

## **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met at the Parks and Recreation Office, 708 W Baseline Rd. Suite 4, in the Board Room.

### Members Present:

Troy Campbell  
Claud Cluff  
Kimberly Forest  
Robert Ingram  
Nycole Leyba  
Jo Martin  
Orchidia Peterson  
Amelia Romney

### Staff Present:

Andrea Moore  
Aimee Manis  
Brandon Erno  
Luis Ruiz  
Tammy Davenport  
Haylie Smith  
Jo Donovan

### Members Absent:

Cindy Hayton  
Brent Maldonado  
Jacob Martinez

### Visitors Present:

Linda Grise – Young Design Group  
Teresa Jackson - GreenPlay –via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Orchidia Peterson, Vice-Chair.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Peterson asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes from the May 12, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Nycole Leyba made a motion, Kimberly Forest seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Campbell - Cluff – Forest - Ingram –Leyba – Martin – Peterson - Romney

NAYS – None

**Public Comments:** None

### **Introduction of new Advisory Board Members –**

**Troy Campbell:** Moved to Mesa in 2013, works at ASU. Prior to the Parks Advisory Board appointment was on the City of Mesa Building Appeals Board and is currently on the State Liquor Board. Very excited to be on the Parks Advisory Board and learn new things about the Parks system.

**Rob Ingram:** Retired from the Forest Service, currently working for a consulting firm doing environmental work, worked for several years for the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs working on State disasters– was on the Payson Parks Board for 10 years. Glad to be back in the recreation field.

**Amelia Romney:** Represents District 5, moved from Utah 4 years ago and has a 16-month-old son.

The existing Board also introduced themselves, as this was the first Parks Advisory Board Meeting face to face since January 2020.

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Election of Chair and Vice Chair FY 2021-22:**

Ms. Peterson opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Robert Ingram nominated Nycole Leyba for Chair Orchidia Peterson seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve.

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NAYS – None

Ms. Peterson again opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Leyba nominated Claud Cluff for Vice Chair, Jo Martin seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Campbell - Cluff – Forest - Ingram –Leyba – Martin – Peterson - Romney

NAYS – None

## **Introduction of the Comprehensive Master Plan Initiative – Teresa Jackson, Project Consultant – GreenPlay, LLC**

Andrea Moore, Director, introduced Teresa Jackson Project Manager from GreenPlay. Ms. Jackson gave a brief overview of GreenPlay and shared that she has worked as a manager for over 25 years in the Parks and Recreation field, and that there will be a group subconsultants that will be working with PRCF assessing different areas of the Department to ensure that they get a complete overview.

Next week, there will be community engagement meetings held in several locations throughout the City. A survey will then be sent to over 4,000 homes and that information will help get an overview of perspective of how they are using our parks.

GreenPlay will also be involved in City's Climate Action Plan as well. Aligning both efforts will allow staff to be more efficient and has been branded as "Footprint for the Future". There is a project website where you can learn about both plans and can register on the website to participate in citizen engagement activities and tools.

Once all results have been gathered and reviewed by GreenPlay and staff the Plan will be presented to staff, Board for acceptance and City Council for adoption.

## **Take action on proposed Verizon PHO Eastmark Wireless Communications Facility Site**

Brandon Erno, Administrator, explained that staff is bringing this proposal to the Board for approval to move forward with a Verizon Wireless Communication Facility at PHO Eastmark. The revenue from the cell tower goes to the Department to support infrastructure within the Department. The tower is built and paid for by Verizon.

Troy Campbell made a motion, Robert Ingram seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve moving forward with the proposed Verizon PHO Eastmark Wireless Communication Facility Site.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Campbell - Cluff – Forest - Ingram –Leyba – Martin – Peterson - Romney

NAYS – None

## **Division Updates: Aimee Manis, Recreation; Luis Ruiz, Commercial; Brandon Erno, Maintenance and Projects**

Aimee Manis, Administrator, provided an overview of the highlights of the summer for all of the recreation programs.

Luis Ruiz, Administrator, provided information on activities that were happening at the Cemetery, Convention Center, Amphitheatre and an overview of operations at Dobson Ranch Golf Course. Mr. Ruiz also shared that the City was awarded a Shuttered Venue Grant to assist with some of the lost revenue for the last year and a half the Convention Center, Amphitheatre and Mesa Arts Center was closed due to Covid.

Mr. Erno provided Project Updates:

- City Center Plaza Project: Ice Rink is currently under construction, to be completed by November 2021.
- North Center Street: is in construction right now. Completion estimated summer of 2022.
- Mesa Tennis and Pickleball Center. Adding 8 additional pickleball courts, estimated completion 2022/2023.
- Mountain Vista Trail Park: Half Mile loop to the west and quarter mile concrete loop. Currently in design.
- Red Mountain Expansion Project: Anticipated to have soccer fields and youth softball fields. Currently in the design process. Completion Summer of 2023.
- Monterey Park Expansion: Updated due to neighborhood consideration. The 2-5 playground has been redesigned, swing area have been expanded and a sand pit has been added. 4 Pickleball courts will be added and an additional park restroom. Additional access to Power Road was also added. Completion Summer of 2023.
- Marlborough Park and Palo Verde Park playground renovations are complete.
- Eastmark Great Park Phase IV, which is funded by Eastmark is in construction. Once complete the City Parks Maintenance team will take over maintenance.
- Southeast Mesa Library is in design. Not a PRCF project, but a City project and PRCF staff has been involved with design.

## **Director Update**

- Foundation for Mesa Parks and Recreation Sprint Triathlon is September 25, 2021. Proceeds from this event help fund some of the recreation programs throughout the year.
- I Love Mesa Celebration in partnership with Downtown Mesa Association is also on September 25, 2021. There will be two free concerts at the Amphitheatre along with events occurring along Main Street.
- Celebrate Mesa will return October 16, 2021, at Red Mountain Soccer Complex.
- American Rescue Plan Grant Funds for scholarships for participants in the low/moderate income census tracks to attend our recreation programs over the next two years. Looking to launch those programs summer 2022 and 2023. Will also be using those funds to put a new floor in the Convention Center that received some wear during Feeding Mesa.

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

- Claud Cluff went to ribbon cutting that was rained out at Palo Verde Park.
- Nycole Leyba attended a meeting with the Mesa/Phoenix Marathon, and was able to drive the simulator at the Mesa Public Safety training center at the Police Citizen Day. A meeting kicking off for We Run Mesa was held in January.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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NAYS – None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Moore, Director, CPRE  
PRCF Department Director