

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 22, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Surprise City Hall – Council Chambers
16000 N Bullard, SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374

CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Members: Chair Wayne Turner, Vice Chair Ron Jensen, Patricia Blaisdell, Mark Brown, Brent Bailey, Anthony Robinson, Dave Kinnoin

City Staff: Director Holly Osborn, Assistant Director Paul Frie, Assistant Director Shannon Gaul, Marla Babb, City Manager Bob Wingenroth

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports

Parks and Recreation Director Holly Osborn presented a list of upcoming events, highlighting Surprise Party. Holly explained that there will be a different format for the event; celebrating the heritage (Founder's Day) during the day and festivities of the season at night. The event will be all day Saturday. The morning will have more of a community feel including a 1960's car show, a carnival and a stage with performances from community groups. The evening will have the traditional tree lighting, a new sparkling element with more lights than ever before and a drone show.

D. Staff Reports

Parks and Recreation Director Holly Osborn gave a presentation with updates on various parks progress including the Community Park phases, Countryside Park with new playground element and Dick McComb dog park and pond.

Holly presented the Commission with the idea of naming the new park at Countryside "The Fields at Countryside." Holly also provided a visual example of what the marquee landmark sign might be. The Commission agreed and loved the idea.

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.

- F.** Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Vice-Chair Ron Jensen attended the Countryside groundbreaking event and commented on how nice it was.

Anthony Robinson attended the master plan advisory group and reviewed the plan, all the goals and the vision.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and action approving the May 12, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting – Ron Jensen motioned, 2nd Mark Brown. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Discussion regarding the new Surprise Pool survey.

Parks and Recreation Director Holly Osborn explained that in FY23 council approved funding to design pool number 3. She stated that in the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting in May the Board agreed that they did not want to move forward without hearing from the public.

Holly explained the public outreach campaign, reviewed the survey questions and reviewed the survey results thus far. Holly also mentioned that in addition to the survey, the Parks and Recreation Department asked the kids in the community to help design their own pool by submitting a drawing. Holly stated that she was excited to see all the creative ideas and drawings.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Gloria Dailey (Surprise, AZ) – conveyed support for building an indoor pool which she felt would help contain any noise concerns no matter where it's built.

Item 3 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and action to recommend a preferred location option for the new City of Surprise pool.

Parks and Recreation Director Holly Osborn gave a brief presentation on the location options and provided a pros and cons list for each location.

1. Perryville & Cactus Rd near Shadow Ridge H. S.
2. 175th & Sweetwater Ave near Paradise Honors H.S
3. Bell Rd past McMicken Dam near Sun Valley Pkwy

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Wayne Turner opened the call to the public:

Greg Virga – (Surprise, AZ) Conveyed support for location option1 based on the fact that the city owns the land. Greg stated he was concerned with how the city would manage the partnership with the Dysart School District and strongly believes that the public should have an agreement to be able to look at prior to voting on location.

Tina Huntsman – (Surprise, AZ) – Conveyed support for location option 2 based on walkability for current residents living in the area and hopes that putting a pool in that location would encourage city

planners to put in the needed fire and police support the community would need. Tina felt that traffic would not be a concern in the area due to school not being in session during the time the pool would be most used and asked if they survey provided any data related to addresses associated with survey questions answered.

Chair Wayne Turner asked Holly if any data was collected on the survey participants current home address. Director Holly Osborn stated that we did not take down any current location information.

Shelly McLeod – (Surprise, AZ) – Conveyed support for option 1 based on the City owning the land and the coordination with public safety. She also stated that she currently experiences traffic congestion at the pool where her son currently swims competitively and prefers for the new pool to be located where it has the potential to expand and become a great amenity to the new neighborhoods being built.

Chair Wayne Turner called on Competitive Swim Coach Tim Manley to speak about potential noise concerns and pool use. Tim Manley stated that building a facility that can host large events will promote a lot of noise as early as 5 a.m. to late in evening (12-15 hour days).

Chair Wayne Turner called on Battalion Chief Jesus Rivera Fire from station 305 to speak about the pool location proximity to the fire station. Battalion Chief Rivera conveyed support for option 1 based on rapid response times, training opportunities, mentoring aquatic staff and building relationships. He also mentioned how difficult it is to get a fire truck into established neighborhoods.

Commissioner Brent Bailey asked Fire Battalion Rivera where the next closest fire stations are in proximity to the location options. Fire Battalion stated that the next closes responding fire station is 303 and 307.

Chair Wayne Turner opened it up to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for open comments and questions. The Commission discussed the following:

- Preferred timeline
- Locations sited in the Master Plan
- Land size differences between location options
- Public safety partnership
- School district partnership
- Neighborhood concerns
- Financial benefits

Brent Bailey made a motion to select option 1 (Perryville & Cactus Rd near Shadow Ridge High School) as the site for pool number 3. Vice-Chair Ron Jensen 2nd the motion. Chair Wayne Turner asked to take a vote from each commissioner on location option 1:

Dave Kinnoin – yes, Anthony Robinson – yes, Vice-Chair Ron Jensen – yes, Mark Brown – yes, Patricia Blaisdell – yes, Brent Bailey – yes, Chair Wayne Turner – yes. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Chair Wayne Turner asked for a motion to vote on the site location to send to the City Council for a recommendation on placing the next, each commissioner to take a vote for Motion to recommend option 1 cactus Brent Bailey, Ron Jensen 2nd. All yes votes.

Director Holly Osborn explained what the next steps will be including presenting the location recommendation to City Council, the design phase and cost analysis.

Item 4 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and action to nominate a member and an alternate for the General Plan Advisory Group

Assistant Director of planning, transportation and real estate, Lloyd Abrams gave a presentation regarding the general plan explaining the process and communication plan. Lloyd explained the general plan advisory group expectations and commitment.

Chair Wayne Turner motioned to nominate Anthony Robinson as a member for the General Plan Advisory Group. Mark Brown 2nd the motion. Seven yes votes. Motioned carried.

Patricia Blaisdell volunteered to be an alternate member of the General Plan Advisory Group. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 5 – CITYWIDE – Discussion and action pertaining to the selection of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Chair.

Mark Brown motioned to nominate Wayne Turner to retain his position as Chair. Ron Jensen 2nd the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 6 – CITYWIDE – Discussion and action pertaining to the selection of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Vice-Chair.

Chair Wayne Turner nominated Ron Jensen for Vice-Chair. Patricia 2nd the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Anthony Robinson asked for the Surprise community park dog park email to be added to the next meeting agenda

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Brown motioned to adjourn, Vice Chair Ron Jensen 2nd the motion. Seven 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