

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

Members Present

Jim Stratton
Ryan Martin
Bert Crockett
Jennifer Grogan
Aurelia Yazzie

Staff Present

Amy Hagin
Rebecca Sayers
Cathy Guetschow

Others Present

* See Attached

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Stratton called the meeting of June 19, 2019, to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Co-Chair Stratton and Commissioners Martin, Crockett and Grogan were present for roll call. Commissioner Yazzie arrived at 4:05 p.m.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 15, 2019 MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Martin to approve the May 15, 2019 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Crockett. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) yea votes.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Corryn Smith, a representative from High Altitude Roller Derby (H.A.R.D.) a 501(c)4 Non-Profit composed of sixty (60) active skaters addressed the Commission. The Roller rink pad on the East side of Bushmaster Park is one of three venues where they practice. The space is also used for rollerblading, roller hockey, skateboarding, and children learning to ride bicycles. Over time, the rink is showing signs of needed maintenance, including chips in the concrete, divots and exposed rough material in the concrete. High Altitude Roller Derby is requesting that the concrete be sealed and, if possible, lined for hockey and roller derby. They requested that this item be added to a future commission agenda.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **WHEELER PARK ELECTRICAL UPDATE**

Responding to a request of Commissioner Grogan from the previous meeting, the Commission was informed that the power did work at all pedestals at Wheeler Park during the recent event there.

B. **PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS UPDATE**

Rebecca Sayers, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that they are moving forward with painting pickleball lines at the tennis and basketball courts at Bushmaster Park. She and Amy Hagin, Parks Manager, met with pickleball and tennis representatives and worked on a compromise to provide eight (8) pickleball courts. Staff is currently reviewing options for preferred use times for each sport. For example, staff could sign the basketball court to reserve times for pickleball during weekday mornings and basketball in the afternoon. The tennis courts will likely remain first come first serve. All these courts are lighted and will allow for evening play. Parks and Recreation will continue to research longer term solutions for pickleball.

Jennifer Kottra with the Flagstaff Pickleball Association expressed appreciation for working on the compromise.

A question was asked about where the pickleball nets would be stored and how access would be granted. Parks and Recreation staff are working with Jennifer Kottra about providing storage and looking at a lockbox location that the pickleball association would have access to. Another question was raised about using the roller derby location, but the surface is too slick for pickleball.

The new lines should be completed by the end of August, depending on contractor availability.

C. BOULDER POINT PARK PROCESS FOR DESIGN AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Amy Hagin, Parks Manager, met with The WLB Group, a landscape architect that is on the City's on-call services list to design the park property from concept through construction documents. She is also working to get quotes from a third party to facilitate the public outreach portion. They should receive the proposals in July. Amy stressed that it was important to get a lot of input from the public to determine the best use for that park. Amy is looking at finding costs for each component so that the community can feel educated on cost estimates during the outreach exercises.

D. TOUR OF PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Commissioners were asked what their priorities were for the tour including desired outcomes and objectives. Rebecca let the Commission know that a Councilmember has expressed interest in joining the tour. Commissioners said that if the Council members are also in attendance that it might be beneficial to include some undeveloped sites that need funding on the tour. Commissioners also suggested breaking up the tour between the east side and west side and to have a list as to the need for those sites. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of attending as a group or as individuals and the possibility of half day tours rather than a full day. They would like to see parks that need more love and care on the tour. The Commissioners favor tours on weekdays. Rebecca also noted that the tour is important for the future West Side Park and that the Commission's knowledge and enthusiasm are important before speaking to Council members and engaging with the community. The Commission and staff will look at dates in July and August for these tours to take place.

E. DATE AND TIMES OF COMMISSION MEETINGS

Rebecca discussed options for future the dates and location of future Commission meetings and it was agreed that they will take place at Flagstaff City Hall Council Chambers, 211 West Aspen Avenue, on the third Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m., beginning August 19, 2019.

6. REPORTS

- A. Monthly Highlights of Parks: Commissioners requested information on an incomplete report about trash sensors. Amy reported that Parks and Recreation have partnered with Sustainability to provide monitoring sensors for trash cans in remote locations to create efficiency in managing trash and recycling pick-up.
- 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

A Park Matrix which listed all park amenities was handed out by Amy Hagin to respond to a request from a Commissioner at the last meeting on the number of tennis courts we have. The Matrix gives the Commission an idea of development size versus the actual size of each park and may be of help for the tours.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY 17, 2019 MEETING

- Strategic Plan Update
- Note that the next Commission meeting will be Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Aquaplex Community Room.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

***Others Present**

Kim and Glenn Abreu

Kathleen George Peck

Kate Carlin

Kathryn Dannenberger

Kristin Miller

Corryn Smith

Randy Marlatt

Jennifer Kottra

Charles J Hoyt

Dick Reckuoyer

Michael Ley

Joy Knudsen

Joy Rutter

Lisa and Vaughan Windborne

Val and Kathy Paleski

David Stephens

Vickey Finger

Bob Fain

Charles B Hoyt

John Maeken