



# MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT RECREATION SERVICES BOARD

May 30, 2019  
3:00 p.m.

Grace Sparkes Activity Center  
824 East Gurley Street  
Prescott, Arizona 86303

Minutes of the Recreation Services Board Meeting held on May 30, 2019 in the Flagstone Room, located at 824 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, Arizona.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Travers called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Parks and Recreation Board Members and Liaisons

Present

Excused/Absent

Sherri Hanna  
Linda Nichols  
Peg Travers  
Chris Welborn  
Tom Dwyer

Council Liaison

Council Liaison, Councilwoman Alexa Scholl was unable to attend

Staff Present

Staff Liaison, Michelle Stacy-Schroeder  
Recreation Services Director, Joe Baynes  
Michelle Stacy-Schroeder  
Adam Camacho  
Chris Hosking  
Tim Legler  
Larry Stephens

**3. Approval of January 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Chris Welborn made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes of January 30, 2019. Linda Nichols seconded, Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Board Member Updates**

Linda Nichols updated the Board as to a project she is working on with Recreation Coordinator Kelly Tolbert pertaining to the 2.34 acres the City owns known as the Dog Park. They are working to create a sponsorship program to allow for further maintenance and improvements of the dog park. They are talking with APS and Findlay Auto Group about addition of ramps, agility track, seating with shade and perhaps a water feature. They have vetted the project through the City of Prescott Legal Department and are currently modeling a website to roll out the plan. The group would like to solicit business sponsors by placing a notice in the local newspaper for two

consecutive Sundays. Individual citizens would also be welcome to donate either by purchasing a brick that would be placed at the park outside the walkway with engraving that would memorialize a pet for citizens (our cost \$20, to be purchased for \$100 by interested parties). A special account has been set up for donations received through a sponsorship/donation page and/or packet. The park currently hosts approximately 570 people per day and this endeavor would allow for upgrades and maintenance of the park.

Sherrie Hanna told the Board that the Hanna Fast Pitch Tournament went very well; however had two fewer teams than the previous year. A California team won and there were lots of players from Texas.

Peg Travers spoke about the Pickleball courts and her concern with participants parking at the Brownlow Trail. The parking has been more open on weekends. She stated that the Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters had an event at the courts on June 10 that offered free play for youth. The Association is seeing an increase in teens participating. At this point the Association boasts over 300 members. Free lessons are offered once each week. Tom Dwyer asked about transportation for youth to get to the courts. Joe Baynes suggested that the Association contact the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Arizona to work on a possible partnership to that end.

#### **5. Lower Goldwater Lake Project**

Joe explained to the Board that the project is currently under design and will be approximately 60% completed within the next few weeks. He is hopeful for a spring 2020 opening. City Council has approved the design, but must still approve the construction contract.

#### **6. West Granite Creek Park**

A conceptual drawing done by Barnabus Kane was handed out to the Board. The plan is to use local energy, provide a place for the Farmers Market as well as a venue for community concerts and events. The Hilton Garden Inn will be to the left of existing park and will include a splash pad, railroad themed playground, restroom and family grass area. Decomposed granite will be placed in surrounding areas. Exerplay is working with the architect of record on play equipment. Power will be provided to part of the area for use by the Farmers Market vendors. Linda Nichols asked how the department will handle the added maintenance of this park. Joe explained that while it will require more seasonal dollars, the park itself will be easy to maintain. Tom Dwyer asked about a completion date for the Hilton. Joe explained that there is a 12 month window for after the second round of reviews takes place in Planning & Zoning. He expects completion to be next summer or early Fall 2020.

The Feed the Homeless area has been moved to Madison Avenue where there is better lighting and the area can more easily be policed.

#### **7. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**

The celebration will take place at Watson Lake Park this year with the fireworks actually shooting out over the water from a barge. Joe explained there are challenges but City Staff is working to ensure all safety concerns are addressed. Eagle Management and Events is organizing and managing the event.

