

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

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Mesa in a regular session via Virtual Zoom call on March 10, 2021.

Members Present:

Claud Cluff  
Matthew Erickson  
Jaime Glasser  
Brent Maldonado  
Jo Martin  
Jacob Martinez  
Kimberly Forest

Staff Present:

Andrea Moore  
Brandon Erno  
Luis Ruiz  
Aimee Manis  
Haylie Smith  
Tammy Davenport  
Maigon Hudson

Guest:

Sarah Staudinger  
City Manager's  
Office

Members Absent:

Rob Giles  
Nycole Leyba  
Cindy Hayton  
Orchidia Peterson

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Matthew Erickson, Chair.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Erickson, Chair, asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes from the January 13, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Brent Maldonado made a motion, Claud Cluff seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cluff – Erickson – Forest – Glasser – Maldonado – Martin – Martinez  
NAYS – None

**Public Comments:** None

### **Take action on proposed Public Park Regulations Ordinance to replace Mesa City Code Title 6, Chapter 10**

Ms. Moore explanted that the section of Mesa City Code pertaining to public park regulations was last updated in 2011. Since that time, there are changes to the way park properties are being used, necessitating revisions to the Code. Currently, the Code does not include guidance or regulations regarding permits issued by the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department (PRCF). Revising the Code to include a “Permits” section, setting forth when a permit is required, how to obtain a permit, and the conditions of a permit is necessary to make the process clear for both the public and PRCF personnel, especially considering the increased use of Parks as locations for events. Clarifications and additions to the Code have also been requested from enforcement personnel related to dogs, fishing, camping, dumping and abandoning items, vehicle maintenance, shopping carts, peddling and soliciting business, and drones in Parks.

The draft ordinance will repeal the existing Mesa City Code Title 6, Chapter 10 and replace it in its entirety with the revised public park regulations.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cluff – Erickson – Forest – Glasser – Maldonado – Martin – Martinez

NAYS – None

### **Director's Comments**

Ms. Moore mentioned that Fred Rustam, Assistant PRCF Director retired, Dyan Seaburg has taken a temporary assignment as the Interim Director at the IDEA Museum. Luis Ruiz will be the acting Administrator over Commercial Facilities.

Ms. Moore provided a Project Update:

- PRCF Comprehensive Master Plan, although there have been other plans over the past 10 years, we have not had a Comprehensive Master Plan since 2002. We are currently in selection to find the consultant to lead this project. This will be a big effort that will take about a year to complete.
- Mr. Ruiz gave an update on Commercial. The Feeding Mesa program will continue through the end of March and then the non-profits will return to handling food distribution. As of March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Mesa Fire Department is holding vaccinations in the Convention Center and this is expected to continue through June. Currently concerts and conference center meetings will hopefully begin again starting in mid-summer. Upgrades to the Convention Center have been completed such as paint, refurbished the conference theater, added some electronic signs, and additional upgrades.
- Ms. Manis shared an update on Recreation. Spring programs are continuing, and staff are in the middle of summer planning and hiring. She shared a slide presentation with the Board highlighting planned summer programming. She explained that there have been some struggles in hiring summer staff, several Board Members offered to provide help spreading the word on the need for summer staff. Mesa Public Schools will be partnering with PRCF Summer Camps by providing scholarships to MPS students. A number of park cleans are occurring around the City by volunteers.
- Mr. Erno gave an update on Park Projects – Red Mountain Expansion had a virtual meeting, with 128 in attendance. The Monterey Park expansion contract for the designer was just approved, and the playground will also be renovated. Harris Basin playground has been delayed. North Center Sports Complex is expected to begin construction in June or July of 2021; Marlborough playground replacement is complete. Palo Verde will have a June 7<sup>th</sup> volunteer playground build. City Center Plaza is under construction, completion date is expected by end of 2021. All aquatic complexes are on schedule to open on time.

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

**Matt Erickson:** Mentioned that Jo Martin, who has been on the Parks Advisory Board for 4 years is resigning on March 11, 2021, she has another opportunity within the City.

**Claud Cluff:** Attended the Red Mountain expansion virtual meeting.

**Kimberly Forest:** Helped at the United Food Bank with Feeding Mesa.

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

AYES – Cluff – Erickson – Forest –Glasser – Maldonado – Martin – Martinez  
NAYS – None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Moore, CPRE  
Acting PRCF Department Director