

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cody Gerhart  
Jennifer Grogan  
Charles Hammersley  
Adam Kaupisch  
Jim Stratton  
Thomas Ziegler

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kathy Drummond  
Betsy Emery  
Claire Harper  
Rebecca Sayers  
Steve Zimmerman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Patrick Byrne  
John Grahame  
Rose Houk  
Charles J. Hoyt  
Charles B. Hoyt  
Linda Long  
Dave McMullen

Rachael Meus  
Gary Miller  
George Peck  
Sue Shomler  
Vicki Steadman  
Jack Welch

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Brian Bloom

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Grogan called the meeting of April 19, 2017 to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Chair Grogan and Commissioners Gerhart, Hammersley, Kaupisch, Stratton and Ziegler were present for roll call. Co-Chair Bloom was absent.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 8, 2017 MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Ziegler to approve the March 8, 2017 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kaupisch. Motion passed unanimously with 6 yeas votes.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following individuals addressed the Commission with regard to pickle ball courts in Flagstaff:

- Patrick Byrne
- George Peck
- Dave McMullen
- Sue Shomler
- John Grahame
- Linda Long

The following comments were received:

- The sport is rapidly growing in communities throughout the southwest, including Flagstaff, Phoenix, and Tucson.
- The City has been able to accommodate requests for inside facilities at the Aquaplex.
- Participants playing pickle ball at the Aquaplex total approximately 130.
- Some of the more competitive players want to play outside when the weather permits.
- Continental Country Club is able to accommodate those players during the summer at an additional cost to each player.
- The group would like to offer outside play, competitive games, and tournaments on public owned courts.
- The existing public court isn't maintained very well and the location is not ideal for everyone.
- The City should consider converting a few of the existing outdoor tennis courts at Thorpe Park to pickle ball courts.
- The public tennis courts around town are under used during daytime hours.
- Three pickle ball courts would be able to fit on one tennis court.
- Play is limited at the Aquaplex because of the times the gym is available, although staff at the Aquaplex have done a great job at trying to accommodate as much playing time as possible.
- The developer with Vintage Partners is putting in six pickle ball courts at the Timber Sky development.

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Flagstaff Open Spaces, Parks and Recreation (FOSPR) program. Commissioner Hammersley reported that he and Jack Welch recently met with Mayor Evans to present the program that was proposed during the February meeting and they both felt that she was very supportive of the concept. They have also met with several special interest groups as well who are interested in participating in future focus groups. It is felt very strongly that this program could be on the 2018 ballot and approved by Flagstaff voters at that time. The next step is to identify specific projects and costs through focus groups with City Commissions, the public, user groups, and staff as well as making the program sustainable in future years for maintenance and operations.

Motion made by Chair Grogan that the Parks and Recreation Commission enthusiastically endorses the Flagstaff Open Space, Parks and Recreation (FOSPR) program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ziegler. Motion passed with six yea votes.

## 6. DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS

- A. Parks and Recreation budget update. The revised service level list was distributed and highlighted by staff. The ongoing and one time requests have been tentatively approved by the budget team and the City Manager who will forward their recommendations to City Council for their approval at the April budget retreat.
- B. Parks and Recreation Bond update. There wasn't any new information to share as staff's meeting with the Real Estate Manager is scheduled for the first week of May.
- C. Hal Jensen Recreation Center tennis court update. Kinney Construction has been awarded the contract for renovation of the courts. The projected timeline is 120 days beginning the second week in May, with a finish date in early August.

## 7. REPORTS

- A. Monthly Highlights of Parks. A monthly report was included in the agenda packet and stands as presented. Commissioners were invited to attend the Arbor Day Celebration on April 28 at 11:00 a.m. in Wheeler Park where two purple ash trees will be planted. In addition, the JLB children's garden ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony will be at Foxglenn Park on May 21 at 11:00 a.m.
- B. Monthly Highlights of Recreation. A monthly report was included in the agenda packet and stands as presented. Staff is busy planning and preparing for all the events occurring throughout the summer. A comprehensive list will be distributed to Commissioners at a later time. Commissioners were invited to attend the open house and barbecue for all the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) improvements at the Hal Jensen Recreation Center on April 22 and the Bubble Palooza event at Foxglenn Park on May 6.
- C. Open Spaces Commission. A monthly report was included in the agenda packet and stands as presented.

## 8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MAY 17, 2017 MEETING

- Parks and Recreation unfunded capital list and priorities
- Parks and Recreation bond update
- Pickle ball and tennis court inventory and options

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.