



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022,
2:00PM

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, AUGUST 18, 2022, IN THE FLAGSTONE ROOM, LOCATED AT 824 E.
GURLEY STREET, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Travers called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Parks and Recreation Board Members and Liaisons

Present

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

Excused/Absent

Peter Kroopnick

Council Liaison

Eric Moore

Staff Present

Staff Liaison, Samara Rice
Recreation Services Director, Joe Baynes
Recreation Services Deputy Director, Tim Legler
Recreation Services Admin Specialist, Fiona Armstrong

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of May 16, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Susan Wiens made Motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2022, seconded
by Alan Blaine

B. Board Member Updates

Alan Blaine-said he has started making rounds of parks, taking notes, and pointed out that Board Members are not recognized to hikers and visitors to approach with questions.

Peg Travers asked if name badges had been ordered-Sam Rice confirmed an order would be placed.

Susan Wiens-reported she had let people on Nextdoor know she is a Board member and to reach out with questions, concerns, or considerations.

*Dog Park-concerns came up that things that were promised had not been done-Joe responded asking for specifics-Susan answered she would get back to him with feedback.

*Peavine Trail-reported husband had purchased a gravel bike and initially had issues with the gravel but indicated this has now changed. Will report on her progress with an E-bike once she learns how to operate.

Scott Jackson-reported he does a lot of work with the High School Golf Program and AHGC is looking great-kudos to them.

*Kayaking Vendor-how are they being paid-Joe replied that the City put out RFPs for a 5-year contract-Prescott Outdoors awarded the rights, as per legal they cannot make a reservation at the Lake it has to be done through their website.

Joe Baynes addressed Scott Jacksons comment about the Granite Creek Corridor-bid-September

C. Storm Ranch Purchase August 2022

Joe Baynes provided a presentation (with handout) regarding the proposed land purchase.

Council approved the purchase (Council Voting Minutes-August 9, 2022)

Joe reported about the possibility for the area to become a Regional Park Correction to the Storm Ranch Land Timeline (3)-Should read "in **2018** the City of Prescott was successful in acquiring 160 acres of the ranch and subsequently constructed the very popular Storm Ranch trail system"

In depth drone video presented showing trails and the two-story house built in 2007 could become an Education Center/House Summer Camps.

Peg asked if it going to be left as a park? -Joe answered yes.

Explanation of Summary of Deal Points/Sundog Ranch Partnership.

The road to Granite Dells drive will be improved to get to the house.

Family will continue to graze cattle and live on the property under a non-transferable life estate granted by the City.

All in all, this is a unique piece of property with historic features and needs to be managed carefully.

Joe finished his presentation asking if there were any questions:

Peg asked when Close of Escrow would be-Joe replied 30 to 45 days, therefore most likely the end of September.

It was recommended that the Council Voting Session (August 9, 2022) be viewed by members, with overwhelming Council support for the purchase with Joe receiving a standing ovation.

Joe said his view 25 years from now with the combined purchased pieces will be continuous trails named after memorable characters, it will be big, people will remember, and tourism will continue to increase.

One problem that Peg envisioned was the current lack of hotel rooms and RV parks.

Joe replied that the Private Sector will see this tourism growth, it will be a roll effect and they will become involved.

Round of Applause

D. FY 23 Capital Projects-Joe Baynes & Tim Legler

At the last meeting the Capital Improvements Budget had not been approved, hand out of the approved 2023 budget:

Recreation Services-Golf Course

Golf Carts (need to be replaced every five years) ordered for October 2022-pushed back until January 2023

Irrigation Improvements-North and South Golf Course

Approved for \$540,000, last year was \$500,000 and next year will be over a Million, much needed funds.

Golf Course Equipment

Miscellaneous equipment purchases, catching up with where the fleet needs to be.

The rest of the listings are smaller ongoing necessary improvements and renovations.

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West Granite Creek Park Improvements-this is the infill area by the Greenways Trail and Granite Creek Park now tied in with the Splash Pad, the area has been improved and will include additional parking.

Granite Dells Gateway Park Planning-this was discussed in the previous meeting and will be the gateway to all the properties previously shown, will apply for grant funding for some of these funds

Basketball Courts (Outdoor)-due to the need plans are in the works for more basketball courts

Parks Maintenance Shop-new shop space needed on Commerce Drive

In-line rink-Pioneer Park-needs surface improvements

Facilities Maintenance Update-Tim Legler-FY 23 Capital Projects cont.

New City Hall Improvements-ongoing projects

New City Hall Generator

Parking Lots-replacement/refurbished

City Wide Card Lock System-Card Lock System implemented-securing City assets and employees, saves the city money over rekeying after employees leave
HVAC replacements-ongoing

Police Headquarters Electrical Survey-department constantly changing and growing, power is insufficient, so survey conducted on how the building can accommodate these changes

Engineering Building Restroom Upgrades-updating shower area.

Question about Pickleball Courts being resurfaced-the problem is getting someone to do it.

General Acrylics-were contracted but pushed the job out to the next fiscal year and now do not have the staff to do the job.

City hesitant about building new courts.

E. Division Reports-Joe Baynes (5-page handout)

Joe touched on some notables:

Fleet Maintenance

The extra full-time mechanic has been a big help with the workload.

Only 19 vehicles of the 49 ordered in FY22 have arrived, it has been a little difficult getting fleet everything they need.

Finally have a backhoe after many years.

City Auction sold all items, totaling over \$91,000.

Facilities

Have a lot going on with City Hall, the golf Course, the interior remodel at the Goldwater House. Installed 30 parking stops at the Rowle P. Simmons Activity Center to maintain ADA compliance.

Park Maintenance

Weed abatement

Seventeen restroom facilities cleaned daily, daily sports field preps, landscape repair at Pioneer Park.

Lakes and Landscape

Watson Lake 4th of July-successful event-no maintenance issues

Lake levels are good

Trails

Finished the first 3.5 miles for the new Peavine extension to Chino

Programming

Leagues are going well thanks to our new programming Director-Ryan Harlow

Trekabout Hiking Club

Brought on new hike leaders for a total of 8

Trekabout leaders will be supplied with first aid kits along with t-shirts and backpacks

Antelope Hills Golf Course

Greens are looking great, rounds are up, merchandise revenue is up

Golf course added an additional 32 spots

Teen Task Force-Sam Rice

Sam showed a small video of the TTF 3-day workshop in collaboration with Matforce-Day 1 they learned about PSA's, discussing topics to chose from, activities and script writing. Day 2, they learned about operating puppets and practiced with the puppets with their script. Day 3 was filming the PSA's that will be used by Matforce to create awareness.

Began fundraising for October TTF Fashion and Talent Show for kids 7 years to 17 years old to be held at Prescott Gateway Mall.

Nature Ninos-0 to 8 years-activities scheduled the first Saturday of every month at designated parks and trails. Recently featured in the National League of Cities for commitment to bilingual accessibility in our programs alongside St. Paul, MN and San Francisco, CA.


4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to discuss Peg Travers adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM



Peg Travers – Chair

ATTEST:



Fiona Armstrong – Staff Liaison