

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

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in a regular session via Virtual Zoom call on September 9, 2020.

### **Members Present:**

Claud Cluff  
Matthew Erickson  
Kimberly Forest  
Rob Giles  
Cindy Hayton  
Nycole Leyba  
Brent Maldonado  
Jo Martin  
Jacob Martinez  
Orchidia Peterson

### **Staff Present:**

Fred Rustam  
Aimee Manis  
Haylie Smith  
Maigon Hudson  
Dyan Seaburg  
Andrea Moore

### **Members Absent:**

Jaime Glasser

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Martin asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes from the July 9, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Matt Erickson made a motion, Kimberly Forest seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cluff – Erickson – Forest - Giles – Hayton – Leyba – Maldonado – Martin - Martinez – Peterson

NAYS – None

**Public Comments:** None

**Introduction of new Staff Member – Haylie Smith, Management Analyst I:** Ms. Smith is on loan to the Department from the Office of Management and Budget, she will be working with the Business Services division of the Department. Ms. Smith is an Arizona Native, she grew up in Prescott. She received her master's degree in 2018 and has worked for the City since 2018.

### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Election of Chair and Vice Chair FY 2020-21:**

Ms. Martin opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Jo Martin nominated Matt Erickson for Chair Nycole Leyba seconded, Ms. Leyba nominated Orchidia Peterson for Vice Chair Matt Erickson seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve.

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AYES – Cluff – Erickson – Forest - Giles – Hayton – Leyba – Maldonado – Martin - Martinez – Peterson

NAYS – None

## **Presentation on the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department**

Fred Rustam, Assistant Director introduced Aimee Manis, Recreation Administrator and Dyan Seaburg, Commercial Administrator who presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board on the ongoing effects of COVID-19 on the Department and the Mesa CARES/Feeding Mesa program.

At the end of the presentation, the floor was opened for questions. Kimberly Fort asked where the Recreation Center activities are being advertised and suggested staff utilize Visit Mesa as a source to get the word out.

### **Assistant Director's Comments**

Mr. Rustam introduced Andrea Moore who provided a Project Update:

- City Center Plaza Project: currently out to bid and will include a water feature, a grassy area, the seasonal ice rink, electrical connections, and an event area. Hoping to start construction in January 2021.
- North Center Street: Project is still working through some complications and is anticipated to be complete Summer of 2022
- Red Mountain Expansion Project: Anticipated to have soccer fields and youth softball fields. Currently in the design process. Completion Summer of 2023.
- Monterey Park Expansion: Will include baseball and softball fields. Hoping to also put a self-service Library Check Out Center on this property. Completion Summer of 2023.
- Marlboro Park is receiving a new playground. A public meeting will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup>, it will be a virtual meeting. Anticipating completion 2021
- Palo Verde Park will also receive a new playground. A public meeting will be held in October, also a virtual meeting. Anticipating completion 2021.
- Harris Basin will be receiving a new playground, this will be a new playground, and is anticipated to be completed in 2021.
- Stapley and Shepard pool will be drained to be replastered and Stapley will receive a new water feature and Shepard will receive a new water slide and will be complete May 2021.
- Pickleball Update: This has become a very popular sport and staff have been receiving many requests for additional pickleball courts. At this time, we cannot add any new courts, but are converting some of the concrete volleyball courts that currently exist in some of our parks to pickleball.
- Playground Surface Update: Because of a request the Department received the public can now find the different surfaces for all the Department playgrounds on our website. This will assist those that are on the autism spectrum the ability to know what playgrounds are best for their circumstances.

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

No report of any meetings.

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

AYES – Cluff – Erickson – Forest - Giles – Hayton – Leyba – Maldonado – Martin - Martinez – Peterson  
NAYS – None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Heirshberg, CPRE  
PRCF Department Director