

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

**Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 22, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Roll Call**

Members: Vice Chair Patricia Blaisdell, Ron Jensen, Matthew Ives, David Samaniego, Brad Stallings.

City Staff: Assistant Director Paul Frie, Assistant Director Shannon Gaul

Absent: Chair Brent Bailey, Wayne Turner

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Current Events**

Commissioner Ron Jensen attended Mayor's State of the City and enjoyed committee appreciation dinner.

**D. Staff Reports**

Assistant Director Paul Frie provided a recap of events since the January 22 meeting:

The Eggstravaganza was held on March 30 at Surprise Stadium. Over 10,000 participants attended, but feedback suggested that the new location at the stadium, as opposed to the KC Training field, was too congested, leading to longer wait times.

Additionally, an Adaptive Egg Hunt took place at Dreamcatcher Park, with 300 participants from our adaptive family community.

Four members of the Surprise Youth Council attended the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington DC on March 11-13. They had the opportunity to participate in various workshops and hear inspirational speeches, including one from President Joe Biden.

Regarding pool construction, Assistant Director Shannon Gaul gave an overview, noting that all three bodies of water have been excavated, with rebar already placed in the competitive pool in preparation for concrete pouring. He also mentioned that the footings for the Pool House and Locker Rooms are currently being dug.

Paul provided a sports update, mentioning that Adult Sports recently started offering Softball, Volleyball, and Kickball, with a total of 94 teams participating. The Annual Pitch, Hit, and Run event taking place on April 27 at YBC, and Stadium Teeball games are scheduled for April 30 to May 2. Summer Basketball will commence on May 28, and Summer camp offerings will run in June and July, in partnership with OUAZ and local high schools.

Finally, Paul listed upcoming events, including the Surprise Talent Show on April 27, Movie Night on May 4, Surprise Safety Splash on May 18, Dive in Movie on June 6, Family Beach Bash on June 14, and the Red, White & Pool Party on July 4.

## **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.
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## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON-PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Item 1 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and action approving the January 22, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting – motioned Ron Jenson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Stallings. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

### **Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Discussion and action pertaining to selecting a date for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission strategic plan workshop.**

Assistant Director Paul Frie gave a brief overview of the timeline for the strategic plan workshop, detailing the process, stating he would initiate contact with the vendor for the Strategic Plan

Workshop and that the preparation work for the workshop would be assigned in the coming weeks. Paul opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Brad Stalling clarified the purpose of the Advisory Commissions strategic plan workshop.

Assistant Director Paul Frie stated that the strategic plan workshop was an opportunity to give the commission a clear outline and mission going forward.

Commissioner Brad Stallings made a motion for the Advisory Boards Strategic Plan Workshop to be held on Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-9pm, Matthew Ives, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 yes votes Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Ron Jenson inquired about Hall of Fame Winners, receiving lifetime tickets, as a follow up to Commissioner Wayne Turner's question from the 01.22.24 commission meeting.

Assistant Director Paul Frie stated that there was no further progress as of time of the meeting due to the proximity to spring training but would be readdressed with the sports and tourism department.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn – Brad Stallings. 2<sup>nd</sup> Matthew Ives, 5 yes votes. Motion carried.



Chair Brent Bailey, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

**ATTEST:**



Holly Osborn, Director  
Parks & Recreation

**CERTIFICATION:**

I, Steven Day, 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 22, 2024.



Steven Day, Management Analyst