

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Brian Bloom  
Bert Crockett  
Jennifer Grogan  
Ryan Martin  
Jim Stratton

**Staff Present**

Amy Hagin  
Rebecca Sayers  
Lalena Guider  
Mike Abeyta  
Kris Walsh  
Tyrone Johnson  
Robert Wallace

**Others Present**

Marie Jones  
Jennifer Kottra  
RJ Callaman  
Lee Johnson  
Wendy Tooker  
Randy Mailatt  
Mike Wilson

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bloom called the meeting of September 16, 2019, to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commission Chair Bloom, Commissioners Crockett, Grogan, Martin, and Co-Chair Stratton were present for roll call.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 19, 2019 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Grogan to approve the August 19, 2019 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) yeas and no nays.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Marie Jones presented concerns about the Rio de Flag project as currently designed by the Corps of Engineers. She requested that the Commission ask for a presentation and that the City begin thinking of the project more holistically, including Parks and Recreation among other goals.

Jennifer Kottra, President of the Flagstaff Pickleball Association, spoke to the Commission with a request that the City develop a dedicated pickleball complex for the community. She expressed appreciation to the City for the painting pickleball lines on the basketball and tennis courts at Bushmaster Park, but the Association believes the need remains for a permanent dedicated facility. Kottra requested the Commission add this to a future agenda for discussion.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Discussion and prioritization of Parks and Recreation needs related to the upcoming council committee on Parks, Recreation and Open Space.

Rebecca Sayers, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced City Councilmember Regina Salas who spoke to the Commission about her role as Council liaison, saying that the City of Flagstaff Council wishes to bridge the communication gap between Council and its commissions. Salas has a background that is conducive as a Parks and Recreation liaison and looks forward to working with the Commission.

Sayers distributed a list of Parks and Recreation project needs to the Commission, as per their request at the previous meeting, to assist in the upcoming Council committee and noted that they were listed alphabetically and not by priority. Sayers introduced other City staff in attendance to help answer questions.

The Commission asked if the Open Space numbers were accurate. Robert Wallace said they are working on a document that will be brought to the Open Space Commission meeting September 23, 2019.

Sayers discussed the Parks and Recreation spreadsheet and summarized the last meeting in which the Commission focused on several key projects including Continental Park Phase I and Clay Basin as possible focus for the upcoming items for the ballot bond request. Deferred Maintenance is listed under Remove and Replace and includes projects such as the future need for replacing the boilers at the Aquaplex. Other needs, such as development, facility and park improvements are also listed which are not currently budgeted. The maintenance plan might be something that could be worked into the BBB Recreation five-year plan.

After much discussion about different park development projects and priorities, the Commission agreed to focus on three general priorities :

1. Park Development
2. Facility /Park Improvement
3. Maintenance.

The Commission then identified their three priorities for future park development:

1. Continental Park Phase I
2. Cheshire Park (undeveloped land)
3. Clay Basin / Christensen Parks

Sayers let the Commission know that the facilitator for the Council Committee will be Mike Loven.

## B. 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

Sayers reminded The Commission that the first Council Committee meeting will be Monday, October 21 at 2:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

## 8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 21, 2019 MEETING

- Options for park development for Continental and Cheshire
- The cultural resource results for Christensen.
- Update on the pollinator program at the Cemetery

The Commission requested that staff extend an invitation to Marie Jones to further discuss her concerns about the Rio de Flag project at the November 18 Commission meeting. The Commission agreed to keep in mind the request of the Pickleball Association during the Council Committee meetings.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5.16 p.m.