

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, Bldg. #1, Mesa, on September 12, 2018.

Members Present:

Steve Crider
Matt Erickson
Kimberly Forest
Nycole Leyba
Jo Martin
Jacob Martinez

Staff Present:

Marc Heirshberg
Mike Holste
Fred Rustam
Mike Holste
Tammy Davenport
Jo Donovan

Members Absent:

Sherman Fort
Jaime Glasser
Trevor Hansen
Alicia Kracht
Justin Murdock

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Matt Erickson, Parks Advisory Board Chair.

Mr. Heirshberg explained to the board that on May 4, 2018 the Arizona Legislature passed HB 2065, which includes a new requirement that the minutes of meetings must now record the names of how each board member voted.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Erickson asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2018. Jo Martin made a motion to approve, Steve Crider, seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Crider-Erickson-Forest-Leyba-Martin-Martinez

NAYS - None

Introduction of new Parks Board Member:

Jacob Martinez is a new Parks Advisory Board Member, a senior at Dobson High School. Very excited to be on the Board and see how the City and the Board operates. Mr. Erickson asked Jacob how he had gotten involved in the Board process, Jacob explained that he is on the Mayor's Youth Committee and was looking to work with a Board and Parks Board was recommended. Mr. Heirshberg explained that he was excited to have youth voice on the Board.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Election of Chair and Vice Chair FY 2018-19:

Mr. Erickson opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Nycole Leyba nominated Jo Martin for Chair, Steve Crider seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Crider-Erickson-Forest-Leyba-Martin-Martinez
NAYS - None

Ms. Leyba nominated Jacob Martinez for Vice Chair, Jo Martin seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:
AYES – Crider-Erickson-Forest-Leyba-Martin-Martinez
NAYS - None

Director's Comments:

Strategic Plan Update: Mr. Heirshberg shared a Strategic Plan presentation showing some of our accomplishments to date. Those Strategic Plan action steps are still being addressed with staff and it is a living and breathing document.

Storm Damage Recognition: Mr. Heirshberg shared a video that was played during a City Council meeting recognizing staff for the work they completed and continue to work on during the summer's monsoon storms. The Parks and Recreation Department lost over 300 trees, 20 shade structures, power loss to buildings, windows breaking, debris in pools and staff that had to clean prior to swim lessons the next day, trees down at Dobson Ranch Golf Course. Currently staff are still working on irrigation issues at the Cemetery. Once everything is completely cleaned up, the staff will create a plan to replant trees in both the Cemetery and Dobson Ranch Golf Course.

Eagles Park and Signal Butte Park Update: Mr. Heirshberg shared that work is being wrapped up at Eagles Park, there have been some unexpected issues with poor turf grow in. Eagles Park Grand Opening will be on December 8th, time has yet to be determined. Signal Butte Park is in the final design stages, hopefully construction starting in November and completion sometime in the Spring.

City Election Update: On Monday, September 10, 2018 Council did certify the early Election results, Vice Mayor Luna was re-elected in Council District 5 and Councilmember Thompson was re-elected in Council District 6. District 3 and District 4 will have a run-off.

Upcoming Fees and Charges Process: Reminder that Parks staff will start working on the Fees and Charges process and in November the Board will be asked for volunteers to sit on the Fees and Charges Committee to review those updates and changes.

Parks Foundation Update: Just a reminder that Parks Advisory Board members are also Parks Foundation members, and they would welcome Boards participation.

CAPRA Accreditation: The Department has received official word that they met the required standards and will be accredited for the next 5 years.

Reports on meetings and/or events attended by Board Members

There were no meetings or events attended.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Crider, seconded by Ms. Martin and the motion was carried.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Crider-Erickson-Forest-Leyba-Martin-Martinez
NAYS - None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Heirshberg, CPRE
PRCF Department Director