The City will manage traffic by closing Hwy 89 at Prescott Lakes Parkway for a portion due to concerns over drivers not paying attention to the road when watching the fireworks and activities. There will be a command center at the Overlook off Hwy 89. Buses will be provided to transport visitors from Pioneer Park to the Watson Lake Drop Off area. Maximum capacity for parking at the lake is 1500 vehicles.

## **8. Pickleball Courts**

Joe explained that staff has been working through Memorial Day Weekend to complete the Courts. Completion date expected to be mid August 2019. The Association is beginning planning for tournaments using eight (8) courts.

## **9. Division Reports**


- a. Golf Course – There is a huge father-son tournament taking place at Antelope Hills Golf Course this weekend. Over 500 golfers are expected to participate with 80% of those from out of town. The course currently boasts over 400 rounds per day on weekends.
- b. Chris Hosking spoke on trails and explained that they have busy with over 800,000 visits annually. A new 12<sup>th</sup> Edition map has recently been printed. We give out approximately 45,000 maps per year. Chris explained that the map is also downloadable via Avenza app. He further explained that he is working with the Ecosa institute to include educational interpretive signage throughout the trail which will go through the Ecosa Institute property and with a partnership with the City the trail is being built with the Over-the-Hill Gang who is building a ramp to allow easier hiking over boulders. Constellation trail will have a restroom completed by Ridgeline builders approximately June 9, 2019. The parking lot will become a pay to park lot at that time.
- c. Larry Stephens spoke regarding the lakes water levels being higher. He stated there are many events taking place at our Ramada's located at the lakes to include a huge Easter celebration, Whiskey Basin Trail Run, Celebrations of life, etc. Larry stated that the Kayak and Canoe rentals are going very well. The fee for camping was increased this year to \$20 per night and there has been no slow down in usage. He explained there will be a second kiosk placed at Watson to allow for streamlined entrance to the Park. The Kiosk is to be up and running by end of next week. Summer hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. have been extended from April through October. June 1 will was a free fishing day at Goldwater Lake from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. with an excellent turnout.
- d. Adam Camacho spoke about the dog park. He stated that the grounds are deep cleaned once a month. Volunteers clean the park every Monday. Rubber tack around the grass area has been repaired. Community Services workers are clearing brush at Acker, Pioneer and Granite Creek Parks. Power is off at the Ramada at Granite Creek except for reservation only. Adam spoke to the partnerships we have with groups such as PUSD, Youth Soccer, Youth Football, etc. A field at Willow Creek was groomed to be ready for Prescott Little League to use. New infield mix is planned for next year. Adam's team is also maintaining the playground at the Boys & Girls Club.
- e. Mike Carr addressed the Board to discuss Fleet and Facilities. They are requesting 20-26 new vehicles in the next fiscal year. The Rodeo grounds deck is being repaired as well as the ticket sale booth. Facilities are working on repairs to the Legal Department building. Next year the third level of steps at the Parking Garage will be repaired. His team is getting preparing for another auction soon. They are currently performing an inventory audit for the parts department.
- f. Michelle Stacy-Schroeder spoke to the Board on Special events explaining that we are now in full swing for the season. The Whiskey Off Road event was successful again this year. YMCA Whiskey Row Marathon also went off without a hitch. Two craft fairs on the square so far this season have been well attended. Michelle is gearing up for the Party in the Pines event June 1, Balloon Glow on June 15. The Rodeo week from July 1-7 will include plenty of events to include the Kiddie Parade on July 5, Rodeo 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade on July 6, Hose Cart races on July 7 and the Prescott water wars on July 6 at Prescott Mile High Middle School. Of course the big event will be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Watson Lake. Upcoming event boss events will be June 15-16 Beat the Heat Softball tournament, June 1 Party in the Pines, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at Watson Lake. Pickleball will hold the Granite Mountain Games September 12-15, 2019. Michelle also updated the Board as to the Special Needs Program. We will send the dates of dances to the Board members so they can attend if they wish. The program currently serves over 125 participants and also partner with Special Olympics of Arizona.

9. The next meeting of the Recreation Services Board is to be determined at a later date.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Travers adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m., seconded by Tom Dwyer.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Michelle Stacy-Schroeder, Special Events Manager



Peg Travers, Chairman

Date: 10/31/19