

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 28, 2018
SUMMARIZED MINUTES

Members Present

Brian Bloom
Bert Crockett
Ryan Martin
Jim Stratton
Tim Behrens (by phone at 4:30)

Staff Present

Amy Hagin
Claire Harper
Rebecca Sayers
Erin Young (Water Services)

Others Present

Paul Beier
Rick Miller

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bloom called the meeting of November 28, 2018 to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Bloom, Co-Chair Stratton, and Commissioners Crockett and Martin were present for roll. Commissioner Behrens, Semonian, and Grogan were absent for roll call. Commissioner Behrens called in at 4:30 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2018 MINUTES

Motion made by Chair Bloom to approve the October 17, 2018 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed unanimously with four (4) yea votes.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. City of Flagstaff aquifer recharge feasibility study and the potential amenity benefits of creating a year-round flowing creek near the heart of Flagstaff

Erin Young, Water Resources Manager, presented on the development of a Groundwater Recharge Plan. The goal is to recharge 100% of excess reclaimed water in Flagstaff aquifer. Paul Beier, with the Friends of the Rio de Flag, presented on the amenity benefits of recharging Flagstaff's aquifer. The Commission discussed how this work relates to the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan that was recently adopted by City Council and the impact of seepage from the aquifer on the project.

B. Girls Softball Little League cost estimates for work requests

Amy Hagin, Parks Manager, provided an update that Parks is still working with Flagstaff Girls Little League on cost of work requests.

C. Cheshire Park Playground Community Forum results

Amy Hagin, Parks Manager, presented the results of the Cheshire Park Playground Community Forum. Three designs were available on the Community Forum and citizens were able to vote online. 192 votes were recorded with the nature theme concept receiving the most votes. Parks will seek approval from City Council on December 18, 2018 to purchase the equipment. Commissioners inquired if an infant swing will be included as there were many public comments about it and Hagin confirmed one or more infant swings will be included in the final installation.

D. Boulder Point/West Side Park updates.

Amy Hagin, Parks Manager, presented an update on the Boulder Point Park concept plan. Staff has received an engineer's estimate of nearly \$1,000,000 for the park. Staff will present this concept to the Budget Team for FY20 funding. There was discussion about public outreach and it

was recommended that staff work with the neighborhood's home owner's association and hold neighborhood meetings with both Boulder Point and University Heights residents. Another idea was to hold a Commission meeting somewhere in the neighborhood or at the park site and invite the neighborhood(s) to attend.

E. Special Event Ordinance update.

Claire Harper, Community Events Supervisor, presented the proposed amendments to the Special Event Ordinance. Staff will update the commission in mid-December after the ordinance is presented to Council.

F. Continue Strategic Planning discussion- None

G. Date of December meeting

Commissioners agreed to see what agenda topics could be included on the December agenda then determine if meeting is needed or can be cancelled. Staff will work with Chairperson Bloom to decide and let the Commission know by December 14, 2018.

6. REPORTS

A. Monthly highlights of Parks – no questions or discussion

B. Monthly highlights of Recreation – no questions or discussion

C. Monthly highlights of Open Space – no questions or discussion

7. INFORMATION ITEMS TO AND FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Claire Harper shared the details of Winter Wonderland event occurring the Saturday, December 1, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Heritage Square.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 19, 2018 MEETING

Update on Special Event Ordinance, if needed

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.