

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 1, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Members: Vice Chair Ron Jensen, Brent Bailey, Anthony Robinson, Patricia Blaisdell, Mark Brown

Absent: Chair Wayne Turner, Dave Kinnoin

City Staff: Director Holly Osborn, Assistant Director Paul Frie, Assistant Director Shannon Gaul, Racquet Sports Superintendent Bill Lucero

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events & Staff Reports

Director Holly Osborn provided a brief recap of recent special events attendance including Eggstravaganza with approximately 11,000 people and the Adaptive Egg Hunt with approximately 300 people. Holly also provided an update on the Dick McComb pump project stating that the pump should be up and operational in July. She also stated that it will not be a fishing lake or pond but is planning to allow racing sail boats and RC boats.

Holly reported that the Fields at Countryside hosted its first soccer season with about 1,100 participants. She also stated that after the season is complete they will be closing the park for upgrades including installing shade over the playground, epoxying the bathroom floor, adding concrete, fixing asphalt, paint touchups, etc. The plan is to re-open for residents to enjoy in August. In addition, the Countryside Rec Center parking lot will be upgraded as well.

D. Staff Reports

Commissioner Anthony Robinson gave an update on the General Plan Committee and stated that they elected a chair person and vice-chair for a more formal advisory group. He stated that the committee will be reviewing new goals for 2035 plan.

Vice Chair Ron Jensen complimented City staff for organizing a successful park and facilities tour .

CALL TO THE PUBLIC / PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Yuko Price (Surprise, AZ) – Requested that score tenders be placed permanently on Surprise Tennis Center tennis courts.

Commissioner Brent Bailey asked city staff what the current protocol is for score tenders. Racquet Sports Superintendent Bill Lucero stated that the city has separate procedures for recreation vs tournament play and explained that when the score tenders were left out all the time, they were sun damaged and fell apart. He stated that the future plan is to surplus the current tenders and purchase similar to what is used in tournaments.

Commissioner Patricia Blaisdell commented that she personally utilizes the tennis courts and agrees that the score tenders are in terrible condition and should be replaced with a better quality product.

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 January 23, 2023 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting – motioned Patricia Blaisdell, 2nd Anthony Robinson. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Discussion pertaining to submission of a petition regarding pickleball court usage.

Assistant Director, Paul Frie gave a presentation on pickleball and tennis that included history/background information, NRPA standards vs. City of Surprise, the pickleball petition, court usage, programming breakdown and tournament information.

The Commission asked about current tennis court usage and demographics. Racquet Sports Superintendent Bill Lucero discussed the FY22 tennis court usage, operations, programs, revenue and the number of courts in a 15 mile radius.

The Commission asked if there are future plans to add more pickleball courts. Director, Holly Osborn stated that as we grow there are plans to add more tennis and pickleball courts, however there are other needs and deficiencies in our parks, such as basketball courts and open space, that need to be addressed first.

The Commission asked what the process is for the petition. Director Holly Osborn stated that city staff just wanted to bring this to their attention and get their input. The Commission agreed to leave the tennis courts as is and not convert them at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission requested items for the next meeting agenda:

- Discussion on partnering with the Arizona Coyotes to bring an outdoor hockey rink to Surprise
- Hall of Fame discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Brent Bailey. 2nd Anthony Robinson. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

Ronald R. Jensen

 Ron Jensen, Vice Chair
 Wayne Turner Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

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 May 1, 2023.

Stacy Cieszynski

 Stacy Cieszynski, Management Analyst