Parks and Recreation Board
General Meeting
February 29, 2012
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE **General Meeting** OF THE **Parks and Recreation Board** held on **February 29, 2012** in the **Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center, Flagstone Room** located at **824 E. Gurley St.**, Prescott, Arizona.

1. **Roll Call & Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2011**
   Members Present: Bob Bockrath, Michael King, Rowle Simmons
   Members not Present: Janelle Riedl, Ali Schroeder
   Others Present: Joe Baynes, Tim Legler, Eric Smith, Michelle Stacy-Schroeder, Steve Mancha, Rudy Litka, Chris Hosking, Shannon Ganz, Wayne Howell, Cindy Barks, Dan Hunt. Shannon Ganz is the Chino Valley Recreation Manager and was present to observe the meeting

   Motion made by Rowle Simmons to accept the minutes from October 19, 2011 as written. Motion was seconded by Bob Bockrath. Motion passed unanimously-all approved.

2. **Ken Lindley Wall Project** – Joe Baynes reported that the wall on the west side of Ken Lindley Park (Washington St) that had been failing for years has been taken down. The Parks Maintenance Department removed the wall and replaced it with a rip-wrap slop, along with new chain link fencing and trees. The playground equipment is being fixed and will be replaced, under budget from previous estimates.

3. **Council Items from 2/28/12 meeting-** Joe Baynes explained that at the Council meeting on 2/28/12, Council approved the renaming of a portion of the Granite Creek Park to the Tom Pettit Community Park. Council also approved the PAL Boxing Gym agreement, presented by Jake Magallanez. The boxing gym is located inside of the Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center.

4. **Potential Projects-** Joe Baynes explained to the Board that there is a possible potential project being discussed with parks and Recreation. This item has not been discussed with Council or the City Manager as specifics are still being discussed. The proposal is for a disc golf course, to be built at either Watson Lake or Goldwater Lake. The cost to build is estimated at $10,000.00, but as Joe explained will bring parking revenue to either Lake. Joe stated that in the last six months, he has had six different proposals for a disc golf course and has recommended that those groups work together.

   Joe explained that the pump track discussed at a previous meeting is currently on hold, as the group trying to build it is trying to get legal standing as an LLC. Joe explained that it will probably go back to Council within the next 45 days. Joe reminded the Board that the pump track would be self built and self maintained and would be about 10,000 square feet.

Joe reported that the Department is working on a Horsley license agreement to complete the trail around Watson Lake. The hold up is Council's concern with rock climbing in the area and the safety issues that rock climbing presents. Joe explained that there is a meeting scheduled for March 1, 2012 to discuss it further.

5. **Geocaching-** Dan Hunt made a presentation to the Board to discuss Geocahing. He explained that Geocahing is recreational activity that is spreading in popularity throughout the world. The idea of geocahing is for people to hide hidden containers all over the world, that people log onto www.geocahing.com and find the coordinates for the cache. They then go on a hunt to locate the cache and the special items inside. Dan explained that geocahing is done world wide and any age can do it. He is excited about bringing geocaching to Prescott and stated that there are already a few caches located at Goldwater Lake, outside of the parks and Recreation Administration office and Acker Park as part of a trial run, and stated that those few are rapidly growing in popularity as well. Geocachers are self containing and any trash that they bring in, goes out with them. Dan is hoping that the City of Prescott will be supportive of geocaching and will be willing to advertise the local caches and information on their website.

6. **2014 N.J.C.A.A. Soccer nationals-** Joe Baynes discussed that Yavapai College has submitted a proposal to host the 2014 NJCAA Soccer Nationals. This would be a first for Yavapai College and it would be a joint partnership with the City of Prescott and the town of Prescott Valley. The Nationals would be a six day tournament and would host 12 teams from across the United States. The College should know by the end of March or early April if they won their bid.

7. **Peavine Restroom-** Eric Smith reported that bids will be coming in for the building of a restroom at the Peavine Trail/ Sundog Ranch Road Trailhead on March 1, 2012. He has received lots of interest from companies in Flagstaff, Peoria, and Phoenix as well as local contractors. The hope is to send the bid proposal to Council in March and start building in April with completion in June. The structure will have waterless urinals and electric hand dryers. The estimated cost was set at $212,000 but could come way under. Partial monies will come from parking fees collected at the Peavine and the rest would come from Park Impact fees.

8. **Division Reports**
    a. **Sports & Recreation** – Michelle Stacy-Schroeder reported that City League basketball team numbers were up from last winter and is coming to a close in the next few weeks. Also City League Spring Volleyball registration is up from last spring as well. The Recreation department is gearing up for a busy tournament season wit the first two being the Mile High Soccer Classic for youth soccer and the Battle of the Badges softball tournament, that will benefit law enforcement and fire agencies from around the State, to include three non-profit agencies- The 100 Club of

Arizona, The Law Enforcement Torch Runners for Special Olympics and the Arizona Burn and Trauma Foundation.

b. **Trails-** Chris Hosking reported that there was a successful dedication for the new Constellation Trail. With the Eagle Scout and Over-the-Hill gang, there were more than 2,500 man hours in the creation of the trail. The hope is to connect the Constellation Trail to the Willow Lake Circle Trail. Many thanks to Cody Walker for the plaque and monument.

   Chris stated that he is working on a license agreement to complete the loop around Watson Lake. He is also working on a 2-mile trail through the Preserve and Enchanted Canyon area. Chris is throwing around the idea to use mechanized equipment to help build trails, stating it would help the process be completed faster.

c. **Parks Maintenance-** Rudy Litka reported that sports season is in full swing with Prescott High School Softball home opener on February 22, Yavapai College home opener on March 3, and AYSO secondary season field usage starting back in January. Maintenance is working on the turf and field conditions in anticipation of Prescott Little League, Prescott Girls Softball Association, City League Softball and Prescott Senior Softball usage in March and running through August.

d. **Ranger-** Eric Smith reported that currently we have 29 Rangers in the volunteer Ranger program, with about half of them authorized to write parking citations.

e. **Lakes** – Steve Mancha reported that the camping season at Watson Lake will start in April. In the down season, the Division has increased camping sites from 23 to 35. The Lakes Division is working on improved park signage and new shower privacy panels. Steve also reported that the landscaping at Willow Lake will be getting some work done in the next month or so. Steve will be working with Chris Hosking on the layout of the possible disc golf layout.

f. **Special Projects and Files-** Eric Smith reported that Carescape sent a volunteer group to Granite Creek Park for a park cleanup project. Explained that they brought arborists and partners from other business and removed trees along the Greenways. In total there were approximately 60 people that worked a total of 500 man hours to clean the park up. Eric also explained that there are more service groups lined up to volunteer to include ASU students, the Boys and Girls Club, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

   Eric explained that he is working on a special event called the Great Outdoors Recreation Festival and Expo that will advertise all outdoor

recreation in the quad city area and will host several vendors, food, live music, information, classes and demonstrations. The event will be 2 day event will be held at Watson Lake in October.

9. **Thanks To Outgoing Board Members-** Joe Baynes wanted to acknowledge the service of Bob Bockrath and Ali Schroeder for serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and also welcomed the addition of Wayne Howell and Ted Blake as new members on the Board.

10. Next Meeting – TBD

Motion made by Michael King to adjourn the meeting at 3:465pm. Motion was seconded by Rowle Simmons. All in favor- Motion passed unanimously in favor.

Janelle Riedl

Janelle Riedl, Chairwoman

Michelle Stacy-Schroeder

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