



CITY OF SURPRISE
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
12361 N Perryville Rd
Monday, April 28, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
Oasis Swim Center

- 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:

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CONSENT AGENDA:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. Citywide Consideration and action approving minutes the October 28, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes Parks and Recreation
2. Internal Update on current and upcoming parks projects, including Resuce Oasis and Oasis Swim Center. Parks and Recreation
3. Internal Discussion and presentation pertaining to the McMicken Dam project Parks and Recreation
4. Internal Update pertaining to the Surprise Youth Council Parks and Recreation
G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items
H. Adjournment

KRISTI PASSARELLI, CITY CLERK

POSTED: Friday, April 25, 2025 @ 4:15 PM

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CITY OF SURPRISE
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Council Meeting Date: April 28, 2025 Contact Person:
Submitting Department: Parks and Recreation District: Citywide
Staff Recommendations:

Consent: No Regular: No Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

Consideration and action approving minutes the October 28, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes

Motion:

I move to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting.

Background:

Objective Analysis:

Policy Compliant:

Financial Impact:

n/a

Budget Impact:

n/a

FTE Impact:

n/a

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DRAFT PARKS 10.28.24 Minutes
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**CITY OF SURPRISE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 28, 2024 @ 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, Ron Jensen, Matthew Ives, Wayne Turner.

City Staff: Assistant Director Paul Frie, Assistant Director Shannon Gaul, Kasey Peterson, Stacy Cieszynski

Absent: David Samaniego, Brad Stallings.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events

Chair Brent Bailey gave an update that commissioner Brad Stallings submitted his resignation as of today 10.28.24.

D. Staff Reports

Assistant Director Paul Frie gave an update on Upcoming Events:
Sunday in the Park 11.10.24
Veterans Day Parade 11.11.24
Surprise Party 12.6.24 & 12.7.24 and Sparkling Surprise Dec 6-31st

Assistant Director Paul Frie gave update on CAPRA reaccreditation, process and trip to Atlanta for the National Recreation and Park Association Conference.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC / PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC / PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

CONSENT AGENDA (N/A)

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H. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON-PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and action approving the August 26, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting – motioned Patricia Blaisdell, 2nd Wayne Turner. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 2 – INTERNAL – Discussion, consideration and action on setting future Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission regular meeting dates for 2025.

Motion to set the 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meetings for 6pm on **January 27, April 28, August 25, and October 27** at the Parks and Recreation Office – motioned Wayne Turner. 2nd Ron Jensen. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 3 – CITYWIDE – Discussion and action pertaining to the selection of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Chair.

Wayne Turner motioned to nominate Brent Bailey for the position of Chair. Ron Jensen 2nd the motion. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 4 – CITYWIDE – Discussion and action pertaining to the selection of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Vice-Chair.

Wayne Turner motioned to nominated Patricia Blaisdell for the position of Vice-Chair. Brent Bailey 2nd the motion. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 5 – CITYWIDE – Presentation, discussion, and action on the new event date for Eggstravaganza 2025.

Recreation Supervisor Stacy Cieszynski provided a brief presentation on the Eggstravaganza event and proposed changes for future years. She began by offering background on parks and recreation signature events, including their scheduled dates and the reasoning behind them. Stacy then detailed the history of the Eggstravaganza event, outlining the various activities involved and its historical significance.

She recommended moving the event to the Friday night before Easter, suggesting a time frame of 5 PM to 9 PM. This change would allow for things like; better concessions, take into account heat considerations, ensure more efficient staffing, and help avoid conflicts with facility use.

The commission raised questions regarding the timing of the event, particularly in relation to the young audience and potential heat issues during the proposed hours. Commissioner Matthew Ives pointed out that Dysart has a spring holiday scheduled for April 18, 2025, which could be great for attendance.

Motion to approve moving the 2025 Eggstravaganza event to the Friday before Easter from 5-9pm. Wayne Turner motioned to approve. Patricia Blaisdell 2nd the motion. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 6 – CITYWIDE – Update on Arts Commission ongoing projects related to Parks and Recreation.

Arts and Culture Manager, Julie Akerly provided a presentation on current public arts projects associated with Parks and Recreation. Her presentation covered an introduction to public art, including community involvement and the project process timeline, an overview of public art funding sources, and a summary of the Art Ordinance. She also discussed the five-year plan for parks and community centers, focusing on approved projects.

The commission engaged in discussion, with members raising questions regarding the artist call process and timeline for budgeted projects.

Community Center Supervisor, Lord Garcillano offered a brief update on the new Community Resource Center.

