

## **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met at the Parks and Recreation Office, 708 W Baseline Rd. Suite 4, in the Board Room on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

### **Members Present:**

Troy Campbell  
Claud Cluff  
Cindy Hayton  
Robert Ingram  
Nycole Leyba  
Brent Maldonado  
Jo Martin  
Orchidia Peterson  
Amelia Romney

### **Staff Present:**

Andrea Moore  
Aimee Manis  
Brandon Erno  
Luis Ruiz  
Haylie Smith  
Jo Donovan

### **Members Absent:**

Kimberly Forest  
Jacob Martinez

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Nycole Leyba, Chair.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Leyba asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2021, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Jo Martin made a motion, Troy Campbell seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Campbell - Cluff – Hayton - Ingram –Leyba – Maldonado - Martin – Peterson - Romney  
NAYS – None

**Public Comments:** None

### **Appointment of Fees and Charges Subcommittee:**

Ms. Andrea Moore, Director, explained that each year staff reviews the Fees and Charges in their areas and makes recommendations for changes. Any changes to Fees and Charges will require that a Subcommittee of the Parks Board review the changes. This meeting will be held December 15th to recommend that the proposed changes be presented to the full Parks Board for consideration at the January meeting. After that, the changes are presented to the City Council for consideration of adoption. The following Board members volunteered to be on the Subcommittee; Nycole Leyba, Claud Cluff, Troy Campbell, and Brent Maldonado, as alternate.

### **Division Updates: Aimee Manis, Recreation; Luis Ruiz, Commercial; Brandon Erno, Maintenance and Projects**

Aimee Manis, Administrator, provided an overview of the recreation programs. Ms. Manis highlighted that recreation is busy this time of year, with numerous tournaments, park ranger events, youth and adult sports. The Aquatics team is hosting large high school swim events for AIA, and other special events.

Luis Ruiz, Administrator, provided information on activities that were happening at the Cemetery, Convention Center, Amphitheatre, The Post and an overview of operations at Dobson Ranch Golf Course. Convention Center continues to show an increase in requests for

future events. Currently working with the Delta Hotel to study the current open spaces around the Convention Center for utilization for events. This is in the beginning phases. Amphitheatre had 5 concerts in October, which is a large number for October, and continue to have bookings through 2022. The Cemetery is in the final stages of the second phase of the Phase II expansion. The Dobson Ranch Golf Course is managed by Paradigm and are continuing to complete improvement projects throughout the Golf Course. Their revenues continue to be up. Paradigm is very involved with giving back to the community through their youth programs, they have currently been able to encourage the adaptive team to move to the Dobson Ranch Golf Course.

Mr. Erno provided a PowerPoint on Project Updates:

- City Center Plaza Project: An updated site plan was shared with the Board. The ice rink will be open November 26<sup>th</sup> in time for the opening of Merry Main Street.
- North Center Street: is in construction right now. Completion estimated summer of 2022.
- Red Mountain Expansion Project: Updated drawings were provided. Currently in the design process. Completion Summer of 2023.
- Monterey Park Expansion: Updated site plans were provided. There were some revisions to the parking lot and the location of the pickleball courts. Completion Summer of 2023. The playground is currently in construction and expected to be reopened by the end of December 2021.
- Eastmark Great Park Phase IV, which is funded by Eastmark, is in construction. Once complete the City Parks Maintenance team will take over maintenance. Estimated completion March 2022.
- Site plans of the Cemetery expansion were provided.

### **Director Update**

- Master Plan Update: Finalized a four-page public survey which will go out to 4,000 addresses randomly chosen across the City in November. The same survey will be available via a QR code beginning at the end of November throughout our special events and museums throughout the City. Asked the Board to encourage people they speak with to take the survey. The consultant team has been visiting areas that people recreate and some of the findings are coming in and will be presented to the Parks Board in March.

### **Reports on meetings and/or events attended by Board Members**

Troy Campbell, Cindy Hayton, Claud Cluff, Robert Ingram, Orchidia Peterson, Nycole Leyba and Amelia Romney all attended Celebrate Mesa in October.

Brent Maldonado participated in a City run softball league.

Nycole Leyba was awarded the Volunteer of Year by the East Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Leyba asked if there were any other items for discussion; the Board had no additional comments or discussion. Mr. Ingram made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Maldonado seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Campbell - Cluff – Hayton - Ingram –Leyba – Maldonado - Martin – Peterson - Romney  
NAYS – None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Moore, Director, CPRE  
PRCF Department Director