

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 6-31<sup>st</sup>

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**

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### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

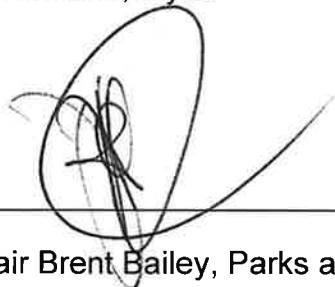
Motion to approve the update Parks and Recreation Commission Strategic Plan. Patricia B Motioned, Matthew 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5 yes votes. Motion carried

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Wayne Turner Motion to adjourn, Ron Jensen 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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