

**CITY OF SURPRISE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 12, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Surprise City Hall - Community Room
16000 N Bullard, SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374

CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Members: Chair Wayne Turner, Vice Chair Ron Jensen, Patricia Blaisdell, Mark Brown

Absent: Brent Bailey

City Staff: Director Holly Osborn, Assistant Director Paul Frie, City Manager Bob Wingenroth

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports

None

D. Staff Reports

None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC / PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

None

CONSENT AGENDA (N/A)

- E.** Approval of items on the Consent Agenda
No items were identified as consent agenda items.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and action approving the April 25, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting – Vice Chair Ron Jensen, 2nd by Mark Brown. Four yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Discussion pertaining to the Parks and Recreation 5 year CIP.

City Manager Bob Wingenroth explained that City Council approved the investment into upgrading and expanding our parks and recreation facilities. City Manager Bob Wingenroth shared a CIP list with approximate project costs, highlighting three CIP projects including a new community pool, citywide park improvements and a new 50 acre park. The City Manager wanted to get the commission's reaction on selected projects and what their ideas and thoughts were.

Parks and Recreation Director, Holly Osborn provided further information on the three highlighted Capital Improvement Projects.

Community Pool

Potential location options: (7 acres with parking)

1. Bond land Northeast of Perryville and Cactus (near fire station)
2. Potential land on 175th and Sweetwater (near Paradise Honors H.S. - owned by Dysart)
3. Bell Rd passed McMicken Dam in conjunction with Maricopa County flood district

Director Holly Osborn recommended a 50 meter pool that will have 2 bodies of water. Holly asked for the Commission to provide their location preference and welcomed them to email her with their ideas/concepts for the pool design.

Commissioner Mark Brown asked how the land locations were established. Holly explained that the pool location was desired on the west side and once a geographical region was determined they looked at land we already owned or had a good chance of acquiring.

Commissioner Mark Brown asked if the location could be considered in a density populated area for the community to benefit. Director Holly Osborn explained the pros and cons:

- Con: with the pool being an outdoor venue that runs on evenings and weekends, surrounding residents might not love amplified sound of regional or sports and tourism swim meet. She explained noise in neighborhood needs to be considered: pool parties, slide noise, music, etc.
- Pro: The benefit of building on a parcel that is not currently surrounded is that when neighborhoods move in they know what they are buying and what will be next to them.

City Manager Bob Wingenroth explained that the process can take time: Community outreach process, design process, cost project out and council approval.

The Commission discussed site 1 being most advantageous and like the idea of the faster build time, utility savings and being able to work in conjunction with fire station 309 timeline.

Park Improvement Projects

Director Holly Osborn explained that the park improvement projects focus is on making sure the current park inventory is finished and complete including projects like shade, fencing, parking, restrooms, lights, solar, rehabs of fields, etc. Holly explained that the projects will be phased in over time to benefit all residents.

50 Acre Park

Director Holly Osborn explained that the department has funding for 50 acres for a new city park with future phase options that can include a variety of recreation amenities including ramadas, playground, multi-purpose fields, urban lake, splash pad, dog park, basketball, disc golf, tennis/pickleball, etc.

The Commission agreed that the priority should be for community need Parks and Recreation to have their own land to program. The Commission also agreed that there should be a focus on the implementation of incorporating more trail concepts from the master plan into the phases.

The Commission agreed to combine their August 22 regular meeting with a public forum for the community pool project. The public form will focus on asking for community feedback on where to build the pool and what amenities they prefer to see. The Commission requested to have channel 11 present and the meeting to be held in the council chambers.

Director Holly Osborn explained that the City will work with the Communications Department to advertise the public forum and create a pool campaign that will encourage kids to participate in the design of the pool.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Wayne Turner suggested scheduling a Saturday tour of the parks for the beginning of October. Chair Wayne Turner also mentioned with the addition of new commissioners, we should order new shirts. The commissioners will email Assistant Director Paul Frie with their size.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Patricia Blaisdell, 2nd by Vice Chair Ron Jensen. Four yes votes. Motion carried.

Wayne Turner Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

ATTEST:

Holly Osborn, Director
Parks & Recreation

CERTIFICATION:

I, Stacy Cieszynski, Management Analyst for the City of Surprise Parks and Recreation Department, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on April 25, 2022.

Stacy Cieszynski, Management Analyst