

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 8, 2019.

Members Present:

Steven Crider
Matthew Erickson

Kimberly Forest
Cindy Hayton
Nycole Leyba
Jo Martin
Orchidia Peterson

Staff Present:

Marc Heirshberg
Aimee Manis
Tammy Davenport
Jo Donovan
Leslie Clark

Members Absent:

Jaime Glasser
Jacob Martinez
Justin Murdock

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Jo Martin, Chair.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Martin, Chair, asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes from the March 13, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Nycole Leyba made a motion, Matt Erickson seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Crider – Erickson – Forest - Hayton – Leyba – Martin – Peterson

NAYS – None

Introduction of New Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members:

Ms. Martin introduced new Parks Advisory Board members; Cindy Hayton, who is a Mesa Public School Principal at Nathan Hale Elementary School. She is from Georgia and served on the Special Olympics Committee and wanted to get back into working with the Parks and Recreation system. Orchidia Peterson, born and raised in Mesa. Currently works for the Town of Gilbert. Has always wanted to be on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Public Comments: None

Presentation on FY 19/20 Budget

Mr. Heirshberg shared the FY19/20 Budget presentation he provided to Council on April 25, 2019.

Director's Comments

Parks Project Update:

Mr. Heirshberg stated that the contractor has remobilized at Eagles Park and will focus on the irrigation portion, as the crucial piece will be to get the turf established. Signal Butte Park will start construction early May. Riverview Park has two playground structures being replaced.

2018 Projects – Starting public meeting process, Red Mountain Soccer Fields meeting on June 5, 2019. Public Meeting for Playgrounds at Palo Verde and Marlboro Park and a basin at Harris and McKellips, will be coming up. Discussion on land acquisition are still going on regarding the N. Center street project. Awaiting appraisal on the 5-acre parcel at Monterey Park.

Certified Autism Center:

Visit Mesa has led an initiative to become the first City in the Country to be a Certified Autism Center. Mesa Chamber of Commerce has also completed the certification. The week of May 19th the PRCF Department will be going through the certification and will be the largest group to go through the certification. Audits will be performed by the certification team in May, and a full report will be created sensory guides will be available for families to give them places to go within the City of Mesa.

Administrative offices relocation: Due to the office relocation, the July meeting will be cancelled.

Reports on meetings and/or events attended by Board Members

Nycole Leyba attended Celebrate Mesa.

Jo Martin attended Celebrate Mesa.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Crider – Erickson – Forest - Hayton – Leyba – Martin – Peterson

NAYS – None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Heirshberg, CPRE
PRCF Department Director