



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

**City of Prescott Parks & Rec Board
General Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 2021
3:00 p.m.**

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

Minutes of the Recreation Services Board Meeting held on Thursday, April 15, 2021 in the Flagstone Room, located at 824 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, Arizona.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Travers called the meeting to order at 3:316 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Parks and Recreation Board Members and Liaisons

Present

Excused/Absent

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

3. Approval of November 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Linda Nichols made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes of **November 16, 2020**. Deborrah Miller seconded, Motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Member Updates

Linda Nichols – Updated on dog park – worked with Kelly Tolbert and Darla Deville with APS on dedication plaque and using “brick money” for an amenity at the park. Discussion on park issues and cement with a pattern being recommended in place of deteriorating rubber. Inquired in to available City Park benches to place at Dog Park. Kelly will reach out to suppliers to see what they can offer. They are hoping to see the water features fixed. Darla Deville stated she would be happy to throw a pizza party for volunteers. Checking with Beneful to see if they will send stuff to celebrate 7th anniversary and potential ribbon cutting possibly December 14th.

Sherrie Hannah - no updates.

Chris Welborn – no updates.

Deborrah Miller – Inquired about an outreach program through the city. Discussed an article Chino Valley has about a youth program for Pickleball.

Peg Travers - Peg mentioned USA Pickleball has done some outreach in the state. Peg offered paddles and balls and training for youth.

5. **Community Garden Presentation by John Asadourian and John Murphy** - The presentation was to provide data to support their request and summarize their vision for a new community garden. They requested a contract with the City of Prescott for the Willow Lake Community Garden, a 6 acre parcel that is currently being occupied by Prescott Dirt. “The purpose of the Willow Lake Community Garden is to create a nonpartisan platform in the community, one where all voices can be heard, in the hope of building a brighter future - together.”

Their goal is to create a sustainable and expandable resource within the Tri City area objectives are:

- 1) To build an outdoor venue that serves the community
- 2) To establish a food distribution network which collaborates with other organizations that serve the needy, the restaurants, and our consumers.
- 3) To educate the public, support backyard gardening, and to stand in the gap between our local colleges and the school garden programs
- 4) To act as a food laboratory studying the natural sciences, soil regeneration, and carbon sequestering.

The benefit to our community would include the following:

- 1) To build community and raise a sense of well being
- 2) To stand as a resource to advance school gardens, garden to cafeteria, and farm to school.
- 3) To offer an operational model for anyone interested in growing food in their backyard. To focus on food security issues, the localization of our economy, and to raise awareness around our local food distribution system.

Peg Travers inquired as to if the request is partnership with the City. Joe Baynes stated they would need to form a 501c3 and propose to council. Peg supports the concept and would like to hear more about it. Joe suggested contacting and working with the Audubon Society.

6. **FY2022 Budget** – Joe Baynes discussed FY2022 budget. Operating budget 9.3 million for all department. 48 full-time staff. Did not ask for additional positions, might bring in P/T Project Mgr. Asking for new positions.

Peg mentioned that with the addition of the 4 Pickleball courts they’ve seen an increase in tourism. She asked if there is a proposal for 4-more courts. Will the Recreation Services increase private tournaments at the courts?

7. **Project Update – Joe Baynes** – Greenways Granite Creek Corridor – started construction in early April with an anticipated completion of April 2022. New City Hall – 201 N. Montezuma – 7.55 million with approx 1.5 in tenant improvements. Working on Center for the Future in City Annex building. Splash Pad – shooting for a May 14th opening. Lower Goldwater – plan to move forward - bid out in July – construction in August if all goes well. Council awarded contract to Vicente Landscaping for Pickleball Court landscape. PIMBA Raising money to expand “Pump Track” at Granite Creek Park. Goal is \$56,000 and wants to be completed by June.

8. **Division Reports – Given by Joe Baynes**

a. Sports programming updates

- 44 tournaments, bike races and running races. All tournament Directors submitting COVID protocols for approval prior to events.
- City Leagues – researching new leagues to add to programming: Dodge-ball, ultimate Frisbee, city league Frisbee golf, corn hole leagues, etc.
- Prescott Media Center returned to operations with Lynne and Rob.
- Full-time staff returning to Recreation Services office on April 5th. New RecDesk Online Program for registrations, reservations and scheduling.
- SNAP – scheduled outdoor drive-thru activities – hope to resume indoor activities later in the year.

b. Golf course updates

- Aerified the North Greens. Material added to cart paths on the North and some on the south. Sand added to bunkers.
- About 90,000 rounds of golf.

c. Trails and natural parklands updates

- Been busy with the Over the Hill Gang this winter on trail maintenance on the Centennial, Butte Creek, Flume, Constellation, Pioneer Park and Greenways Trails. New Construction of the Legacy Trail/Prescott Circle Trail at Pioneer Park was completed April 2, 2021 and new construction of neighborhood connectivity trail to Pinion Oaks was started April 7.

d. Recreation supervisor updates

- Current lake levels reported for Watson – 5.7ft, Willow – 10ft and Goldwater Lake down 6.51ft as of April 5, 2021. Improvements: Goldwater “Log Cabin Ramada” got a new metal roof, tables re-varnished, and new logs on south end, repainted and new lights. Prepped to remove caretaker home at Goldwater. Bocce Ball benches painted at Watson. Installed new Rotary Club sign by Hwy 89 overlook.

e. Maintenance coordinator updates

- Completed fertilization and seeding on all turf areas. Repaired Bill Valleley, Heritage infield lip edges. Irrigation maintenance – water line and backflow repairs completed. Repaired ballast for ball field lights at Ken Lindley and replaced lights at hockey rink.

f. Special events updates

- Gearing up for full year of events. Numbers down slight with approx 60 events scheduled on City property and/or Mile High Middle School. Typically 70-75 events each year. COVID guidelines being asked of promoters. In March a 6-hour bike race was held followed by the Heights Church Easter Service at Watson Lake on April 4. 2021 Special Event Calendar was submitted and it was asked that Michelle Stacy-Schroeder have this on the city website with a QR code because the format makes it so easy to follow.

g. Fleet and facilities updates

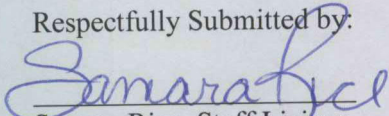
- Have been busy repairing vehicles. Aging vehicles require a great deal of maintenance. 60 new vehicle requests submitted by the departments this year.
- GSAC – Flagstone Room and kitchen painted and remodeled. IT/GIS/Code Enforcement relocated to Rodeo Complex. Center for the Future: Businesses moving in and main office being remodeled. Library exterior repainted.

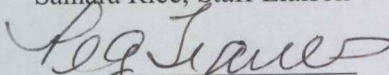
9. Next Meeting – TBD

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Linda Nichols made motion to adjourn, Chris Welborn second, Chair Peg Travers adjourned the meeting at 4:33p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Samara Rice, Staff Liaison


Peg Travers, Chairman

Date: 9/30/21