

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, September 12, 2018

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Stratton
Tim Behrens
Ryan Martin
Bert Crockett

STAFF PRESENT

Rebecca Penado
Amy Hagin
Rebecca Sayers

OTHERS PRESENT

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Stratton called the meeting of September 12, 2018 to order at 4:57 p.m., convening late due to a late-arriving Commissioner. Commissioners sat as audience/members of the public for the city ballot proposition presentation.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Co-Chair Stratton, and Commissioners Behrens, Crockett, and Martin were present for roll call. Commissioners Bloom (Chair), Grogan, and Semonian were absent. Commissioners Martin and Crockett, two new Commissioners, introduced themselves.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 18, 2018 MINUTES**

Motion made by Co-Chair Stratton to approve the July 18, 2018 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Crockett. Motion passed unanimously with four (4) yea votes.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **City Ballot Proposition Information.** Discussed in general information session prior to meeting; commissioners sat as audience for presentations.

- Proposition 419: Continuance of Sales Tax for Roadway, Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Safety Improvements.
- Proposition 420: Sales Tax for a Lone Tree Railroad Overpass from Butler Avenue to Route 66.
- Proposition 421: Sales Tax for Increased Transit Service.
- Proposition 422: Improving Housing Affordability.

B. **City Planning and Development processes and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.**

Commissioner Stratton attended a public hearing on the master plan for a development community going in on South 4th Street. The development would have 2,500 housing units with “pocket parks” – similar to ramadas – throughout. During the presentation a principle representing the company contracted to build the development commented that the City did not want part in helping build these pocket parks in the community. Commissioner Stratton is concerned that neither Parks and Recreation staff, nor the Commission, had a role in this development’s planning as related to Parks and Recreation. Staff offered to work with staff in the City’s Planning Section on how to become more involved in the development process and represent Parks and Recreation interests as new developments come to town.

C. **Updates from recent Council meetings and presentations.**

- **Sound Study presentation.** Claire Harper, Community Events Supervisor, summarized the presentation that was given to Council on August 28, 2018. The City Council gave staff direction to lower the decibel level from 90 dBA to 75 dBA, as measured 100 feet from the speakers, which is a decrease of 150%. Community Events will update our Special Event Rules and Regulations packet to include the new sound regulations. Once

complete, it will be presented to Commissioners in November, then go on to be presented to Council for approval before the 2019 event season.

- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space update. Rebecca Sayers presented an update to City Council on September 4, 2018 regarding Parks and Recreation strategic planning work done by the Commission. The presentation outlined how priorities for a west-side park meet Master Plan goals. Next steps involve staff putting together an updated concept plan and cost estimate for this park and ask for funding during the annual budget process. Commission Chair Bloom also made comments to Council on the direction the Commission would like to take.
 - Council Communication with Commissions. At the council meeting last night, Council communications with various Commissions was discussed – this included how to communicate with each other and what to communicate. The Council suggested that they would like to hear updates from Commissions at least once a year. A discussion about how Commissions should communicate with each other also took place, given competing values. It was decided that staff liaisons should work together with Commissions to get competing value discussions out of the way before going in front of the public/Council. The City Clerk will be updating the Board and Commissions Manual with this new information and will try to define more clearly what communication between Commissions and Council looks like. The City Clerk will also be developing a staff liaison manual to help staff better understand their role.
- D. Continue Strategic Planning discussion. No discussion – will be kept on agenda as a standing item.

6. REPORTS

- A. Monthly highlights of Parks. A monthly report was sent out and stands as presented. Commissioner Stratton talked about the possibility of a graffiti related art project in designated areas for young people. He hopes it would turn graffiti into community art. Skate parks seem like a logical place for these designated areas, and if done right, these graffiti walls could help the City see less vandalism in parks.
- B. Monthly highlights of Recreation. A monthly report was included in the agenda packet and stands as presented.
- C. Monthly highlights of Open Space. A monthly report was sent out and stands as presented.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS TO AND FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Upcoming dates:

- **October 31** – Halloween Harvest, 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. in Heritage Square.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER 17, 2018 MEETING

- Coconino Community College Ballot Proposition information
- Boulder Point cost estimate for concept plan
- Girls Softball Little League defined priority needs and will present at next meeting

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.