

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ardis Easton  
Jessica Fitchett  
Charles Hammersley  
Adam Kaupisch  
Gregory Kleiner  
Jim Stratton  
Thomas Ziegler

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kathy Drummond  
Brian Grube  
Mike O'Connor  
Steve Zimmerman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jennifer Grogan

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MAY 20, 2015 AND JUNE 11, 2015 MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Fitchett to approve both the May 20, 2015 and June 11, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Easton. Motion passed with unanimous approval (7 yeas votes).

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jennifer Grogan, Event Producer with Peak Events, recently attended the Flagstaff Hullaboo event at Wheeler Park. She noted that they are on probationary status, a walk through with the event producer before the event wasn't completed, and that Wheeler Park was damaged during the event. She questioned what the benefit of an event producer being in good standing is and feels that some groups have higher expectations placed on them than others. She also requested an update on the status of the Wheeler Park improvements. Commissioners asked staff to look into these concerns and report back during next month's meeting.

5. **DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS**

A. **Snow Play Update.** There wasn't anything new to report.

B. **Bushmaster Park Update.** A signed a contract with TSG Construction was signed on June 2. They will be setting up their construction site on Friday, June 19 so they will be mobilized and ready to break ground on Monday, June 22. They have 120 calendar days from June 15 to complete the project.

C. **Parks and Recreation Priorities.** Background information was reviewed and excerpts from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan were distributed. Strategic planning versus tactile planning is what was hoped to be accomplished during the discussion. Both projects, Bushmaster Park improvements and Wheeler Park Redesign were removed from the Commission priorities list dated 3/12/14 as they are currently funded projects.

DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS (Cont'd.)

Priorities include (in no specific order):

Westside neighborhood parkland acquisition and development  
Competitive lap pool  
Enclosed tennis structure/bubble  
Continental Park improvements, Phase 1  
Clay Basin Regional Park  
Develop 10 acres in Thorpe Park (old PW yard) for event venue  
Thorpe Park (duck pond) event venue

The Christensen Park land acquisition will be moved to the parks unfunded capital improvements list. Staff will research potential 2004 bond money that may be available for purchasing additional Forest Service land.

7. REPORTS

- A. Monthly Highlights of Parks and Recreation. Reports stand as submitted in the Commission packet. Attendance and membership revenues at the Aquaplex compared to last year's will be clarified by staff.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO AND FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF.

Ft. Tuthill's official bike park grand opening will be on Saturday, June 20 at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner's Hammersley and Ziegler will be absent for July's meeting.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE JULY 15, 2015 MEETING

- Review Parks and Recreation Priorities list
- Review Parks and Recreation Unfunded Capital Improvements List
- Status of Wheeler Park

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.