

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Baker
Jessica Fitchett
Charles Hammersley
Gregory Kleiner
Thomas Ziegler

STAFF PRESENT

Kathy Drummond
Brian Grube
Shauna Fisher
Michael O'Conner
Steve Zimmerman

OTHERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Denise Burley

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Kleiner at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Kleiner introduced James Baker who was recently appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Baker, Fitchett, Hammersley, Kleiner, and Ziegler were present for roll call. Commissioner Burley was absent.

3. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2014 MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Hammersley to approve the February 19, 2014 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ziegler. Motion passed with unanimous approval (5 yeas votes).

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA ESTABLISHING A DONATION AND MEMORIAL PROGRAM FOR THE CITY'S PARKS.** Staff asked that the Commission wait to vote on this item as the document wasn't finalized by the Legal Department. Motion made by Commissioner Hammersley to table the item until the April meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fitchett. Motion passed with unanimous approval (5 yeas votes).

6. **DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS**

A. **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION UNFUNDED CAPITAL LIST.** Commissioners reviewed the Unfunded Capital List that was created in May 2012. Each of the projects was identified on a PowerPoint presentation and verbal reports given on each of them from either Parks Manager Steve Zimmerman or Recreation Services Director Brian Grube.

DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS (Cont'd)

Arroyo Park Improvements

Develop existing acreage to include adding paved parking, playground, courts, picnic area, walkways, etc., approximately 1.75 acres of developed amenities. With the improvements made a few year ago, Parks Manager Zimmerman felt that the cost of the project would be more like \$800K to \$900K rather than the original estimate of \$1,368,183. The Housing Department was recently awarded a CDGB grant and Council has directed \$105,000 to be allocated this year for design work for curb and gutter and paving the road into the park. It is hopeful that next year they will allot an additional \$103,000 to complete the improvements identified in the Master Plan.

Buffalo Park Improvements

Pave parking area, entry way improvements; build permanent restrooms, additional picnic areas. Cost: \$1,327,532

Bushmaster Park Land/Expansion

Purchase homes along Lockett Ave for expansion of the park. Cost: \$1,327,532

Cheshire Park Improvements

Develop 8 acres of park land to include soccer field with lights, walkways, ramada, playground and parking lot. Cost: \$5,563,387

Christensen Park Acquisition/Development

10 acre neighborhood park development to include playground, basketball/multi-purpose courts, 2 soccer/multi-purpose fields with lights, ramadas, FUTS trails connections, landscaping, parking and restrooms. Need to purchase additional acres of land from the Forest Service. Cost: \$9,766,363

Clay Basin West Park Development

Development of a community park, including 2 soccer fields with lights, ramadas, picnic areas, playground, walkways, nature trails, and parking. Approximately 23 acres of developed amenities. Cost: \$13,708,098

Competitive Lap Pool

Either a 50 or 25 meter pool that would serve the community as well as potentially bring swim tournaments into town. The Aquaplex site has the footprint for a 25 meter pool for an approximate amount of \$2,500,000 to \$4,000,000. A new location would need to be identified for a 50 meter pool, with an estimated price of \$9,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Continental Regional Park Development - Phase I

Development of a regional park including 2 soccer fields with light, trails and ramadas. 48.28 acres, however, only approximately 30 acres of usable land due to the sinkhole, utility easement, and drainage ditch. Cost: \$30,616,014

DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS (Cont'd)

Continental Regional Park Development - Phase II

Development of additional park amenities, including 2 soccer fields with lights, playgrounds, dog park, BMX track, disc golf and parks maintenance shop. Approximately 30 acres of developed amenities. Cost: \$16,029,861

Joel Montalvo Park Improvements

Upgraded parking and landscaping with potential expansion of the fire station to be used as a satellite Parks shop. Cost: \$1,036,353

Lake Mary Regional Park Development

Development of regional park including infrastructure, playgrounds, ramadas, skate track, inline hockey, outdoor courts, parking, 4 fields with lights, trails and walkways, etc. Park may also serve as site for future recreation facilities. Approximately 50 acres of developed amenities. Cost: \$25,146,009

Tennis Enclosure or Bubble

Install a cover over the existing tennis courts at Flagstaff Recreation Center (FRC). Cost: \$400,000 (for bubble only).

Thorpe Park Improvements - Phase II

Selected Phase II renovations and improvements which may include relocating maintenance shop, ramadas, 2 soccer fields with lights for existing soccer fields (multi-purpose and duck pond fields), parking lots. Cost: \$10,115,315

Wheeler Park Re-Design Project

Park re-design to address significant drainage issues and hardscaping for increased foot traffic incurred by growing use by special events. Cost: \$1,139,295

From the Unfunded Capital List, the following projects were identified as the Parks and Recreation Commission's top priorities at this time (in no specific order).

- Westside Parkland Acquisition/Development
- Competitive Lap Pool
- Bushmaster Park Improvements
- Enclosed Tennis Structure/Bubble
- Wheeler Park Redesign, Phase I
- Christensen Park Acquisition
- Snow Play Area
- Flagstaff Recreation Center Expansion
- 2nd Sheet of Ice at Jay Lively Activity Center

DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS (Cont'd)

- B. SOLIERE PARK PROPOSAL. Staff didn't have anything new to report at this time.
- C. BUSHMASTER PARK UPDATE. The project was presented to Council and they have asked staff to provide a few more answers to some questions they had. Staff is anticipating that this project will be approved and included in the FY15 budget.
- D. PUBLIC WORKS CORE SERVICES YARD UPDATE. Staff didn't have anything new to report at this time.

7. REPORTS

- A. OPEN SPACES COMMISSION UPDATE. No update was given.
- B. MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS OF PARKS AND RECREATION. Parks Manager Zimmerman made a change to the vandalism report included in the Commission packet. The Flagstaff Police Department has recently recovered some stolen property of the City's (three spring toys taken in 2012). Park staff is currently in the process of enhancing access to Field 5 at Thorpe Park, which will include access and re-leveling the ground. A rumor is circulating that the improvements and removal of some dead trees are due to an event producer wanting to hold an event there. The rumor isn't true and the trees have been dead for about 2 years and staff is removing them as part of the improvements. A Hawaiian Beach Night will be held on Friday, March 14 at the Aquaplex with discounted admission prices. Spring Break is next week and extended programming will be offered at all the Recreation facilities.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO AND FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF. Nothing new was reported.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE APRIL 16, 2014 MEETING

- Status of the 2004 Bond Funds Available for Land Acquisition at Christensen Park
- Soliere Park Proposal Update
- Bushmaster Park Update
- Public Works Core Services Yard Update

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.