



Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

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Wednesday, May 3, 2017

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Chairman Murphy, Vice Chairman Padilla, Commissioner Richardson, Commissioner Landefeld and Alternate Beard

**Excused:** 3 - Commissioner Harris, Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Stephens

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Manager David Seid, Ballpark Manager Bruce Kessman, Management Assistant Diana Camacho, and Administrative Assistant Jacque Bento do O'

**MOTION BY Commissioner Landefeld, SECONDED BY Commissioner Richardson, to EXCUSE Commissioners Harris, Wilson, and Stephens from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Chairman Murphy, Vice Chairman Padilla, Commissioner Richardson and Commissioner Landefeld

**Excused:** 3 - Commissioner Harris, Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Stephens

3. **APPROVE MINUTES**

- 3.1 [MINUTES](#)      Approve draft minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on March 1, 2017.  
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**MOTION BY Chairman Murphy, SECONDED BY Commissioner Landefeld, to APPROVE the draft minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on March 1, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Chairman Murphy, Vice Chairman Padilla, Commissioner Richardson and Commissioner Landefeld

**Excused:** 3 - Commissioner Harris, Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Stephens

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

4.1 Pickleball Presentation (Cal Phillips, Goodyear Resident)

Ron Wilkes a resident of Goodyear expressed his enthusiasm for the sport of pickleball and emphasized that the sport is rapidly growing. Cal Phillips a resident of Goodyear gave a power point presentation on the history and facts of pickleball. He gave an overview of the current public courts available throughout the state and stated that the demographics are changing to the younger generation partly due to the sport being introduced in schools. Currently, at the Goodyear Community Park there are four tennis courts that were converted to multi-use courts, with striping for pickleball. Mr. Phillips stated that the short-term goal as proposed is to add six pickleball courts at the Goodyear Community Park and the long-term goal is to include pickleball in the future Community Wellness Park and Recreation Campus, and stated that the sport will explode in the City of Goodyear with the additional pickleball courts in those facilities.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Pickleball Update (David Seid, Parks & Recreation Manager)

Parks and Recreation Manager Seid gave an update on the pickleball plans pending Council tentative budget approval on May 22, with the final budget adoption on June 26, 2017. Seid stated that in addition to the multi-use courts at Goodyear Community Park, the tennis courts at Loma Linda Park were converted to multi-use for pickleball and tennis. Seid stated that at a budget workshop a Council Member mentioned pickleball and the possibility of exploring the expansion if there is funding. An area on the northeast corner of the Goodyear Community Park was identified as a suitable location to accommodate six pickleball courts. Seid shared a preliminary aerial map of the desired location and gave details of the layout. The pickleball courts will be exclusive to pickleball use and Director Torres stated that if this is approved it is highly likely that the tennis courts will go back to exclusive tennis use.

6.2 Softball in Estrella Update (David Seid, Parks & Recreation Manager)

Parks and Recreation Manager Seid gave an update on the softball field expansion at Foothills Park. This came about from a resident that attended a council meeting and gave public comments and expressed a strong desire to have softball fields at the Foothills Park. The resident was representing other softball teams in the area that had no fields to play on Estrella. Staff commenced with research and exploring the best accommodations for a softball field at the park, and identified an area on the east side of the park that was previously slated for an additional ballfield.

Seid showed a map of the Foothills Community Park describing the various plans of phase I and II of the park. Director Torres noted that the ball field was part of phase II, so we are in

line with the original phase II plan. This project is also pending Council budget approval on May 22, with final adoption June 26, 2017.

6.3 Foothills Playground Update (David Seid, Parks & Recreation Manager)

Parks and Recreation Manager Seid gave an update on the Foothills Park playground build. The build is set for May 6, to finalize the construction of the playground and Seid encouraged anyone to attend anytime from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Seid showed a map of the area where the playground equipment will be installed and shared the playground design. The area surrounding the playground will have a seat wall.

6.4 Goodyear Community Health Park Update (Diana Camacho, Parks & Recreation Management Assistant)

Management Assistant Diana Camacho gave a presentation on the Goodyear Community Health Park. Camacho stated that master planning is moving full steam ahead. Two stakeholder workshops have been held with approximately 40 people in attendance and one public meeting was held that drew in approximately 78 residents, all of which provided feedback and direction to the master plan. Camacho shared that there are three concepts being considered: Human Nature, Mind & Body, and Nature & Nurture. Each concept has a unique health and wellness component that ties into the park. The master planning team will take all of the feedback from the public meetings and workshops and will create one concept presentation to move forward. The next workshop will be held on May 10, and the next public meeting will be held on May 16. After the public meeting, the master plan will be presented at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting on June 28 and then to City Council on July 17. Camacho stated that there is an abundance of information on the website and encouraged everyone to view the website for more information. Chairman Murphy informed the Commission that the Community Health Park is not being funded by the City budget and is non-profit. Commissioner Landefeld expressed how pleased she is with the diverse concepts of the park, the wellness and art aspects, and likes how it will be different from the other community parks.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1 Parks and Recreation Updates and Reports - Goodyear staff will provide updates and reports on Parks and Recreation attendance, improvements, renovations, upcoming events and recreational programs.

Ballpark General Manager Kessman informed that graduation season is coming up and there will be seven high schools and Estrella Community College graduation ceremonies taking place at the Ballpark. Last year there were over 3,000 students that graduated and approximately 40,000 people that attended the graduations. Kessman stated that this year some of the graduation classes have grown, so they are anticipating larger crowds.

Parks and Recreation Manager Seid informed that the Recreation Division is busy preparing for the Summer Recreation Programs. Seid stated that staff is being hired and trained for the pool and swim lessons registrations begin May 15. Seid informed that Kids to Park Day is May 20,

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., at the Goodyear Community Park, it's the 7th Annual National Park Trust Kids to Park Day, and this event is held across the country.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Jacqueline Bento do O', Administrative Assistant

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Brian Murphy, Chairman

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