

**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.

Ronald B. Jensen

Wayne Turner Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Ron Jensen, Vice-chair

**ATTEST:**

Holly Osborn

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.

Stacy Cieszynski

Stacy Cieszynski, Management Analyst

