

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

Members Present

Brian Bloom (Chair)
Mark Cox
Steven Flanagan
Jennifer Grogan
Jim Stratton (Co-Chair)
Aurelia Yazzie

Staff Present

Amy Hagin
Rebecca Sayers
Jonathan Wilson
Lalena Guider

Others Present

Councilmember Regina Salas
* See Attached

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Commission Chair Bloom.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commission Chair Bloom, Commissioners Flanagan, Yazzie, and Co-Chair Stratton were present for roll call. Mark Cox arrived at 4:15 PM, and Jennifer Grogan joined the meeting by telephone at 5:10 PM.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2019 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Stratton to approve the October 21, 2019 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Flanagan. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) yeas and no nays.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Public Comment: None

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Rio de Flag flood control project as it relates to Parks and Recreation

Trevor Henry from the Capital improvement Program presented a detailed summary of the Rio De Flag Flood Control Program.

Sandra Lubarsky has been working with Marie Jones, Brian Petersen, and Friends of the Rio to see the Rio De Flag project improved upon with consideration for Sustainability, Beautification, Economic Vitality, and Recreation.

Jones presented a handout illustrating potential enhancements to the Rio De Flag Projects with a request that enhancements be completed in unison with the construction project instead of after completion.

B. Pickleball

Jennifer Kottra spoke on behalf of the Flagstaff Pickleball Association with a request that the Christensen property be considered for 16 outdoor Pickleball courts broken up into pods of four, which would allow for pathways and natural spaces between. She also requested that additional land be reserved for the possibility of additional outdoor courts (up to 24), an indoor pickleball complex, and lighting for the outdoor courts in the future. The Commission

is generally in support of developing outdoor pickleball courts at this location. They requested a cost estimate from staff that includes the outdoor pickleball courts and possibly tennis courts, along with needed infrastructure, access, restrooms, walking paths, and shade structures if necessary.

C. Parks, Recreation, Open Space Committee Priorities

Staff will move forward with getting cost estimates for the Christensen site as discussed above. Staff will work to get an engineer's estimate for Continental park, which would include multipurpose fields, a softball complex, infrastructure, access, restrooms, walking paths, etc. all while meeting stormwater requirements. Staff will also work on a cost estimate for Cheshire Park expansion to include artificial turf multipurpose fields, parking, and incorporating any Arizona Department of Transportation requirements for access off of Highway 180. Some commissioners expressed interest in alternate forms of utilities such as solar instead of electricity where possible.

D. West side park update

Parks Manager Amy Hagin reported that staff is working on the west side park design including review, construction documents, and community engagement. Staff met with the Boulder Point Home Owner's Association (HOA) on October 22 to discuss access. The HOA met again on November 7 and staff are awaiting the results of that meeting.

E. \$2.8 Million Ballot Initiative details

Parks and Recreation Director Rebecca Sayers summarized the 2004 ballot question noting that the \$2.8 Million could only be used for the Lake Mary Regional Park and other park-land acquisitions.

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

- Hagin invited the Commission to visit the Buffalo Park restroom project, noting that we hope to be able to open to the public during the first part of December.
- Recreation Manager Jon Wilson invited Commissioners to the annual Winter Wonderland event and tree lighting on Saturday, December 7, 2019.
- Commissioner Yazzie noted that November is Native American Heritage month. She requested that in the future staff consider working with Native America partners on cultural events and celebrations.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 16, 2019 MEETING

- Rio De Flag project/Public Requests/Funding-Enhancements
- West side park update
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Committee

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Attachment

Others Present

Marie Jones, a speaker in support of the Rio De Flag Beatification.

Sandra Lubarsky, a speaker in support of the Rio De Flag Beatification.

Jennifer Kottra, a speaker in support of a Pickleball Complex and courts at the Christensen site.

- Irv Callahan, Dee Johnson, Lynn Zobott, Val Paleski, Jackie Fields, Dave McMullen, Stephen Mead, David Arnold, Joy Rutter.

David Blain Arnold - submitted a written comment card in support of Pickleball courts.

John and Carol Hook - submitted a written comment card in support of Pickleball courts.

Bernice Carver - submitted a written comment card in support of a Pickleball complex.

Ray Carver - submitted a written comment card in support of Pickleball courts.

Nancy Balm – Submitted a letter to the commission in support of a Pickleball complex and courts.