Julie presented images and shared design details of the Confluencia project for the new Community Resource Center. The discussion then shifted to the basketball court mural at the Oasis Swim Center and Park, where 51 artist applications for the mural were narrowed to three finalists.

Commissioner Matthew Ives shared his experience as a member of the mural selection committee. **Chair Brent Bailey** expressed concerns about the Confluencia project, specifically about its integration with the surrounding space. Lord Garcillano explained the panel's selection criteria, highlighting how the design complements the landscape, existing structures, and community setting. The commission requested further updates as the project develops.

Item 7 – INTERNAL – Discussion, presentation and action pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Strategic Plan.

Chair Brent Bailey provided an introduction to the context of Assistant Director Paul Frie's presentation on the Strategic Plan.

Assistant Director, Paul Frie then gave an overview of the four main initiatives within the plan, which include community engagement, positioning the commission as a conduit between the community and city council, supporting growth and policy development, and enhancing the effectiveness of commission members. He discussed how these initiatives would be implemented and the associated deliverables.

The commission shared their feedback on the strategic plan's outline, offering insights into the development of the four initiatives. Some members raised concerns about the volume of items

previously presented, noting their thoughts on how these items were condensed and discussing potential steps for moving forward.

Motion to approve the update Parks and Recreation Commission Strategic Plan. Patricia B Motioned, Matthew 2nd. 5 yes votes. Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS

Wayne Turner mentioned Hall of Fame process- add to next agenda

ADJOURNMENT

Wayne Turner Motion to adjourn, Ron Jensen 2nd, 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

Chair Brent Bailey, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

ATTEST:

Holly Osborn, Director
Parks & Recreation

CERTIFICATION:

I, Shelby Fenwick, Recreation Coordinator 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 28, 2024.

Shelby Fenwick, Recreation Coordinator



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Agenda Wording:

Update on current and upcoming parks projects, including Resuce Oasis and Oasis Swim Center.

Motion:

Discussion Only

Background:

Objective Analysis:

Policy Compliant:

Financial Impact:

Budget Impact:

FTE Impact:

ATTACHMENTS:



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Agenda Wording:

Discussion and presentation pertaining to the McMicken Dam project

Motion:

discussion only

Background:

2015 Master Plan

Objective Analysis:

Policy Compliant:

Policy Compliant

Financial Impact:

council action happened April 2025

Budget Impact:

Impacts to FY2025 and FY2026 Budget

FTE Impact:

4 FTE total

ATTACHMENTS:

