



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Prescott Parks & Recreation Board
General Meeting
Thursday, September 30, 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, September 30, 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 3:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Parks and Recreation Board Members and Liaisons

Present

Peg Travers
Linda Nichols
Sherri Hanna
Deborrah Miller

Excused/Absent

Chris Welborn

Council Liaison

Councilwoman Alexa Scholl

Staff Present

Staff Liaison, Samara Rice
Recreation Services Director, Joe Baynes

3. Approval of April 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Linda Nichols made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes of **April 15, 2021** Deborrah Miller seconded, Motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Member Updates

Linda Nichols – Brief update on Dog Park bricks moving forward. Kelly Tolbert will be ready to make Memorial Brick Purchases.

Sherrie Hannah – John Hannah tournament, Guns & Hoses Memorial Golf tournament both went well. Golf tournament at Centennial Center was fabulous. Linda commented that Sherrie did an amazing job.

Deborrah Miller – No updates

Peg Travers - PPA is thriving under Roger Wolf's guidance and have been generating revenue for the City. Thrilled to announce a Ramada will be put in at the Pickleball courts.

- 5. Granite Dells Preservation Foundation Presentation** - Ruth Anne Norris – President of the Granite Dells preservation Foundation. Been on the board for about 3-years. Foundation formed in 2010. Non-profit with primary mission to raise money to put toward matching grants from private entities or from the City to help purchase land in the Dells. Ultimate goal is to create a regional park and preserve in the Dells. Ruth Ann would like to enhance the visitor experience by improving the appearance of the Peavine Trailhead. She presented images of corrugated steel panels, approximately 570 feet, to have installed on the north side of the Peavine Trail restrooms. Ruth Anne stated that the intent was for the panels to each be 10 feet wide by 4 feet high with a 2-foot space from the ground.

They are looking at approximately \$47,000 in funding. Fundraisers were discussed as a form of acquiring some of the funds needed for this project. It was mentioned giving local businesses the opportunity to support this project by purchasing plaques to go on each panel. It was mentioned that this may be a two-phase project with the second phase to block the rest of the industrial area to the East of the trail. The question of maintenance was discussed and Joe Baynes clarified that it would fall under the Recreation Services Department. Ruth Anne is asking for the support from the City of Prescott Recreation Services Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to move ahead with the project. Would appreciate some type of participation agreement. Does not expect the City to pay for all of the panels. She mentioned the Dog Parks Brick Project as inspiring as inspiring. Hope to start construction late next spring if all goes well.

Deborrah Miller proposed the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board give their recommendation from to the City of Prescott Recreation Services to pursue the project. Sherrie Hannah seconded.

- 6. Airport Reclamation Birding Project** – Sue Drown presented on behalf Prescott Audubon Society. Prescott Audubon Society that has been in the Prescott area since the 1970's. Worked with the city on several projects including Stricklin park. History of doing improvement projects with and for the City of Prescott to increase street appeal and tourism. Sue stated that some of the "water utilities" could be dual purpose parks. Kachina Wetlands and Sedona Wetlands were brought up as examples of some of the dual-purpose parks. They feel the City of Prescott is missing out on great opportunities. The City of Prescott is trying to develop parks by the airport and Sue mentioned the Wastewater Treatment plants as areas to developed. Her concept is to have the City enhance an asset they already have. She would like to fence off a working part of the plant for access. City council passed the appropriation for the fence at a prior council meeting. Joe mentioned that near the airport, we have an asset and if we could safely fence it off and open the ponds to the public. They went to council to move forward to move forward with the fencing. Airport has a wildlife study being done right now that will end of May of 2022. Joe is asking P&R board for their opinion. There was some discussion on other locations. Deborrah Miller is in favor of the airport location. Sherrie was expressed concern about security near the airport. Peg Travers stated she would conceptually support the concept feasible with FAA guidelines.
- 7. Lower Goldwater Lake Project** – This project has been in discussion for about three years. Was recently presented to Tourism Advisory Committee. Still needs to get council approval of the contract. \$300,000 bed tax money will be moved to this project. Total project 1.4 million to 2 million. Proposed amenities: day use Ramada, restrooms, day use sites with picnic tables, ceremony pad, about 130 paved parking spots. Michelle Stacy-Schroeder will be Project Manager on this project. This will solve a compression problem for Upper Goldwater Lake. Game and Fish would support a grant for a fishing dock. The intent is to have Lower Goldwater a catch and release trophy fishing, no boating lake. Over the Hill Gang has been working on the trail to go all the way around both lakes. Joe is asking the P&R Advisory Board for their view on the no-boating, catch and release

