

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
General Meeting
September 22, 2008
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA**

MINUTES OF THE **General Meeting** OF THE **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** held on **September 22, 2008** in the **Flagstone Room- Grace Sparkes Activity Center** located at **824 E. Gurley St.**, Prescott, Arizona.

1. Roll Call–

Members Present: Bob Bockrath, Michael King, Janelle Riedl, Joe Baynes, Ali Schroeder.

Others Present: Councilwoman Mary Ann Suttles, Laurie Hadley, Debbie Horton, Diana Fister, Eric Smith, Rudy Baranko, Don Fishel, Libby Reiman, Steve Mancha, Michelle Stacy.

2. Introduction of New Board Members and Guests–

Bob Bockrath, elected to a three year term, has lived in Prescott for approximately 8 years. He has worked with several other organizations in the community as well as being employed by Yavapai College.

Janelle Riedl, elected to a one year term, has lived in Prescott for 12 years. She is currently the Area Director for Northern Arizona for the American Youth Soccer Organization (A.Y.S.O), tournament director for the Mile High Classic for the past 11 years and the District Coordinator for the free AARP Tax-Aide program in Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Chino Valley, which prepared and e-filed tax returns of over 5,000 people in Prescott last tax season.

Ali Schroeder, elected to a three year term, has lived in Prescott for 13 years. She is currently the league president of Prescott Girls Softball Association (PGSA). Her family owns a construction business in Prescott.

Joe Baynes, elected to a two year term, has lived in Prescott for close to 18 years. Joe has been a liaison to the city for Prescott Little League as well as an advocate for youth sports in Prescott.

Michael King, elected to a two year term, has lived in Prescott for 12 years. Michael is a retired Administrator with the U.S. Forest Service and previous member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Also on hand was various staff from Parks and Recreation, City Council and City Hall to introduce themselves to the new board.

3. Election of a Chairman & Vice-Chairman–

Motion was made by Joe Baynes to nominate Bob Bockrath as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Ali Schroeder. Motion was voted on and approved by all.

Motion was made by Ali Schroeder to nominate Mike King as Vice Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Joe Baynes. Motion was voted on and approved by all.

4. Determination of “Regular Meeting” time and frequency–

A discussion was held to determine meeting time and dates. It was recommended by Debbie Horton, staff liaison to the board, to meet quarterly. Joe Baynes stated he would like to have a meeting in November and then begin quarterly meetings in January. Bob Bockrath made the recommendation to set the board meetings quarterly or as needed. The board decided that the next meeting would be held on November 12, 2008 at 3:00pm in the Flagstone Room inside the Grace Sparkes Activity Center. The schedule for 2009 was also set at the meeting as follows:

January 14, 2009

April 22, 2009

July 8, 2009

October 14, 2009

All meetings will be held at 3:00pm in the Flagstone Room.

A discussion was held to devise a structured agenda. Joe Baynes stated he would like to have a chain of command flow chart in regards to parks and Recreation staff. Also the board would like to have a budget summary available at the next meeting.

Mike King stated that a way for the board to better serve the best interests of the community is to get reports from superintendents on things that are happening and provide input on key issues. Some key issues brought up at the meeting were the “No Dogs” signage at the parks, damage being done to the playing field turf, water and utility conservation, marketing and alcohol in the parks. The board came to the decision collectively to table all discussions on these issues until the next meeting.

4. Next Scheduled Meeting: 11/12/08

Bob Bockrath, Chairman

Michelle Stacy