

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2015

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ardis Easton  
Jessica Fitchett  
Adam Kaupisch  
Jim Stratton  
Thomas Ziegler

**STAFF PRESENT**

Cathy Guetschow  
Brian Grube  
Michael O'Connor

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jen Grogan

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Charles Hammersley  
Gregory Kleiner

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. **APPROVAL APRIL 15, 2015 MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Kaupisch to approve the April 15, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fitchett. Motion passed with unanimous approval (5 yeavotes).

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

5. **DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS**

- A. **SNOW PLAY UPDATE.** City staff was approached by an individual who is interested in pursuing a snow play area on McMillan Mesa. Another initiative will be presented to Council that is not yet public knowledge. Staff will report on further information when it becomes available.
- B. **BUSHMASTER PARK UPDATE.** Bids were received on May 6<sup>th</sup> and TSG, a company located in the Valley, came in with a low bid of \$1,527,000. The second bid was from a local company, but was \$70,000 above TSG's. Parks staff will keep a contract allowance of \$59,000 and will remove the expansion of the restrooms from the plan, which will save \$45,000, but will keep everything else that was listed on the plan. If there is \$59,000 remaining at the end of the rebuild they could add back the restroom expansion. This will go to Council on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for approval and construction could start in mid-June.

DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS (Cont'd.)

C. RECREATION SERVICES UPDATE – BUDGET, 50K PROGRAMMING CHALLENGE, CAPITAL PROJECTS AND AQUAPLEX. Commissioners were given a copy of the “\$50k Programming Challenge” spread sheet. Staff explained the different categories and what programming would be implemented. Some of the programming initiatives that staff have come up with are:

- Sell banner sponsorships both at the Thorpe softball fields and at the Aquaplex. All banners would be approved by Recreation Director Brian Grube to make sure that nothing inappropriate would be hung
- Make the Aquaplex a Red Cross center for lifeguard and babysitting training
- Offer private/semi-private swim lessons
- Hire an activity instructor so that programs, such as yoga, can be offered for free. This would help increase memberships at the different Centers.
- Hold a Youth Basketball tournament. Would try to entice teams from other areas including out of state.

D. JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH. Commissioners received a copy of the July is Parks and Recreation Month calendar. Staff announced that Recreation will have a float in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and will be sponsoring the last movie in June at Heritage Square to kick off Parks and Recreation Month.

E. SPECIAL EVENT PACKET UPDATE. The special event packet is expected to go before Council in late June or early July. Staff held an additional special events meeting with the event producers to get their feedback.

F. SCHEDULE A PARKS AND FACILITIES TOUR DATE. Commissioners will meet at the Aquaplex on June 11, 3:30-6:00 p.m., to tour the city parks and facilities. Commissioners requested a map that shows an overlay of parks and facilities for the tour.

G. SCHEDULE A PARKS AND RECREATION GOALS RETREAT DATE. It has been two years since the last discussion and Commissioners would like to discuss goals after their tour. Discussions will include unfunded projects, the review of the current list to add or delete items, and the prioritization of them.

6. REPORTS

A. MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS OF PARKS AND RECREATION. Recreation and Parks reports remain as submitted in the Commission packet. Parks staff is waiting for the geotech report on the tennis courts at FRC and that the Thorpe courts have had repairs done, but not resurfaced.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO AND FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Jay Lively will be closed from April 27 to May 31 for their annual maintenance and improvements. The pipes have been painted, crossbeams coated with an inhibitor, an energy efficient blanket installed, and the chillers turned on.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE 17, 2015 MEETING

- Snow Play Update
- Bushmaster Park Update
- Parks and Recreation Goals

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.