



# MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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**City of Prescott Parks & Rec Board  
General Meeting  
Thursday, November 19, 2020  
3:00 p.m.**

**Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center  
Flagstone Room  
824 E. Gurley St  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA  
(928) 777-1122**

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**Minutes of the Recreation Services Board Meeting held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 in the Flagstone Room, located at 824 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, Arizona.**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Travers called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Parks and Recreation Board Members and Liaisons

Present

Peg Travers  
Chris Welborn  
Linda Nichols  
Sherri Hanna  
Deborrah Miller

Council Liaison

Councilwoman Alexa Scholl

Staff Present

Staff Liaison, Samara Rice  
Recreation Services Director, Joe Baynes

Excused/Absent

**3. Approval of June 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Chris Welborn made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes of **June 18, 2020**. Deborrah Miller seconded, Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Granite Creek corridor project**

Joe distributed an illustration of the area discussed in the prior meeting and council has approved moving forward on this project in one phase. Hope to start construction in April if things go as planned, pending grant funding. The corridor runs from Aubrey Street by the Mile High Middle School to Granite Creek Park. There will be lighting and trail surfacing improvements, stream water quality and water flow improvements, signage, amenities like small Ramada's and sitting areas. These areas will tie in with the Hilton Garden Inn area. The Splash Pad has been pushed back to opening in the spring due to the COVID delays.

Peg asked if the Farmers Market will be moving over in to that area. No conclusive answer but the hope is there. Parking is a concern but there are plans promoting more parking options. There will be ample parking.

Linda asked when a completion date might be for the corridor and Joe stated and April 2021 start and finish in April 2022 based on grant funding availability.

Three sources of Funding – General fund, Land and Conservation Fund and Water Protection Fund because it will improve the water quality.

Linda inquired about the “pre-marketing.” She feels it would be nice for the citizens to know before all the work begins that there are great benefits and advantages to this project. Joe said there have been at least three public meetings discussing the funding and the process. He does feel there are a few more opportunities planned.

## **5. Board Member Updates**

**Chris Welborn** – Mentioned meeting at the pickleball courts to work on a drawing for PPA.

**Sherrie** brought up the recent golf tournament and asked how it was handled with COVID. Joe noted there were no food vendors permitted, all guidelines were followed with many protocols in place in order to allow the outdoor event.

**Deborrah Miller** felt the Veterans Day Parade was done very well with safety protocols in place and thanked Michelle Stacy-Schroeder for a job well done.

**Peg Travers** for the record P&R has been amazing keeping open air activity and providing an alternative during this difficult time.

## **6. Division Reports – Given by Joe Baynes**

### **a. Sports programming updates – submitted by Rick Hormann**

- Joe highlighted a few things such as we were able to have our softball league this year. We had a 102 softball teams, typically have 140 teams. We had extra signage, hand sanitizer stations, spaced teams. There were no incidents. Did have to cancel spring basketball and volleyball. Not sure if we are going to be able to do Winter basketball or YMCA ball. We will base it on what is going on around the state. Trying to keep things in place so if we can do it we will.
- Pickleball new board is great.
- Teen Task Force is hoping to move forward but the COVID is limiting activities. Currently utilizing the Mayors Youth Advisory Board to reach out to the various schools. Hope to progress as COVID permits.
- The SNAP program – serve about 150 Special Needs Adults. Drive through was created so participants could drive through and receive craft bags. Did bring bag BINGO in October and hope to be able to continue it.
- Sporting Events calendar signified in green the cancelled events. Whiskey Basin running race had about 600 runners with a protocol in place. The planner had put together a superb COVID protocol.

### **b. Golf course updates – Submitted by Albert Mendibles and Randy Picard**

- About 8000 more rounds this year already over last year. Implemented several protocols, such as golf cart sanitizing between use, no more than six people in the

club house at a time. A lot of new golfers, youth and family. Food and beverage took a big hit. Usually 38 events at the Centennial Center, currently 10 events.

**c. Trails and natural parklands updates – Joe Baynes:**

- Last years average daily use on the Peavine 161 this year 252. Constellation almost doubled the daily use. P-Mountain was re-painted by Chris Hosking and the Over the Hill Gang. It's typically been a Prescott High School project.

**d. Recreation supervisor updates submitted by Larry Stephens:**

- Almost double the ramada rental reservations. Goldwater had to limit reservations due to parking. Hoping to Lower Goldwater opened up. Camping attendance also up considerably. Scaled back version of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event took place with all social distancing practiced.

**e. Landscape update – N/A**

**f. Maintenance coordinator updates – submitted by Adam Camacho**

- Trailhead at Britini off Willow Lake Road was modified with millings and boulders. Also other millings stored at Heritage Park for the Community Nature Center

**g. Special events updates – submitted by Michelle Stacy-Schroeder:**

- Veterans Day Parade – 83 registered entries – 75 participated. Department made a reservation transition to an online reservation system.

**h. Fleet and facilities updates – submitted by Justin Hill- Fleet updates**

- 6 full time mechanics keeping up with everything. Limited number of new vehicles. Two Tahoe's for PD to replace 9-year old vehicles. Fire engine to replace 14-year-old truck.
- Fleet put in sneeze guards in 4000sf of buildings.

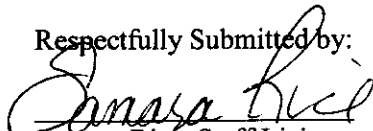
**7. Arizona Eco Development site visit – Members met at location off Peavine Trail for walking tour.**

**8. Next Meeting – TBD**

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Linda Nichols made motion to adjourn, Chris Welborn second, Chairman Travers adjourned the meeting at 3:53p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Samara Rice, Staff Liaison

  
Peg Travers, Chairman

Date: 4/15/21