

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in a regular session at the Parks and Recreation office at 200 S. Center Street, Building 1, Mesa, on May 13, 2015.

Members Present:

Kent Bulkley
John Duclos
Jennifer Madsen
Wayne Manske
Justin Murdock
Kathleen Rahn
Josh Todd
Ron Wills

Staff Present:

Marc Heirshberg
Michael Holste
Leslie Clark
Jo Donovan
Tammy Davenport
Erik Ostlund
Roger Singleton

Members Absent:

Milt Fort
Bert Millett
Mark Yarbrough

At 5:10 p.m. due to lack of quorum, Roger Singleton presented an informal presentation on Special Events.

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Ron Wills, Chair.

Approval of Minutes

Ron Wills, Chair, asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes from the January 14, 2014 Parks Board meeting. Kathleen Rahn made a motion, Wayne Manske seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Public Comments: None

New Boardmember introduced – Justin Murdock

Justin Murdock, new Board member was introduced by Marc Heirshberg, Mr. Murdock is a father of two children, an avid runner and swimmer, a native of Mesa and lives in the Mountain View High School area.

Update on Dobson Ranch Golf Course

Erik Ostlund gave an update on Dobson Ranch Golf Course. Mr. Ostlund stated that the lake renovation project will begin next week. There are three lakes that run through Dobson Ranch Golf Course – the first and third lake are the ones that are currently under construction. The middle lake was renovated previously. The renovation will include establishing a concrete edging along the lake. The timeline is projected to be complete around the end of August. This project will have a positive impact on the aesthetics on Dobson Ranch Golf Course.

Mr. Heirshberg then explained that during the previous Parks Board meeting some of the items that were discussed occurring at Dobson Ranch Golf Course were the cart barn improvements, restroom improvements and restaurant improvements. The restaurant had a major failure of the grease injector which is extremely expensive. Due to this repair some of the smaller projects

that were scheduled to occur were postponed and will occur in July and August when the new fiscal year begins. Mr. Bulkley asked about the restroom door, and was told it was scheduled to be completed during the next week.

Director's Comments

Mr. Heirshberg updated the Board on the Bond projects. *Parks Conversion and Improvement projects:* Desert Trails park which opened in November, Mariposa Park which opened in March. *Park Renovation and Enhancement projects;* 106 lights at ball fields replaced at 25 fields, playgrounds were replaced at Porter Park, Vista Monterey, Pequeño and Emerald, Mesa Aquatics Complex is scheduled to open on May 23rd, *Irrigation improvements* were done at Candlelight and Sherwood Parks. *New Sign Package Installation, Community Partnership Projects,* MPS has just approved the IGA's and Real Estate deals on both Powell and Mesa Jr. on April 28th and are moving to Council for their approval on June 1st. *Other projects* that were completed outside the Bond project; Riverview Soccer Complex, Sagebrush Park, Cityview Park and the acquisition of some additional property for the Cemetery along with fencing along Country Club. Buckhorn Baths project is no longer viable. *Upcoming projects;* the last of the wood poles are at Gene Autry, Carson and Shepherd next winter will be resurfaced, Convention Center HVAC and restroom remodeling, Dobson Ranch Golf Course lake edge project, Desert Arroyo will be completed in late July, Pioneer Park focusing on the North edge of the park, Fiesta Sports Park and Eagles Park, playground equipment replacement at Rancho Del Mar Park, Dobson Ranch Park and Gene Autry Park.

Mr. Heirshberg explained that the "Walking" of the Light Rail will be on May 20th, if anyone would like to attend. Mr. Bulkley asked if Mr. Heirshberg felt that Pioneer Park activities would be impacted because of the Light Rail. Mr. Heirshberg stated that everybody's hope is that the Light Rail will create redevelopment and some additional opportunities.

Mr. Heirshberg invited the Board to the upcoming events:
Mesa Aquatic Complex Grand Opening on May 23rd at 11am
Concerts at the Amphitheater: R5 and ZEDD
Van's Warp Tour on June 23rd at Quail Run Park

Reports on meetings and/or events attended by Board Members

Mr. Bulkley has visited Desert Trails Park and the Arena Pro Swim Meet and Dobson Ranch Golf Course.

Ms. Rahn went to Celebrate Mesa and Desert Trails Park.

Mr. Murdock has visited Kino for lap swim.

Mr. Todd has visited HoHoKam – Oakland A's Grand Opening.

Mr. Manske went to the Mariposa Park Grand Opening.

Ms. Madsen went to the NFL Tree Planting and HoHoKam – Oakland A's Grand Opening.

Mr. Wills went to the Arena Pro Swim Meet.

Mr. Wills asked if there were any other items for discussion; the Board had no additional comments. Mr. Bulkley made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Todd seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Heirshberg, CPRE
PRCF Department Director