



## City of Goodyear

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

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Wednesday, March 6, 2019

5:30 PM

Goodyear Branch Library Community Room  
14455 W. Van Buren St., Ste. C102  
Goodyear, AZ 85338

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Padilla called the meeting to order at 5:33p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Chairman Padilla, Commissioner Landefeld, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Stephens, Commissioner Beard, Commissioner Sawyer and Alternate Hohman

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chairman Harris

Staff Present: Recreation Coordinator Richard Ortiz, Management Assistant Diana Vasquez, Parks and Recreation Manager David Seid and Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Torres

**MOTION BY Commissioner Landefeld, SECONDED BY Commissioner Sawyer, to EXCUSE Vice Chairman Harris from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 - Chairman Padilla, Commissioner Landefeld, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Stephens, Commissioner Beard and Commissioner Sawyer

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chairman Harris

#### 3. APPROVE MINUTES

- 3.1 [MINUTES](#) Approve draft minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on February 6, 2019.  
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**MOTION BY Commissioner Stephens, SECONDED BY Commissioner Landefeld, to APPROVE the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on February 6, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 - Chairman Padilla, Commissioner Landefeld, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Stephens, Commissioner Beard and Commissioner Sawyer

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chairman Harris

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

None.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Wellspring Park Project Review (Diana Vasquez, Parks and Recreation Management Assistant)**

Diana Vasquez, management assistant, provided a brief review of the Wellspring Park Project. Wellspring Park is located on the 127-acre parcel of land adjacent to I-10 between Dysart Road and Bullard Avenue. This land was purchased from the Maricopa County Flood Control District for \$233 in May 2016. Goodyear funded the conceptual master plan efforts, which included two community workshops with over 130 residents, four stakeholder workshops with over 40 participants and 22 hours of planning.

The conceptual master plan took nearly six months to complete (February 2017-July 2017) and had a different focus than the parks that are typically built. This park was designed to focus on the whole person: mentally, physically, and emotionally. Stakeholders that were involved in the master plan came from all backgrounds, including parks and recreation, healthcare, and citizens. This allowed different perspectives to be considered.

This park was designed to be a public-private partnership; therefore, the Community Health Park Partnership was established in 2016. The Partnership was comprised of an executive board as well as an advisory board, and it included members from the city of Goodyear, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Abrazo Health, Adelante Healthcare and others. This Partnership is responsible for fundraising capital to build the park and amenities.

Mike Nolan, executive director of Wellspring Park, also provided an update. Mr. Nolan explained that the two boards (advisory and executive) have been combined into one. They are currently working on two major milestones. They completed their 501(c)(3) paperwork and submitted it in November 2018 for approval. This process could take three-to-six months. Until it is approved, fundraising efforts are restricted. The second major project is working with Goodyear to establish an agreement.

Commissioner Wilson added that the board will be broken down into individual committees, and that anyone can participate. If any of the commissioners are interested, please contact Commissioner Wilson. Additional information can be found at [www.wellspringpark.com](http://www.wellspringpark.com)

**6.2 Recreation Campus Update (Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Director)**

Nathan Torres, parks and recreation director, provided an update on the Recreation Campus Project. On February 25, 2019, staff provided a status update on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to Council. Staff explained to Council that their plan was to deliver a five-year, fully-funded and

deliverable CIP; however, the current needs outweighed the available resources. Three main projects total 51% of the CIP. These include fire stations, the surface water treatment plant and the recreation campus. With respect to the recreation campus, staff presented priorities and phasing options to Council. Council indicated commitments to the community have been made and that the Recreation Campus Project should not be phased.

The Recreation Campus Project is currently in the design phase, and is anticipated to conclude in the fall of 2019. Upon completion of the design process, construction will begin. The anticipated opening date is the spring/summer of 2021.

## **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Commissioner Landefeld expressed that creative culture is missing from the community and that we need a stronger youth culture. Commissioner Stephens commented that Goodyear has a lack of infrastructure, and once the recreation center is built, she hopes that it will fill the need with additional programming. Alternate Hohman suggested meeting with the Arts and Culture Coordinator to discuss creative culture.

Commissioner Padilla expressed his gratitude for Reds player Michael Lorenzen (#21) for attending the last two park builds. He further stated that it was amazing to have a veteran player return for the most recent park build at Wildflower North.

Richard Ortiz, recreation programmer, introduced himself and provided an overview of the summer 2019 programs. Mr. Ortiz explained that he currently oversees summer recreation as well as youth and adult sports. He provided the following updates:

Aquatics Update: Several facility projects have been completed at Loma Linda Pool, including the heater installation, conversion of the baby pool chemicals, shade structure, and establishing a preventative maintenance contract. Programming at Loma Linda Pool consists of open swim, swim lessons, swim teams, junior guards, family fun nights and Cardiowave fitness.

Summer Recreation Update: Goodyear has three sites for summer recreation: Desert Thunder Elementary, Copper Trails Elementary and Centerra Mirage Elementary. Registration begins Monday, April 1. Residents will have the ability to register on April 1 and 2, while non-resident registration will begin on April 3. Activities will include arts and crafts, group games, presentations and plenty of classes. This year's field trips are to Urban Air, Bowlero, Harkins Theaters, the Goodyear Community Pool and many others. Mr. Ortiz also explained that they offer a Junior Leader and Junior Guard program for older children. The Junior Leader program is for children ages 14-15 years old. It allows them the opportunity to volunteer for six-to-seven weeks and provides basic job skill development and real job experience. The Junior Guard Program is for children 12-14 years old. It allows them the opportunity to volunteer for four-to-seven weeks. This program helps them to understand what is required of the lifeguard certification requirements, basic CPR, job skill development, and real job experience. The Junior Guard program will provide the children with the

opportunity to earn a paying job at 15 years old.

David Seid, parks and recreation manager, thanked the commissioners for participating in the design and build of the Wildflower North Park playground. Several groups came out to assist with the project, including Eagle Scouts, Odyssey Preparatory, Cleveland Indians players, Cincinnati Reds players, commissioners, and council members. Over 100 people were on hand to build the playground.

Alternate Hohman expressed concern with handicap parking during the park build. She further elaborated that staff should clearly identify ADA-accessible parking as well as better directions to access all city events.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for May 1 at 5:30 p.m. It will be held at the Goodyear Development Services/Engineering building, located at 14455 W. Van Buren St., Ste. D101.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Padilla adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Diana Vasquez, Management Assistant

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Mike Padilla, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_