1. McMicken Dam IGA
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Intergovernmental Agreement

City of Surprise and the Flood Control District (FCD) of Maricopa County

April 15, 2025



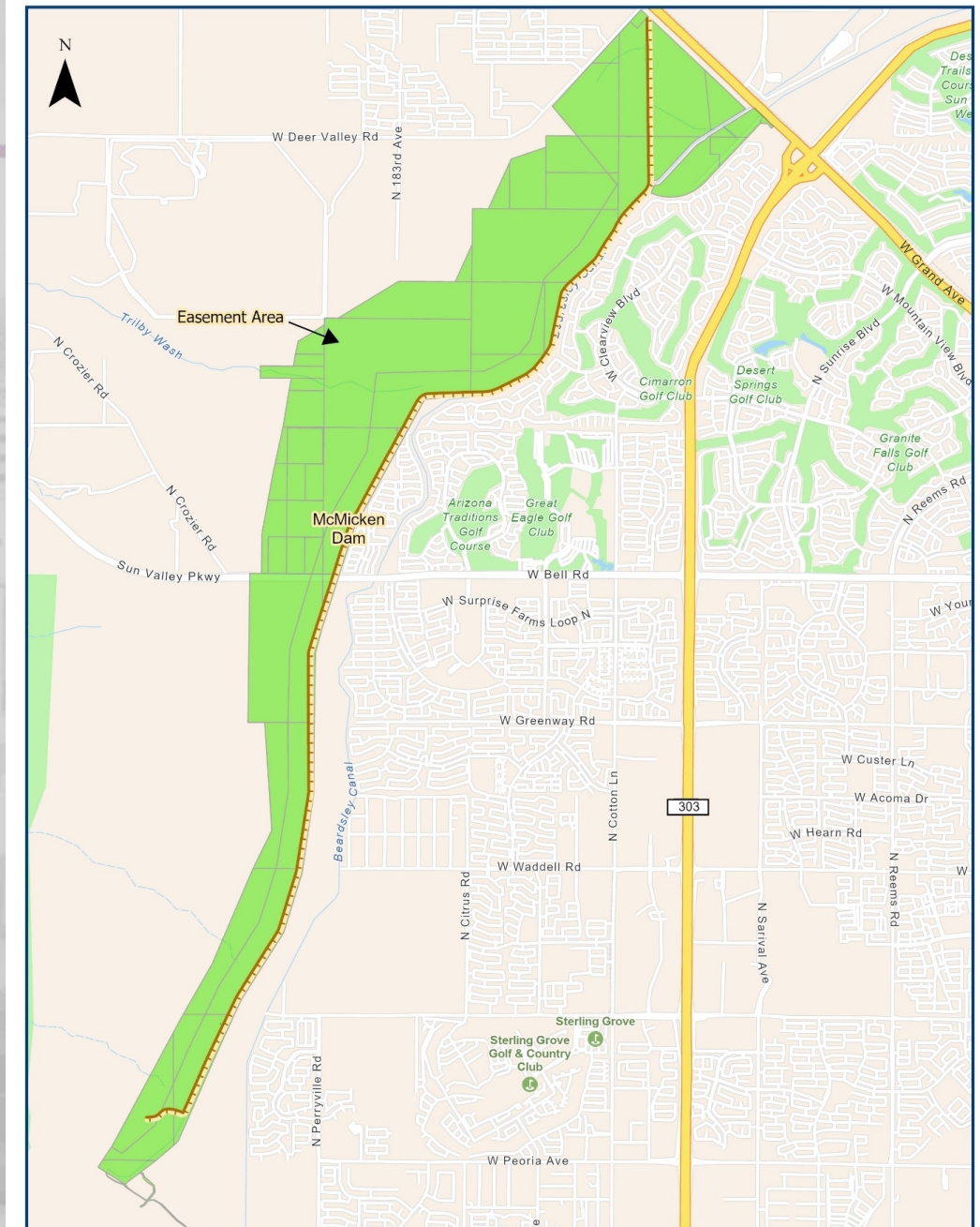
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Background and Timeline

- May 21, 2024 – McMicken Dam Concept – Work Session
- October 1, 2024 - MOU approved by City Council and FCD
- March 27, 2025 – Maricopa County Flood Control Advisory Board recommends IGA
- April 15, 2025 – IGA presented to City Council
- May 2025 – If approved, IGA will proceed to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

IGA Highlights

- 3,500 acres
 - Non-exclusive recreational use easement
- City Responsibilities:
 - Maintenance and operations of open space and trails
 - Developing passive and active recreation amenities
 - Creating an Emergency Evacuation Plan
 - Abide by McMicken Dam Impoundment Area Development Restrictions and Guidelines
 - Dam must maintain functionality



IGA Highlights

- FCD will continue maintenance of the Dam and related activities
- Term: 25 years
 - Three renewal periods of 25 years
 - 100 years total if all renewal terms are initiated
- Fees and revenues must be used to support recreational activities
 - Shall not apply to any excess lands purchased in the future by the City



Opportunities for Open Space

- Dual purpose concept of using flood control lands for flood management and community amenities. Increases quality of life for Surprise residents by providing adequate open space and recreational opportunities.
 - Passive Recreation
 - Minimal Impact to Natural Land
 - Trailheads and Trail Pathways (flood channels providing scenic paths for pedestrian/bicycle/equestrian while serving as flood control buffers)
 - 90% of land use



Budget

FY25 Budget Amendment

- 4 FTEs for 3,500 acres
 - Park Rangers recruitment
- Vehicles purchases

FY26 Budget

- Ongoing: FTE, uniforms, dumping fees, gas
- One time costs: Fencing, signage, vehicles, dump truck

Next Steps – Parks & Recreation

- Upon execution of the IGA
 - Near-Term
 - Takeover of maintenance and open space preservation
 - Master Planning / Infrastructure planning
 - Identifying most suitable sites for regional park development(s)
 - Long-Term
 - Financial planning for improvements
 - Build-out of new Parks and Recreation Amenities



Next Steps - IGA

- Intergovernmental Agreement will go to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors
 - Planned for 5/21
- Execution of the IGA upon signatures



Questions or Comments?

