

Subcommittee Members:

Nycole Leyba  
Brent Maldonado  
Jacob Martinez



**CITY OF MESA  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
FEES AND CHARGES SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: October 19, 2022  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Location: 708 W Baseline, Bldg. 4

✧ MINUTES ✧

**1. Discuss and provide recommendation for FY 2023/2024 fees and charges**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm

Director Andrea Moore gave a general overview that the subcommittee would be looking at the full listing of all fees. City Council only reviews the ranges that are being changed. Director Moore stated that the Subcommittee will be asked to recommend approval of the changes for consideration by the full Parks Board at the next meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Tammy Davenport, Luis Ruiz, and Aimee Manis addressed the Board with changes to the FY 2023/2024 fees and charges for Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities as outlined on the attached spreadsheet.

Board member Leyba asked why the proposed change for a round of 18 holes at Dobson Ranch was going from a single rate to a range. Mr. Ruiz answered that the cost for 18 holes can vary depending on the time of year.

Director Moore wanted to highlight the note about fee assistance at the bottom of page 7 that explains that fee assistance and scholarships change the charge for camps. This is noted to recognize that it changes the amount someone pays to the City based on qualifying factors, not the actual fee for the program.

Board member Leyba asked what is categorized as specialty camps. Aimee Manis gave examples such as camping camps, water polo camps, etc. which are more specialized programs.

Board member Maldonado made a motion to recommend that the full Parks Board consider approval of the fees and charges ranges. The motion did not receive a second and failed.

Board member Martinez would like to invite the public to an additional meeting to gather comments regarding summer camp fees. Director Moore stated since there isn't a change recommended there is no need to have an additional public meeting about the fees. Ms. Moore added that citizens can provide comments for the next full board meeting when the changes to fee ranges are reviewed. Board member Martinez stated that he has heard from families around the Guerrero Park Neighborhood that the program fees create a substantial barrier to participation, especially in West Mesa.

Director Moore stated that with the Master Plan process over the past 18 months, the City conducted a citizen survey, had public meetings in every district, and gathered comments related to the plan recommendations. The City

received no comments in regards to a desire to change or lower summer camps fees. She stated that she does not support having a public meeting on the fees for summer camps.

Board member Leyba indicated that she would like to see the program cost for summer camps be lowered. Director Moore stated that the fee assistance program is available for low-income families to receive a fifty percent discount. If that price point is still too high, the Parks Department can add additional fee assistance to the fifty percent off to find a cost that they are comfortable paying for the program. Staff are interested in continuing to improve outreach and marketing efforts so families are aware and comfortable with the process to request fee assistance.

Director Moore added that the direction from City Council is to increase the capacity of the programs, not to change the fee structure for those who can afford pay it. Board member Leyba indicated that she is not comfortable recommending approval of the fee ranges without lowering the fees. She said she is comfortable with the full Board reviewing the fees and charges schedules.

No further motions regarding the fees and charges schedule were made by the subcommittee.

Subcommittee moved to adjourn meeting at 6:19pm

Adjourn 6:19pm