concept. The P&R Advisory Board supports and recommends that Lower Goldwater be strictly used for fishing, hiking, no boating. Motion was made by Linda Nichols, seconded by Sherri Hannah.

8. Division Reports – Given by Joe Baynes

a. Sports programming updates

- 46 Tournaments – bike, running races. Special Needs serving over 150 Special Needs adults. Kept it going with drive-thru events. Special Olympics basketball is back with Karlyne Crews, Snap Coordinator in assistance. City of Prescott Teen Task Force had their kick-off event in September. The TTF First Annual Youth Fall Fashion Show with over 120 in attendance at the Grace Sparkes Activity Center. Over 20 youth were able to participate, walk the runway, learn about behind the scene productions to put on an event. The youth were able to receive some of the items they modeled and build strong friendships and are looking forward to the next activities.

b. Golf course updates

c. Trails and natural parklands updates

- Trails have been very occupied and keeping the Over the Hill Gang and Chris Hosking very busy. Lower Goldwater Lake trail has been one over their latest accomplishments. Community Nature Center has been progressing with outdoor learning and new trails connecting to the schools. Mountain Bike race coming up 9&10th of October.

d. Recreation supervisor updates

- Tim Legler addressed some Dog Park updates and some of the difficulty acquiring the products needed for the upgrades but should see progress in October. Wood fiber chips are very expensive right now.
- BV field repairs completed.
- Completed fertilization and seeding on all turf areas.
- Soccer fields painted for AYSO and Granite Mountain Middle School weekly
- Moving city hall offices.
- Granite Creek Splash Pad has required daily maintenance. Water tested 2x daily. Hours adjusted due to good weather. Should be Memorial Day to Labor Day. Additional update, intending to fence along Montezuma.

e. Maintenance coordinator updates

- Lake hours will be changing from 6am – 10pm to 7am – 6pm on October 5th.
- Current lake levels, Watson Lake is down 4.88 ft as of 9/21/21, Willow Lake is down 10 ft, and Goldwater Lake is down 1.06 ft.
- Cleaned out ditch and culvert that goes under walkway by Original Ramada at Goldwater Lake and added rocks for water breaks to help with wash out.

f. Special events updates

- End of July big Women's Senior Softball tournament. Most teams in the past were 35 since 2009. This year we had 40 teams (50) and over, 7 (55) and over, 8 (60) and over 8 (65) and over. Teams from AZ, CA, NV, OH, etc. Senior Volleyball Tournament with 48 teams – 2-days. Events we lost a few due to COVID, such as

Highland Games, POW WOW. Getting ready for Veterans Day Parade, 8 vets serving as Grand Marshals, oldest is 102.

g. Fleet and facilities updates

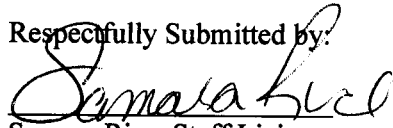
- Facilities have been moving City Hall, going well but very time consuming.
- Airport Terminal
- Center For the Future pretty well done.
- Will be replacing the last set of stairs at parking garage.
- Fleet is working alongside other departments to procure the 49 vehicles for FY22.
- City vehicle auction is starting this week and ending October 9th. There are five vehicles, two snow spreaders, one trailer, and one generator being auctioned.
- Fleet is ramping up on preparing all the snowplow equipment for this upcoming snow season.

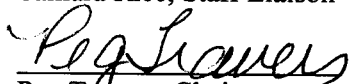
9. Next Meeting – TBD

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Sherri Hannah made motion to adjourn, Linda Nichols second, Chair, Peg Travers, adjourned the meeting at 4:37p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Samara Rice, Staff Liaison


Peg Travers, Chairman

Date: 12/16/2021