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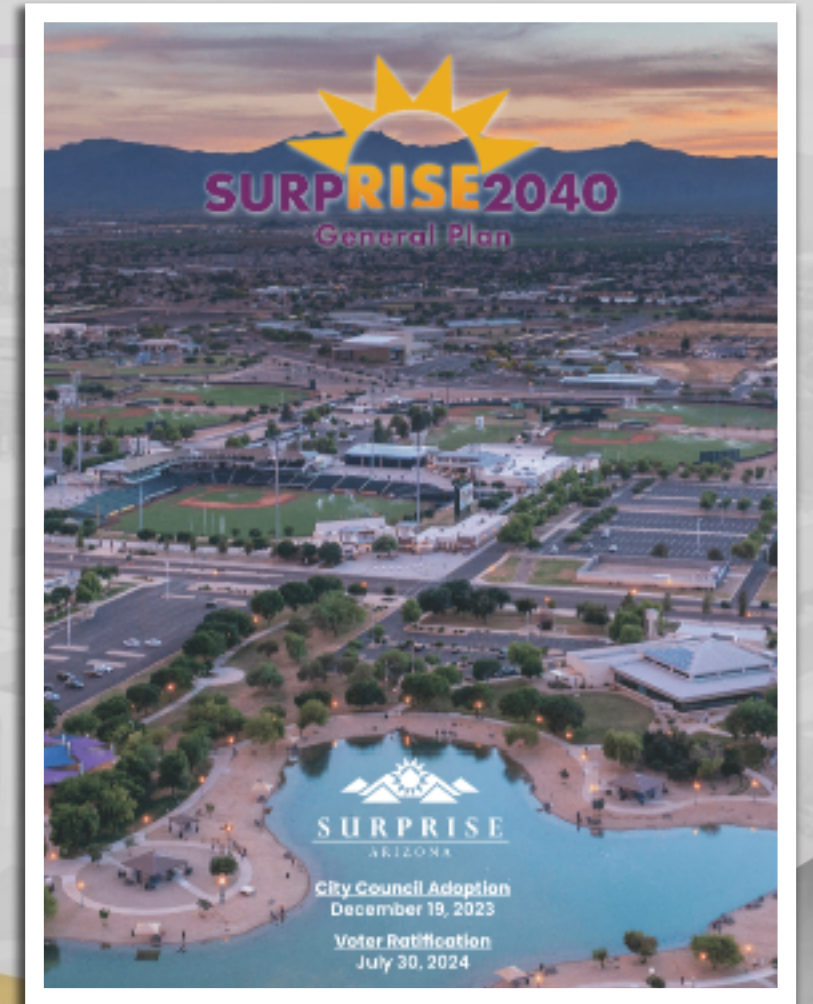
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2040 General Plan

- Preserving open space areas in and around Surprise is an area of community consensus. Many Surprise residents value the city's close access to nature and recreation as well as maintaining proper habitat protection for the native plants and animals.



City Council Strategic Plan

- Strategy 4.3: Respect Nature by Protecting Critical Wildlife Corridors
- Strategy 4.7: Provide a Connected Park Experience Through the Development of an Overall Park System Framework
- Strategy 4.8: Pursue Opportunities to Create New Parks and Open Space



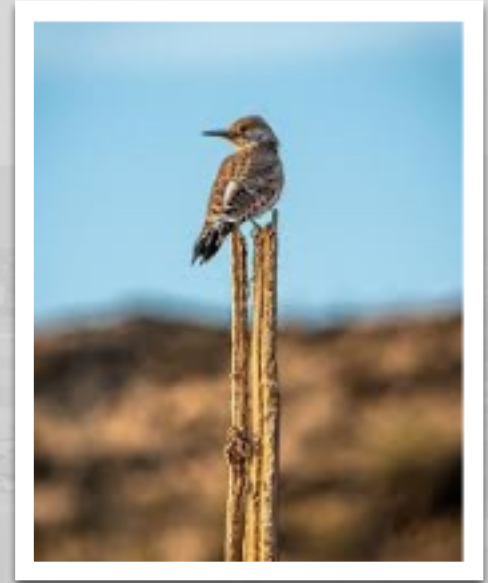
Parks and Recreation Master Plan

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - “Establish a Memorandum of Understanding with County agencies to secure and promote open space agreements for recreation and conservation easements”
 - Add approximately 800 acres of open space, natural lands, and wildlife corridors



Open Space Amenities

- BMX Track – Clay or dirt
- Disc Golf Course
- Ramadas / Restrooms at Trailhead
- Archery Range
- Animal Corridor
- Bird watching



Programmable Park Amenities

Regional Park may include some of the following features:

- Playgrounds
- Racquet Sports Courts
- Multi-purpose fields
- Sports Fields with lighting
- Basketball Court
- Softball / Baseball Field
- Park Maintenance Facility
- Storage Area
- Restroom / Concessions
- Pond
- Walking paths
- Ramadas
- Parking
- Roadways





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