

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Grogan
Charles Hammersley
Adam Kaupisch
Jim Stratton

STAFF PRESENT

Kathy Drummond
Michael O'Connor
Rebecca Sayers
Rick Tadder

OTHERS PRESENT

Ronald Hren
John Koloda
Bill Kuche
Mike Miller
Kevin Tye

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jessica Fitchett
Thomas Ziegler

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kaupisch at 4:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016 MINUTES**

Motion made by Vice-Chair Stratton to approve the February 17, 2016 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grogan. Motion passed with 3 yeas and 1 abstention.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

5. **DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS**

A. **MCMILLAN MESA DEVELOPMENT PLANS.** There wasn't anything new to report.

B. **FUTURE PARKS AND RECREATION BOND OPTIONS.** An overview of the City's financial status regarding future bond issues was presented by the City's Finance Director. The City has a 20% limitation for general obligation bonds for water, sewer, lighting, open space, recreation and public safety facilities, and a 6% limitation on all others. Discussion occurred during the February Council Retreat and Council members were split on whether or not they wanted to look at a bond issue for the November ballot. Future projects being explored are a partnership with the County in building a new courthouse, improvements to the Lone Tree corridor, and 4th Street improvements. Council will continue discussions during their April retreat.

Kevin Tye asked the Commission to consider recommending a second sheet of ice for the ice rink during future discussions regarding bond projects. A proposal was completed by him a few years ago and he was asked to send it to staff so it could be forwarded to the Commission. *Staff hasn't received anything as of April 11, 2016.*

DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS (Cont'd.)

- C. TENNIS COURT UPDATE. A camera was placed down the storm water pipes at the tennis courts at Hal Jensen Recreation Center to evaluate the condition and verify if any fence posts had penetrated the pipes. The work was completed on Thursday, March 3 and the pipes were discovered to be intact and in good condition. John Koloda from the Flagstaff Tennis Association (FTA) gave a brief history of the club and asked for an update on the McPherson Park tennis courts. The contract for resurfacing McPherson Park tennis courts will go before Council next week, with an early May completion date. It is also proposed in the FY17 budget to resurface all 6 tennis courts at Thorpe Park.

- D. SNOW PLAY UPDATE. City Council and the County Board of Supervisors met together approximately 2 weeks ago and suggested that the Winter Task Force be resurrected so that all of the appropriate agencies can meet to discuss future needs of a winter play area as well as the current issues at Wing Mountain. Coconino County is still planning to go out with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a snow play area at Ft. Tuthill to be run by private enterprise, hoping to have something in place by December of 2016. They didn't have time to discuss McMillan Mesa as a potential snow play area. Staff will need to get further direction from the City Manager's office as to whether or not they want to proceed with McMillan Mesa as a potential site, as two individuals have expressed an interest in that location.

6. REPORTS

- A. MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS OF PARKS. Reports stand as presented in the agenda packet.

- B. MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS OF RECREATION. Reports stand as presented in the agenda packet. It was noted that the information collected at the drop-in centers is not counted the same as JLAC and the Aquaplex. JLAC and Aquaplex numbers are based off of admissions and members checking in and out at designated stations by swiping their membership card. The drop-in centers have sign in and sign out sheets, but there are duplicates as patrons come and go. Discussion will continue at the April meeting.

- C. OPEN SPACES COMMISSION. Acquisition plans are moving forward for the purchase of 2 acres owned by a private party at the Y at Schultz Pass. The acquired property will be used as a designated parking area for those who use Schultz Pass.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO AND FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Andy Bertelsen has been selected as the City's new Public Works Director. He comes from Coconino County where he has been employed for seven years as the Public Works Director.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO AND FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF (Cont'd.)

The City's Planning and Zoning Department recently identified three parcels that need to be rezoned:

- 26 acres on the west side of Buffalo Park which is currently zoned rural residential. Rezoning it to parks/open space would limit it to passive use.
- Guadalupe Park which is zoned highway commercial. Rezoning it to public facilities, would allow active recreation use.
- Boulder Park which is zoned highway commercial. Rezoning it to public facilities, would allow active recreation use.

Staff met with the budget team last week and they approved the following projects in the amount of \$483K to be paid for with BBB funds, contingent upon Council's approval in April.

- Thorpe Park adaptive playground unit/surfacing
- J. Lively Activity Center - back roof and locker room repairs. Includes moving all HVAC equipment, building pitched roof over flat roof, adding exhaust systems, repairing locker room ceilings and adding shower tile
- Aquaplex - sliding doors at the entrance of the pool to separate the two HVAC systems in the area that are mixing the air and causing condensation and moisture damage in the walls and cabanas
- Hal Jensen Recreation Center - add on storage area to back of building. Addresses storage needs as well as building security for this part of the building, which is a dark corner where people are hanging out after-hours
- Pavement preservation - various Recreation facilities (Includes \$45,000 from Parks capital)

8 AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 20, 2016 MEETING

- A. Public Works Maintenance Yard in Thorpe Park
- B. Tennis Court Update
- C. Capital Projects Review And Discussion

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.