

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 January 11, 2017.

Members Present:

Steven Crider
John Duclos
Matthew Erickson
Jaime Glasser
Alicia Kracht
Jennifer Madsen
Jo Martin
Josh Todd

Staff Present:

Marc Heirshberg
Michael Holste
Aimee Manis
Jo Donovan
Leslie Clark
Erik Ostlund
Beverlee Nielsen
Matt Pennell
Rachel Horras
Rachel Rey

Members Absent:

Sarah Everman
Trevor Hansen
Justin Murdock

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Matthew Erickson, Vice-Chair.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Erickson, Vice-Chair, asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes from the November 9, 2016 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Jo Martin made a motion, Steven Crider seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Public Comments: None

Open public hearing discussion on Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Schedule for FY2016/17 and 2017/18

Mr. Erickson opened the discussion.

Presentation of Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Schedule for FY2016/17 and 2017/18

The Board was given a memo highlighting the fee changes, Mr. Heirshberg shared that a sub-committee meeting had been held in December, 2016 and those Committee members were asked to review the Fees and Charges in detail. Mr. Heirshberg explained that all Parks and Recreations fees are in ranges, so when the fees are adjusted as long as they remain within the range then it is not necessary to take them to approval. Fees and Charges go into effect April 1st of each year so they coincide with our Summer Registration cycle. Ms. Jo Martin asked how often the Fees and Charges are reviewed, Mr. Heirshberg explained it is reviewed each year.

Close public hearing discussion on Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Schedule for FY2016/17 and 2017/18

With no public comments, Mr. Erickson closed the discussion.

Make recommendation and take action on Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Schedule for FY2016/17 & 2017/18

Mr. Steven Crider made a motion, Ms. Alicia Kracht seconded, and it was unanimously carried that the Board recommend that the Fees and Charges Schedule be sent to the Council Audit, Finance and Enterprise Committee.

Director's Comments

Mr. Heirshberg presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Parks Bond Projects update; Pioneer Park, Eagles Park, Signal Butte and Elliott and Greenfield Park. Mr. Heirshberg explained that with the current Strategic Plan staff is hoping to use this tool to go out to the public and ask what the public is looking for, and with that information the Department will establish both short and long term priorities.

The Parks Board was given Spring Training schedules for the Chicago Cubs and Oakland A's. Mr. Heirshberg said that there will be a Special Rally celebrating the 2016 World Series Champions, the Chicago Cubs on February 24, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Sloan Park.

Ms. Beverly Nielsen, Recreation Coordinator, oversees our Intern program and introduced the spring interns; Matthew Pennell, Rachel Horas, Rachel Rey.

Mr. Heirshberg asked the Board if they would be interested in attending a PRCF Site Tour, the Board is interested and a time and date will be scheduled.

Mr. Josh Todd asked Mr. Heirshberg about the World Baseball Classic which happens every four years, and includes both facilities in Mesa, Hohokam Stadium and Sloan Park.

Additional items that have occurred within the City, the Farewell to Councilmembers and the Swearing-In of the Mayor and New Councilmembers.

Hear information and take action on scheduling a Special Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting the week of January 30th.

Mr. Heirshberg explained that the Department has hired a consulting firm 110% Inc. to create a Department Strategic Plan. Part of this process would include a Strategic Plan workshop with the Board members.

Mr. Erickson called for a motion to hold a Special Meeting on February 1, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the motion was called by Ms. Jo Martin and seconded by Ms. Jaime Glasser, and it was unanimously carried.

Reports on meetings and/or events attended by Board Members

Ms. Jaime Glasser stated she is on the Urban Garden committee for Maricopa County and they toured the Mesa Urban Garden.

Ms. Jennifer Madsen attended the grand opening of Fiesta Sports Park and visited Riverview.

Mr. Josh Todd attended the opening of the playground at Dobson Ranch Park.

Mr. Matt Erickson attended the grand opening of Fiesta Sports Park.

Ms. Jo Martin attended the grand opening of the Fiesta Sports Park and the opening of the playground of Dobson Ranch Park.

Ms. Alicia Kracht attended the opening of the playground of the Dobson Ranch Park and visited Eastmark.

Mr. John Duclos attended the Fiesta Sports Park.

Mr. Steven Crider attended the opening of the playground of the Dobson Ranch Park, visited Countryside Park and the opening of the Mesa Tennis Center at Gene Autry.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Heirshberg, CPRE
PRCF Department Director