



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

**PARKS & RECREATION
GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022
3:00PM**

**GRACE SPARKES MEMORIAL ACTIVITY CENTER
FLAGSTONE ROOM
824 E. GURLEY ST.
PRESCOTT, AZ 86301
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**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION SERVICES BOARD MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, IN THE FLAGSTONE ROOM, LOCATED AT 824 E.
GURLEY STREET, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Parks and Recreation Board Members and Liaisons

Present

Excused/Absent

Peg Travers, Chair
Alan Blaine, Vice Chair
Susan Wiens
Scott Jackson
Peter Kroopnick

Council Liaison

Eric Moore

Staff Present

Staff Liaison, Samara Rice
Recreation Services Director, Joe Baynes

3. Discussion & Action Items

A. Approval of April 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Susan Wiens made Motion to approve the minutes of **April 14, 2022**, seconded Scott Jackson.

B. Board Member Updates

Scott – Car Show feedback

Pete – Pickleball courts – suggesting a sign out front with City of Prescott contributions.

Peg – Pickleball updates – Concerned about instructors at courts not going through the city.

C. Proposed Fiscal year 2023 Capital plan

Joe stated they would be going to council in a budget workshop, and he wanted to share what the proposed capital budget was. He explained the process to the board members and what the goals were of the Recreation Department. He discussed the positions that we would be attempting to fill. Our employee base has not grown nearly as much as the additional locations, dog park, splash pad, etc.

D. Prescott Food Forest Presentation

John Murphy with Ann Harrington (Make 100 Healthy Foundation), Stephane Leon (leading education efforts), Cathy Mayo (long time homesteader who will, Deborah Ott (retired principal who will help reach out to schools) and Rhonda Clark (local Prescott resident). They plan to propose a piece of property at Heritage Park for a food forest. The property has electrical and water already. They want to build something new, sustainable, and interactive. A gardening discovery center. Teach, harvest, cook and preserve healthy food. Going to give away 10% of what is grown to the food banks.

Committed to getting Master Gardeners. World class expectations. Difference between this and another community garden, this will be a Garden Discovery Center. Teach different types of gardening. Aeroponic/hydroponic gardening. Anticipate a 30x40 greenhouse with fundraising efforts in the future. Hope to be able to sale to Prescott Meals on Wheels once certified. Should be able to grow year-round and provide to local restaurants. Planning to invest in cooking set-up to provide classes in the community. There is electric and water and already fenced. They plan to make it available for event space. May be able to have individual garden spaces.

Ann spoke of plant-based healing food. She discussed foods harming our planet and body and she wants to share her knowledge with the community and promote awareness. John mentioned Ann recently raising 15k for Eden, the City of Prescott Police Department dog.

Plans for a gala and potential Golf Tournament Fundraiser and many more along with grants and donations. Prescottfoodforest.com

Stephone spoke of classes that would be offered: Gardening 101, Why High Desert Growing is Difficult, How to build your Garden Boxes, Weed Control,

and many more with children. Discovery courses, Grandma & Grandpa and Me classes and canning and preservation.

Susan Wiens asked if there were "bee-keeping" plans and John stated there will be classes, but anything further would be in later stages.

Pete Kroopnick asked what the total acreage is. John stated it was less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre. Joe said that there is room to expand. Initially it will be for demonstration, teaching, and empowering people to do their own and grow their own. Won't be a major food production facility at this time.

*Alan Blaine made a motion to support this proposal to the City of Prescott, second by Scott to sustain. Motion was unanimous.

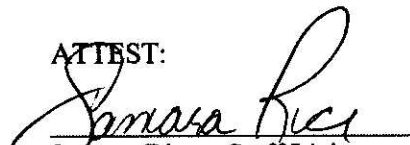
E. Division Report

Joe gave a brief overview and update on how division reports are normally done and did give some additional information from the April meeting updates.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss Peg Travers adjourned the meeting at 4:20


Peg Travers - Chair

ATTEST:

Samara Rice - Staff Liaison