

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

**Meeting Minutes**

Monday, October 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 Brent Bailey, Vice Chair Patricia Blaisdell, Wayne Turner, Matthew Ives

City Staff: Director Holly Osborn, Assistant Director Paul Frie, Assistant Director Shannon Gaul, Parks Maintenance Manager Ian Campbell, Recreation Supervisor James Schultz

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Current Events**

Ron Jensen and Chair Brent Bailey attended recent events including Sunday in the Park, Fiesta Grande and Groundbreaking and were impressed with event turnout and presentation.

**D. Staff Reports**

Assistant Director Paul Frie provided a recap on Fiesta Grande. He stated that there was around 7,000 people in attendance and the new location allowed the event to have more space. Paul provided an upcoming event list including Veterans Day on November 11 and Surprise Party December 1 and 2 from 5 – 9 p.m. Following Surprise Party is Sparkling Surprise featuring a new special show and a children’s story that allows the reader to follow Sparkle the Surprise Dog on her journey through the park.

Assistant Director Paul Frie asked for two Commissioners to volunteer judging the Veterans day parade. Paul also stated that the Hall of Fame and Strategic Plan agenda items would be included in the January meeting.

**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

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

### **Item 1 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and action approving the August 21, 2023 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting – motioned Wayne Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Patricia Blaisdell. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

### **Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Discussion, consideration and action on setting future Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission regular meeting dates for 2024.**

Motion to set the 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meetings for 6pm on **January 22, April 22, August 26, and October 28** at the Parks and Recreation Office – Vice Chair Patricia Blaisdell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Matthew Ives. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

### **Item 3 – CITYWIDE – Presentation and discussion pertaining to 60% design concepts on the new Fire Station 309, Aquatics Complex, Cactus Road and Park Project.**

Parks and Recreation Director Holly Osborn gave a presentation on the 60% design concepts for the new aquatics complex. The presentation included the project overview, timeline, design elements, features and amenities for each pool, master site plan, intersection road plan, park and splashpad design and features and next steps.

### **Item 4 – INTERNAL – Presentation, discussion and action pertaining to dog zones at Surprise dog parks.**

Ian Campbell gave a presentation on our Surprise dog parks. The presentation included current dog zones, rules and guidelines, recent improvements, survey results from the public and the staff's recommendation on how to separate the dog zones.

Chair Brent Bailey asked City staff if they reached out to the city's using the temperament model for their dog zones.

Director Holly Osborn stated that the team has done extensive research and spoken with other cities regarding their dog park experiences to help make the best possible recommendation for our parks. Holly explained that the main goal is to provide the safest environment for everyone.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Chair Brent Bailey opened call to the public:

Margi Mitchell – (Surprise, AZ) – recommended size designation to be small/medium rather than just small.

Tom Prutzman - (Surprise, AZ) – recommended splitting by behavior with responsibility on the owner.

James Watz – (Surprise, AZ) – disagreed with temperament determination suggestion and prefers to leave it as is.

Natalie Brust – (Surprise, AZ) - recommended a medium size dog park.

Jack Brust – (Surprise, AZ) - recommended a passive/aggressive determination.

James Relston – (Surprise, AZ) - recommended to remove the current height sign and allow owners to decide.

Don Holmes – (Surprise, AZ) - recommended adjusting current height plus amend ordinance concurrent jurisdiction, plus control city and county and requirement of current Maricopa County dog license.

Shelby Geiser – (Surprise, AZ) – recommended small/medium or a medium size dog park.

Chris Hough – – (Surprise, AZ) – recommended small/medium designation up to 20 inches.

Wayne Turner motioned to move this item to the next agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Jensen. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

## OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission requested an item for the next meeting agenda:

- Park tour

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Ron Jensen. 2<sup>nd</sup> Brent Bailey. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

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Chair Brent Bailey, 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 23, 2023.

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Stacy Cieszynski, Management Analyst