



**CITY OF SURPRISE**  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**15960 N Bullard Ave**  
**Surprise, AZ 85374**  
 Monday, May 1, 2023 @ 6:00 PM  
 RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Current Events and Reports
- E. Staff Reports
- F. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** In order to address the Board\Commission, you will need to fill out a Call to the Public Form available at the front counter, and then turn it in to the Secretary before the meeting begins.

Note: A.R.S. 38-431.01(H) - During this time members of the public may address the Board\Commission only on issues within the jurisdiction of the Board\Commission which are not an item on the agenda. At the conclusion of the open call, the Board\Commission may respond to criticism, may ask staff to review the matter or may ask that the matter be put on a future agenda. No discussion or action shall take place on any item raised.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 3. Citywide Consideration and action to approve minutes from January 23, 2023. Parks and Recreation

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1. Internal Discussion pertaining to submission of a petition regarding pickleball court usage. None  
Parks and Recreation

- G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items
- H. Executive Session

For information purposes: Upon a public majority vote of a quorum (“Commission”), the Commission may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, but for only the following purposes: discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2));

or discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)).

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The Commission may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission’s attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

- I. Adjournment

POSTED: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @ 8:55 AM

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

**Meeting Minutes**

Monday, January 23, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

**Parks and Recreation – Conference Room  
15960 N Bullard Ave, SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Mark Brown

City Staff: Director Holly Osborn, Assistant Director Paul Frie, Parks Manager Ian Campbell

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Current Events Reports**

Director Holly Osborn stated that our recent Second Sunday in the Park event brought 4,000 in attendance, Another Sunday in the park, Spring Eggstravaganza, movie night in the park. The Fields at Countryside Ribbon Cutting. As of right now The Fields public can use during programming hours. Park still has some upgrades for the future

Community park close to wrapping up completing phase 1. We will start discussing phase 2. Dick McComb pump station pond conversion hoping to be complete by May. Aquatic Center we have selected a design team and RFP for construction. Perryville and Cactus location with a fire station and the aquatic center.

**D. Staff Reports**

The Commission complimented City Staff for a successful event The Fields at Countryside event and stated that branding of the park. Ron Jensen

None

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC / PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Agenda item 3:

Jelena Orbic Maricopa Audubon Society – Support for making area a conservation area and

Emily Thomas (president of society) – strong support for conservation area, wonderful area for bird watching, important area for migrating bird species and regenerate area and would be beneficial to conserve area for the community.

## 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

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

### **Item 1 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and action approving the October 24, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting – motioned Ron Jensen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Patricia Blaisdell. 6 yes votes. Motion carried.

### **Item 2 – INTERNAL– Consideration and action pertaining to approval of nominees for the 2022 Surprise Recreation Campus Hall of Fame.**

Assistant Director Paul Frie gave a presentation for the 2022 Surprise Recreation Campus Hall of Fame which covered the purpose and eligibility of the award.

Paul stated that Nathaniel Lowe

The Commission had no nominations at this time.

### **Item 3 – CITYWIDE – Discussion pertaining to the Open Spaces/Wildlife Corridors regarding the proposed McMicken Dam Conservation Area identified in both the Parks and Recreation Master plan and in the City’s General Plan.**

Holly opened the discussion to the Commission. Anthony Robinson discussed the history and function of the McMicken Dam and explained that because of all the rain it made everything more green and brought more birds to the area.

The City would need to work with Flood control district and Maricopa county parks and rec to make it a conservation area. Non motor vehicle use, wildlife preservation and the area is getting illegal offroad activity, trespass issues,

Fence at bottom of McMicken Dam on west side all land to west of fence including channel to fence on other side of Maricopa trail become a conservation area.

6:36pm: Holly stated that her only concern would be financially and how much would it cost to take on code enforcement of the area. We are working with Maricopa on an IGA

Brent Bailey discussed strong support for all parties getting on the same page to make it successful. Getting the right people who are passionate and support the mission.

Every other meeting add to the agenda to keep discussion going.

### **Item 4 – INTERNAL – Discussion pertaining to scheduling a park tour.**

Holly recommended early April so that parks are greener and before the heat comes in. The Commission recommended a Saturday morning April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Commission agreed to have a park tour Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> in the morning (8-12pm). Drive by parks. Highlights: Asante, Veramonte and Sierra Montana (proposed park improvements) Also interested in new pool park site and McMicken Dam.

Snacks, bathroom breaks, coffee (8am meet here).

Invite Mayor and Council

April 22<sup>nd</sup> as a backup date.

## OTHER BUSINESS

None

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Brent Bailey. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anthony Robinson. 6 yes votes. Motion carried.

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Wayne Turner Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

### ATTEST:

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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 October 24, 2022.

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Stacy Cieszynski, Management Analyst



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# Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

May 1, 2023

# BACKGROUND

- Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex opened in 2007 with 25 tennis courts
  - Open tennis courts in the community park converted to 8 pickleball courts in 2012
  - 8 more pickleball courts were added in 2017
  - Total of 16 pickleball courts

# NRPA STANDARDS VS SURPRISE

- Tennis Courts
  - NRPA: 1 per 7,264 residents
  - Surprise: 25 courts or 1 per 6,400 residents
- Pickleball Courts
  - NRPA: 1 per 30,502 residents
  - Surprise: 16 courts or 1 per 10,000 residents

# PICKLEBALL PETITION

- Requests converting tennis courts into modified pickleball courts
- Requests moving all current City-run programming (classes, clinics, leagues) to the modified courts

# COURT USAGE

## Weekly Breakdown

- 18% City Programming (340 hours)
- 82% Open Play (1,564 hours)
  
- Minimum of 4 courts always available for open play

# CITY PROGRAMMING BREAKDOWN

- Classes: 80 introductory pickleball  
Monday – Friday: AM & PM classes offered  
546 total registered participants
  - Clinics: 8 summer youth clinics
  - Leagues: 117 league programs offered to most skill levels  
Monday – Friday: AM & PM leagues offered  
1826 total registered participants
- 41 Surprise teams used pickleball facility as their home courts during 2023 Arizona pickleball players association league session

# FY22 TOURNAMENTS

	Direct Rental Revenue	Total Tournaments	Total Participants	Total Attendance	Total	Estimated Economic Impact
Pickleball	\$16,789	5	1,876	1,284	3,160	\$110,012
Tennis	\$111,289 + \$56,551 in pro shop revenue	17	4,800	3,451	8,251	\$7.2 Million



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**QUESTIONS OR  
COMMENTS?**

Thank You