mr. Ray presented a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the Mesa Amphitheatre. Currently for 2019 there are 17 shows booked, which includes the first Hispanic concert in the Amphitheatre, in 2018 there were 8 shows for the year. There are several venue modernization projects planned, which includes a production office, an additional ticket office window and new seating charts. Mr. Ray is excited to help promote the Mesa Amphitheatre and watch it grow back into a premier outdoor venue.

### **Director's Comments**

#### ***Fees and Charges Update/Budget Update:***

Mr. Heirshberg stated that Fees and Charges are on the Council agenda for Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The Operating Budget and CIP requests have been presented to City Management, requests include:

- New employee positions
- Special Event equipment
- New pickleball courts and DEK Hockey Rink at Gene Autry
- Cemetery landscape renovations

#### ***Spring Training Status:***

Oakland A's finished on March 13<sup>th</sup> and will be traveling to Japan to play and finished at nearly 69,000 in attendance. Chicago Cubs set an all-time single game spring training record at 16,069 in attendance. Chicago Cubs will wrap up on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### ***Administrative offices relocation:***

The administrative offices will be relocating in July to 708 W Baseline Road, Building #4.

#### ***Dobson Ranch Golf Course:***

The City opened an RFP for Dobson Ranch Golf Course for operations and maintenance. The City would still be the property owner, will maintain the control over pricing, and no staff will lose their position with the City, they will be absorbed into other areas of the Department. There were 7 firms who submitted proposals, 4 were asked to come back for first interviews and has now been narrowed down to 2 firms. Those 2 will give presentations on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Staff is hoping to bring the winning vendor to Council for approval in April.

#### ***Parks Project Update:***

Eagles Park: The contractor was terminated. Hope to have renewed activity by March 20<sup>th</sup>. The estimated completion time is by end of May. This will open the South portion of the park. The soccer fields will remain closed at this time.

Signal Butte Park: Hope to award construction contract by April for Park/trail development on the Southside of the wash.

Playground Vendor: Recommending award of contract to replace both the 5-12 and 2-5 playgrounds.

***PRCF – 1st Parks and Recreation Department in the Country to be a certified Autism Center***

This initiative has been a joint venture with Visit Mesa. Autism is the fastest growing diagnosis in the Country. PRCF prides itself in creating parks, playgrounds and spaces for all and has done so in several of its parks. All 240 front facing staff will go through an autism training that is required to become certified, to provide staff with the skills and knowledge to be comfortable working with the autism community.

***Running Friendly Community***

Mr. Heirshberg turned over the time to Nycole Leyba to share about the City of Mesa becoming a Running Friendly Community. Ms. Leyba also ran a program called We Run Mesa out of Eagles Community Center with 12 participants, there was a lot of support for the program through City of Mesa Police Department, City Council and several local businesses.

Mr. Erickson asked for an update on the auction property near the Red Mountain Ranch subdivision. Staff directed the Board to [Mesaaz.gov/Construction](http://Mesaaz.gov/Construction) for additional information.

**Reports on meetings and/or events attended by Board Members**

There were no reports.

Ms. Martin asked if there were any other items for discussion; the Board had no additional comments or discussion. Mr. Erickson made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Crider seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Crider – Erickson – Glasser – Leyba – Martin – Murdock

NAYS – None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Heirshberg, CPRE  
PRCF Department Director