



Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

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Wednesday, June 1, 2016

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**

Chairman Silvester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Chairman Silvester, Vice Chairman Richardson, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Landefeld, Commissioner Harris and Alternate Wilson

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Padilla and Commissioner Peters

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Manager David Seid and Management Assistant Julie Beeck.

**MOTION BY Chairman Silvester, SECONDED BY Commissioner Murphy, to EXCUSE Commissioners Peters and Padilla. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Chairman Silvester, Vice Chairman Richardson, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Landefeld, Commissioner Harris and Alternate Wilson

**Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Padilla and Commissioner Peters

3. **APPROVE MINUTES**

- 3.1 [MINUTES](#) Approve draft minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on April 6, 2016.  
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**MOTION BY Commissioner Murphy, SECONDED BY Commissioner Landefeld, to APPROVE draft minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on April 6, 2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Chairman Silvester, Vice Chairman Richardson, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Landefeld, Commissioner Harris and Alternate Wilson

**Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Padilla and Commissioner Peters

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

None.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

5.1 Loma Linda Asset Management Update

Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Torres shared a picture of the current Loma Linda Park condition as well as a picture from the Loma Linda Master Plan that was approved on August 23, 2010. Torres stated that the master plan was re-evaluated in January 2016 based on the results of a citizen survey. Torres reviewed the feedback that was received and noted that the playground, mature shade trees and grassy area were the top three features of the park. The local community most supported enhanced lighting, creating an open access splash pad, additional ramadas, creating an exercise/walking trail, and multi-purpose sport courts. Torres stated the FY17 asset replacement plan will help achieve the highest demand elements which include lighting upgrades, resurfacing the tennis courts and converting them to multi-sport courts, refurbishing the ramada, increasing connectivity for walking, parking lot resurfacing, vegetation replacements, and park amenity replacements. The planned upgrades will happen this coming year and total \$342,000.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 FY17 Budget Update

Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Torres stated that Council has tentatively approved the FY17 budget, and it was favorable for parks and recreation. Torres shared that Goodyear citizens' top funding priorities, as reflected in a recent citizen survey, are maintaining and improving parks and providing recreational opportunities. Based on the citizen feedback, Parks and Recreation's top budget focus areas are: 1) maintaining/improving parks, 2) maintaining/improving right of ways, and 3) providing recreational opportunities.

Torres reviewed the supplemental requests that were submitted through the budget process. He explained that some of the requests are for one-time expenditures and others are ongoing in nature. The tentatively approved one-time supplementals includes automated lighting control conversion at the Goodyear Community Park, infield restoration at the ball fields in Goodyear Community Park, Falcon Park, and Estrella Foothills Park, low flow curbing at Bullard Wash, community holiday decorations, and pool safety compliance repairs. Ongoing supplementals include funding for a Parks Worker I and Customer Service Representative in the Recreation Department. Parks and Recreation did very well in the budget process, and tentatively approved one-time funding totaled \$774,100 and \$316,200 in ongoing funds.

Torres stated that in addition to the supplemental funds, there are approximately \$3,000,000 of additional projects that are upcoming in the next year. Granite replacement for parks and right of ways are approximately \$2,000,000, and playgrounds will be installed at Estrella Foothills Community Park, Canada Village, and Estrella Vista North.

6.2 Recreation/University Campus/100-acre Park Discussion

As stated previously, Goodyear residents want more parks and more recreational opportunities. Torres noted that a 30-acre park, recreation center and aquatics facility was scheduled several years out. Council expressed heavy interest in moving the projects up to the next few years and will use voter approved bond capacity to fund the projects and will collect impact fees for the park. Torres noted that having three major facilities in one campus is a great opportunity. The city of Goodyear owns 100

acres at Estrella Parkway and Yuma, north of Desert Edge. This site will include pads for future university development. Torres pointed out that the citizens' third funding priority was universities. \$150,000 has been allocated in FY17 to complete the site planning of the 100-acre site. Vice Chairman Richardson stated that Goodyear is ranked in the top 15 in growth nationally for cities of its size, and this facility will further enhance growth. Torres stated that Council is progressive and understands that these facilities drive resident satisfaction, healthy communities, and growth.

### 6.3 Wellness Park Discussion

Torres reported that Maricopa County previously owned 130 acres used for flood control. The City of Goodyear recently purchased this acreage for \$233 plus closing costs. The property is located north of the I-10 between Bullard Avenue and Dysart Road. The Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Abrazo, and Adelante will partner with the city of Goodyear to build a wellness park in this area. Torres shared a picture of the proposed community wellness park. Some of the proposed components of the park include a corporate wellness village, action sports village, garden/education center, a desert wellness garden, family activity village and performance village. Additionally, this acreage will provide room for sports fields and other amenities. It was noted that this acreage is equal to 75% of the city's current improved park acreage. This project will be funded through private partnerships and grants. The governance will be handled through a non-profit to solicit funds. Torres stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will be asked to provide input on this project. In October 2016, a community-wide cleanup or build-a-trail day will be scheduled. Torres noted that there is \$65,000 to develop a conceptual master plan which will include access points, parking, drainage, and conceptual imagery.

## 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

Parks and Recreation Manager David Seid announced that there will be a community playground build at Palm Valley Park on June 25, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free pool passes will be given to all volunteers. He noted that the shade structure will be in place prior to the build. Commissioner Richardson recommended that Palm Valley residents be notified of the upcoming playground build. Chairman Silvester noted there are a number of social media sites that can be used.

Recently Canada Village Park has received some lighting upgrades as well as basketball court improvements. The new playground installation at Canada Village will be scheduled for the fall.

The pool opened over Memorial Day weekend and averaged over 150 people per day. The swim lesson schedule has begun, and there are five sessions to choose from. The pool will receive new pool decking and fencing this year which will tie in well with the other components of the Loma Linda Park upgrades.

The summer recreation programs start Monday, June 6, at Desert Thunder and Copper Trails Elementary School. Seid reported that the program is full with a wait list. The program has many exciting things planned for the participants including theme weeks, field trips, guest instructors, and lots of indoor/outdoor activities.

Management Assistant Julie Beeck shared information on the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association annual conference which will be held August 9-11, 2016 at the Wigwam Resort. August 10 is Boards and Commissions Day and includes a special education track. Beeck asked interested

commissioners to mark their calendars. Additional information will be forwarded as it is available.

Parks and Recreation Manager David Seid noted that the Parks and Recreation website had recently been updated. He stated the site is more user friendly and uses a consistent format featuring pictures of parks and recreation programs and facilities. Seid requested that the commissioners review the site and provide feedback.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Silvester adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Julie Beeck, Management Assistant

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Jen Silvester, Chairman

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