

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charles Hammersley
Adam Kaupisch
Gregory Kleiner
Jim Stratton

STAFF PRESENT

Kathy Drummond
Brian Grube
Erik Solberg
Steve Zimmerman

OTHERS PRESENT

17 members from the
public (see file for names)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ardis Easton
Jessica Fitchett
Thomas Ziegler

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Kleiner at 4:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Hammersley, Kaupisch, Kleiner, and Stratton were present for roll call. Commissioners Easton, Fitchett, and Ziegler were absent.

3. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2015 MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Kaupisch to approve the February 18, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with unanimous approval (4 yeas votes).

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Andrea Scully, citizen, stated that she has worked with Crystal Warden and Danny Neal, employees at the Flagstaff Recreation Center and wanted to express how important these two individuals are, both at Flagstaff Recreation Center and to the Sunnyside community.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **TOBACCO FREE PARKS.** Copies of an ordinance from Boulder, Colorado where their City Council recently approved an expanded smoke free public places law was distributed to the Commission for review. Motion made by Commissioner Kaupisch to recommend to City Council that they consider tobacco free parks with the concession that if designated tobacco areas are needed, they figure that out. Motion died due to a lack of a second motion and further discussion from the Commission on how the recommendation should be worded. Motion made by Commissioner Hammersley to recommend to City Council that the Parks and Recreation Commission supports tobacco free parks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kaupisch. Motion passed with unanimous approval (4 yeas votes).

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)

- B. FLAGSTAFF PUBLIC WORKS YARD IN THORPE PARK. Motion made by Commissioner Kaupisch to recommend to City Council that the property known as the City's Public Works Yard be returned to the Parks inventory, and not be considered for sell by private developers. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hammersley. Motion passed with three yea votes and one nay vote.

5. DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS

- A. HISTORY OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB - Coral Evans , Councilmember reported that during the 2010-11 budget cycle the City faced some significant budget challenges and it was recommended by the City Council that Cogdill Recreation Center be closed. The value of a neighborhood recreation center to the community and those children in the area was identified as important, so \$200,000 was reallocated to the Recreation budget from the BBB tax, which had been set aside for future capital projects. The funds from the BBB tax were reallocated to keep the facility open for one more year. Members of the Flagstaff community who were involved with the Boy's and Girl's Club that is associated with the Scottsdale Branch were contacted and asked to partner with the City to increase recreation programs in the Brannen home areas. Due to the model used by the Boy's and Girl's Club, the adult programming at the center wasn't able to be preserved. Council was very clear about closing the facility the next year in order to balance the budget so the City partnered with the Boy's and Girl's Club to keep programming for the kids in that area of town.
- B. RENAMING FLAGSTAFF RECREATION CENTER. Members from the local Marine League Charities (MLC) requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission consider making a recommendation to City Council to change the name of the Flagstaff Recreation Center to the "Hal Jensen Memorial Recreation Center." Some of the individuals present gave testimony and shared their personal experiences with Mr. Jensen's generosity in helping children and families and his lifetime record of "long term unconditional service to the community." Mr. Jensen retired as a Major from the Marine Corps in 1974 after over 26 years of distinguished service and accepted a position as the Senior Military Instructor for the Marine Corps Junior ROTC program at Tuba City High School. He encouraged his family to be active in the Flagstaff community, setting an example himself, as well as being a supporter of many Flagstaff events, including the Flagstaff Youth Program, the Coconino Community College Scholarship Fund, the Wounded Marine Program, and the Marine Relief Program. This item will be presented as an action item during the April meeting.
- C. RECREATION SERVICES \$50K PROGRAMMING CHALLENGE. Recreation staff identified 13 opportunities for the City to generate an additional \$50K and the information was presented to the Budget Committee on March 9. More information and direction from the Budget Committee will be presented during the April meeting.
- D. BUSHMASTER PARK UPDATE. Plan sets for the restroom design were received and have been submitted to Community Development for review. The review process is expected to take two weeks. It is anticipate that the bid will go out in early April.

DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS (Cont'd.)

E. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE. Lobby improvements have been made at the Ice Rink, including new seating and cubbies. It is anticipated that the spring closure at the Ice Rink will be in May for three to four weeks. Two major projects will be completed at that time, applying rust inhibitor and paint on the exposed beams and applying a low E layer below the roof which helps in energy use and humidity issues. The second chiller install is still on track for this summer. A new access point at the front desk of the Aquaplex is due to be installed sometime this month.

7. REPORTS

A. MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS OF PARKS AND RECREATION. Written reports stand as submitted in the Commission packet. The Geotechnical group who was scheduled to do soil borings for a soils report last week, postponed their visit due to weather. The report will identify if the project will be an overlay or a total rebuild, which hasn't been decided at this point.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO AND FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF.

Commissioner Stratton stated that the Boy's and Girl's Club of Flagstaff isn't interested any longer in running the Flagstaff Recreation Center. The Board would like to explore future opportunities of partnering with the City to offer some programming to the community through Flagstaff Recreation Center.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE APRIL 15, 2015 MEETING

- Renaming the Flagstaff Recreation Center to the Hal Jensen Memorial Recreation Center
- Potential budget impacts to Parks and Recreation
- Bushmaster Park Update
- Capital Projects Update
- Aquaplex Update
- Snow Play Update

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

These minutes haven't been approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 15 where they will review and approve.