

**Parks and Recreation Board
General Meeting
October 13, 2010
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA**

MINUTES OF THE **General Meeting OF THE Parks and Recreation Board** held on **October 13, 2010** in the **Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center, Flagstone Room** located at **824 E. Gurley St.**, Prescott, Arizona.

1. Roll Call & Approval of Minutes from 7/14/10

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

Others Present: Debbie Horton, Eric Smith, Mary Collins, Tim Legler, Steve Mancha, Michelle Stacy, Cindy Barks

Motion was made by Mike King to approve the meeting minutes from April 21, 2010. Motion was seconded by Ali Schroeder. Board voted unanimously to approve.

2. Budget FY11 –

a. Sales Tax Status – Possible Department Impact- Debbie Horton reported that sales tax revenue continues to decline. There is no clear view on the impact to the Department now, but Department Managers will begin discussing the FY 2012 budget in January. As monthly revenue reports come in, department managers will continue to monitor the situation and figure out ways to make cuts to the budget, without cutting staff.

3. Partnership Account – Donations in FY11- This account was created in 2009 with a base fund of \$15,000. Any person requesting to donate money can do so for projects and the Department will match funding.

a. Dr. & Mrs. O’Leary - Dog Park Improvements \$300- Donated money to improve the water/drinking area at the dog park

b. YC College - Bill Vallely Improvements \$2500- Donated money was used to purchase new rubber mats, netting and artificial turf for the batting cages at Bill Vallely Field.

c. George Sheats - Trailhead Parking Lot –\$5000- Donated money was used to build the parking lot at the Granite Dells trailhead.

• **Special thanks to Joe Baynes and Landcraft for the great job**

d. Senior Softball - Misc. Upgrades \$2500- Donated money was used to buy new field maintenance equipment at Pioneer Park.

4. Field of Dreams – Possible Prescott Location / Impact to Department

a. The potential relocation of Little League to these fields could mean:

• **More staff time dedicated to core services**

• **Fields vacated by LL will be available to other sports or a reprieve from overuse**

The Field of Dreams will be run as a private business and Mr. Presutti would handle all aspects of the business from running tournaments to scheduling camps. The facility would be open June 1, 2012 and run for three months during the summer. There is a possibility of having Prescott Little League use the facility, freeing up Parks Maintenance staff. The Field of Dreams will also allow a longer “rest period” for City fields.

The facility will include 25 baseball fields, including one large field that will be used for opening and closing ceremonies. The project and proposed site is still in negotiations, with Council holding several open meetings for concerned citizens. If approved, this will be a great economic boom for Prescott as well as the surrounding areas.

5. Special Projects –

a. **Kuebler 2nd Field-** Debbie Horton explained that this project is made possible through Park Impact Fees. The plan is to build another baseball field congruent with the existing field. By connecting the outfield grass on both, it has the possibility of creating 2 to 3 soccer fields. The existing lights will be moved and the fences will need to be moved back. Plans also include a paved parking area. Several City Departments are working together to get a lot of the work done in-house. The fenced in Ramada area will be moved to make room for more parking. Debbie stated that Parks, Streets and Engineering would meet on October 27 to finalize plans and then the budget can be set.

- **Field design and status**

b. **Water Conservation Enhancements-** As discussed in previous meetings, the Department has chosen not to go with the sub-surface irrigation proposed by Shaun Rydell for water conservation. Debbie explained that Jared Beard had done some research and did not find many success stories. Jared is looking into new computer equipment that will allow him to have a mobile weather station and possible turn sprinklers off/on remotely, rather than directly.

6. **Automated Payment Kiosks at Lakes-** Debbie expressed that some of the kiosks have had some problems, but everything is working well now and all kiosks are online. Park rangers are now giving citations to vehicles that do not pay and to date have written 75. People who receive citations have 30 days to contest or pay for their citation.

Lakes Parking Payment History

LOCATION	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11
WATSON	\$27,575	\$27,768	\$28,504	\$30,485	
WILLOW	\$ 3,317	\$ 3,310	\$ 4,223	\$ 6,198	
GOLDWATER	\$34,745	\$37,921	\$35,678	\$38,912	
TOTALS	\$65,637	\$68,999	\$68,405	\$75,595	\$41,477
ANNUAL PASS	\$ 3,380	\$4,696	\$4,734	\$8,615	\$3,460

a. **Significant increase in FY10 can be attributed to AARP employees manning the booths on weekends beginning in March, 2009-** Annual pass purchases have gone up significantly since the implementation of the kiosks at the lakes, in addition to the representation of AARP employees.

b. **FY11 totals combined in new accounting program. Kiosks went live August 16, 2010. We are 3.4 months into new fiscal year.-** The kiosk at Peavine went live October 11 and already has collected \$86. The money collected at the Peavine will go back to the Peavine.

7. Pioneer Park Improvements

- a. **Sewer Upgrade-** Project should start in the upcoming months. Could possibly affect PHS Softball season
- b. **Shade Structures-** Project will start in 2 weeks

8. Granite Creek Park – Gate Solutions- Gate at Granite Creek Park leading to shopping center has been a point of contention for residents and merchants. Merchants prefer to keep it locked as it cuts down on theft. Residents prefer that it be open so that they can access the shopping center from the park. The resolution is to build a “kissing gate” that would open in or out and latch. The gate would be built in house and installed.

9. Securing Athletic Fields

- a. **Maintenance staff heartily recommends we continue this practice as they feel there has been significant gains made with new policy (less damage & graffiti, better reservation compliance / less unauthorized use, less staff time duplicating efforts for re-prepping fields, etc)-** Janelle Riedl reiterated that the policy has helped in preventing dogs on the playing fields. She stated that during soccer Saturdays AYSO has a hard time implementing the policy because there is not a set ordinance. Debbie stated that she and Gary Grahlmann are working with Council to get ordinances passed.

10. Division Reports

Park Rangers- Debbie informed the Board that Mary Collins would soon be leaving as Coordinator of the Park Ranger Program. Gary Grahlmann is set to take her place. The park Rangers have been doing their best to help the public, event to go as far as seek medical attention for an injured park visitor and contacting the gentleman’s wife and transporting her to pick up their vehicle. Park Rangers also help in identifying facility issues that need to be fixed.

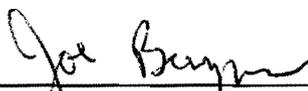
Grants- Eric Smith has been steadily working on grant proposals that match the Department Capital Improvement needs. Some of the proposals he is working on are:

- Environmental funds and Foundations- water quality to reduce pollution
- MUSCO lighting- new lights at Bill Vallely, Heritage Park and Ken Lindley. This funding would be made possible in conjunction with Baseball Tomorrow, a Major League Baseball program, and the US Soccer Foundation.
- Arizona Humanities Council- tourism maps

Eric is also working with the Prescott National Forest on a sustainable Recreation Plan to create more camping areas, trails, and recreational snow areas.

Maintenance- Nothing to report.

11. Next Meeting- January 21, 2010



Joe Baynes, Chairman



Michelle Stacy