

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
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The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in a regular session via Virtual Zoom call on November 18, 2020.

Members Present:

Claud Cluff
Matthew Erickson
Kimberly Forest
Rob Giles
Jaime Glausser
Cindy Hayton
Nycole Leyba
Jo Martin
Orchidia Peterson

Staff Present:

Marc Heirshberg
Andrea Moore
Fred Rustam
Aimee Manis
Marc Heirshberg
Dyan Seaburg
Tammy Davenport
Maigon Hudson
Brandon Erno

Visitors Present

From Crown Castle
BLM McLellan
Wireless
Communications:

Michael Campbell
Grace Henry
Heath Reed

Kellie Rorex, City of
Mesa

Members Absent:

Brent Maldonado
Jacob Martinez

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Matt Erickson, Chair.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Erickson asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes from the September 9, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Kimberly Forest made a motion, Jo Martin seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cluff – Erickson – Forest - Giles – Glausser - Hayton – Leyba – Martin - Peterson
NAYS – None

Public Comments: None

Take action on proposed Crown Castle BLM McLellan Wireless Communications Facility

Site: Ms. Andrea Moore and Mr. Michael Campbell, from BLM McLellan Wireless Communications, presented the Board an overview of the proposed Crown Castle Facility Site. The site is proposed for a Bureau of Land Management parcel leased to the City of Mesa for future Red Mountain Park expansion. Mr. Campbell explained that this new site was a relocation from a previous site. Jo Martin made a motion, and Nycole Leyba seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve this proposal and to move forward with the permitting process.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cluff – Erickson – Forest - Giles – Glausser - Hayton – Leyba – Martin - Peterson
NAYS – None

Appointment of Fees and Charges Submcommitte:

Mr. Heirshberg explained that each year staff reviews the Fees and Charges in their areas and make recommendations for changes. There are minimal changes this year in the Fees and Charges, but this will require that a Subcommittee review the changes. This meeting will be held December 3rd to recommend they move forward to the full Board at the January meeting, then onto the Council. The following Board members volunteered to be on the Subcommittee; Claud Cluff, Jo Martin, Cindy Hayton, and Matt Erickson.

Presentation on the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department

Aimee Manis, Recreation Administrator and Dyan Seaburg, Commercial Administrator who presented to the Board an update on the ongoing effects of COVID-19 on the Department and the Mesa CARES/Feeding Mesa program.

Director's Comments

Ms. Andrea Moore who provided a Project Update:

- City Center Plaza Project: currently out to bid and will include a water feature, a grassy area, the seasonal ice rink, electrical connections, and an event area. Hoping to start construction in January 2021.
- North Center Street: Project is still working through some complications and is anticipated to be complete Summer of 2022
- 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: Will include baseball and softball fields. Hoping to also put a self-service Library Check Out Center on this property. Completion Summer of 2023.
- Marlboro Park is receiving a new playground. A public meeting will be held on September 24th, it will be a virtual meeting. Anticipating completion 2021
- Palo Verde Park will also receive a new playground. A public meeting will be held in October, also a virtual meeting. Anticipating completion 2021.
- Harris Basin will be receiving a new playground, this will be a new playground, and is anticipated to be completed in 2021.
- Stapley and Shepard pool will be drained to be replastered and Stapley will receive a new water feature and Shepard will receive a new water slide and will be complete May 2021.
- Pickleball Update: This has become a very popular sport and staff have been receiving many requests for additional pickleball courts. At this time, we cannot add any new courts, but are converting some of the concrete volleyball courts that currently exist in some of our parks to pickleball.
- Playground Surface Update: Because of a request the Department received the public can now find the different surfaces for all the Department playgrounds on our website. This will assist those that are on the autism spectrum the ability to know what playgrounds are best for their circumstances.

Mr. Heirshberg shared with the Parks Advisory Board that he has been given the opportunity to become an Acting City Manager and will be leaving the Parks and Recreation Department. Andrea Moore will be acting Department Director. He thanked the Board for being good advocates for the Department and appreciated their time volunteering for the Board.

Reports on meetings and/or events attended by Board Members

Matt Erickson attended several Adaptive activities via Zoom

Claud Cluff attended the North Center Street Public Meeting via Zoom

Jo Martin attended the North Center Street Public Meeting via Zoom

Orchidia Peterson attended the North Center Street Public Meeting via Zoom

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cluff – Erickson – Forest - Giles – Glausser - Hayton – Leyba – Martin - Peterson

NAYS – None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Heirshberg, CPRE
PRCF Department Director