



Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

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Wednesday, December 3, 2014

6:00 PM

Parks & Recreation Conference Room  
14455 W. Van Buren St., Ste. C103  
Goodyear, AZ 85338

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Vice Chairman Richardson, Commissioner Baumgart, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Padilla, Commissioner Landefeld and Alternate Harris

**Absent:** 2 - Chairman Silvester and Commissioner Peters

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Torres, Ballpark General Manager Bruce Kessman, Parks and Recreation Supervisor David Seid, and Management Assistant Diana Vasquez

3. **APPROVE MINUTES**

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Approve draft minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on October 1, 2014.

**MOTION BY Commissioner Murphy, SECONDED BY Commissioner Baumgart, to APPROVE the draft minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on October 1, 2014. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 - Vice Chairman Richardson, Commissioner Baumgart, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Padilla, Commissioner Landefeld and Alternate Harris

**Absent:** 2 - Chairman Silvester and Commissioner Peters

4. **CITIZENS COMMENTS/ APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

5.1 Pump Track Update (Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Director)

Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Director, provided an update on the Pump Track to the

Commission. He explained that it was moving forward and would be presented to City Council on December 8, 2014. The first public build will be on December 13th, and they will have volunteers on site to staff the project. The property has already been outlined, and staff will place piles of dirt in the designated areas. Mr. Torres explained that the dirt will be moved on a separate day from the volunteers to prevent the volunteers interacting with the heavy equipment.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Parks & Recreation Facility Rental Fee Amendment (David Seid, Recreation Supervisor)**

Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Director explained that the current Parks and Recreation Facility Amendment Fee Schedule was created in 2008. He further stated that the initial initiative did not contain language that allows the City to recognize program partner contributions. This fee structure amendment will allow the Parks and Recreation Director the ability to negotiate “win-win” situations and allows the Parks and Recreation Department to use discretion when applying facility rental fees to program partners, organizations who wish to contribute capital improvements to City facilities, and those who enter into long term service agreements that benefit the Goodyear community.

Mr. Torres explained that the Parks and Recreation Department works with a number of community organizations to provide a wide array of recreational opportunities to the public. It is common for some community groups to propose and install significant in-kind contributions to recreational facilities such as scoreboards to a baseball field. The recreational facility rental fee schedule does not allow for any form of waiver or recognition of such program partner in-kind contributions. The revised fee schedule would allow all rental and associated fees applicable to be subject to waivers and modifications based on a variety of factors which include, but are not limited to, multi-year bookings, event duration and use, available resources, revenue sharing opportunities, economic impact factors, number of participants, in-kind contributions, competition alignment, impact to City fiscal resources, benefit to the City, and such other relevant considerations. This policy change would enable the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to benefit from giving credit to these organizations in exchange for future facility enhancements.

David Seid, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, explained that they have sought legal approval and clarified that this amendment is not revamping the entire fee structure, just this specific portion related to athletic/field usage.

Vice Chairman Richardson then opened the floor for discussion regarding the Recreation Facility Rental Fee amendment. Chairman Murphy asked if the waivers would be on a case by case basis. Mr. Torres confirmed that this will be on a case by case basis and is intended for larger users. Staff will review the baseline charges to determine the amount of credit that will be received. The Commission inquired as to who would have the final say in approving the fee waivers. Mr. Torres explained that Bruce Kessman will make the decisions for the Ballpark and David Seid will make the decisions for Recreation. All waivers will be documented and the information will be listed in the rental agreement.

**MOTION BY Commissioner Murphy, SECONDED BY Commissioner Landefeld, to APPROVE Section 1 of the Recreation Facility Rental Fee Policy, as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 - Vice Chairman Richardson, Commissioner Baumgart, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Padilla, Commissioner Landefeld and Alternate Harris

**Absent:** 2 - Chairman Silvester and Commissioner Peters

Parks & Recreation Facility Rental Fee Amendment (David Seid, Recreation Supervisor)

**MOTION BY Commissioner Padilla, SECONDED BY Commissioner Murphy, to APPROVE this item to go before City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 - Vice Chairman Richardson, Commissioner Baumgart, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Padilla, Commissioner Landefeld and Alternate Harris

**Absent:** 2 - Chairman Silvester and Commissioner Peters

6.2 2015 Meeting Dates (Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Director)

Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the 2015 meeting dates with the Commission. It was determined that the meetings would remain on a bi-monthly schedule, beginning in January. The meetings will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of every month.

Vice Chairman Richardson provided an update on the Commissioners. This meeting will be Commissioner Baumgart's last meeting, and Alternate Harris will fill her vacancy. Jerry Wilson will be appointed as the new alternate. Vice Chairman Richardson and Commissioner Murphy will be re-appointed as members of the Commission.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1 Recreation Program Update (David Seid, Recreation Supervisor)

David Seid, Recreation Supervisor, provided an update on the Buckeye Union High School District Intergovernmental Agreement. He explained that they will be renewing the agreement with an updated appendix. Renewing this agreement strengthens and formalizes the relationship between the parties. As part of the agreement, the parties will trade benefits, such as pools, fields, etc.

Mr. Seid advised the Commission that Fall Sports has concluded, and approximately 550 kids participated in the program. They had several special events to include the 8th Annual Wag and Tag and the Chalk Art in the Park events. The Wag and Tag event gathered over 500 people and brought in 22 pet vendors. The Chalk Art in the Park event brought in over 700 people and 25 professional artists. They were amazing events with awesome turnouts. Aquatics are done for the season, and the pool re-plaster will commence in January. Staff has been using tarps to help the heater in keeping the pool warm. Mr. Seid concluded by

mentioning the audio/video system will need an overhaul soon.

7.2 Ballpark Update (Bruce Kessman, Ballpark General Manager)

Bruce Kessman, Ballpark General Manager, provided an update on Home Plate for the Holidays. They are expecting a large turnout with 40 tons of snow, food vendors, the tree lighting, six school performances, and two Santas. It is expected that the Mayor and City Council will be attending. The offer to help light the tree was extended to the Commission.

Mr. Kessman provided an update that Spring Training tickets go on Sale on Saturday December 6th and that they have several activities and giveaways this year including bobble heads, brunch, and happy hour before the night games. Mr. Kessman also mentioned the following specific events: March 17, 2015-Fan Fest; March 20 and 27, 2015-Fireworks; and April 3-Eggstravaganza.

7.3 Good of the Order

None.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Diana Vasquez, Management Assistant

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Jon Richardson, Vice Chairman

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