



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Dykstra called the meeting to order on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Members in Attendance:

Chairman Melanie Dykstra
Boardmember John David
Boardmember Shawn Hsu
Boardmember James Montgomery
Boardmember Jegadesan Krishnamurthy

Members Absent:

Vice-Chairman Tim Johnson
Boardmember Barbara Cenalmar-Bruquetas

Staff Members Present:

John Sefton, Community Services Director
Mickey Ohland, Community Services Planning Manager
Erika Berry, Recreation Superintendent
Becky Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent
Angelica Raya, Recreation Program Coordinator
Lucy Vazquez, Sr Management Analyst

2. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- a.** Erika Berry, Recreation Superintendent, introduced Angelica Raya, the new Recreation Program Coordinator for Therapeutics.

3. ACTION AGENDA

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Boardmember Montgomery** requested approval of the minutes for the October 4, 2022, Parks and Recreation Board meeting **Boardmember David** seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. Brooks Crossing Park Improvements Concept Plan: Mickey Ohland, Community Services Planning Manager provided a detailed presentation on the improvement concept plan. Discussion ensued. **Boardmember Krishnamurthy** motioned the approval of the Brooks Crossing Park Improvements Concept Plan to the Community Services Director, **Boardmember David** seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- c. Amendments to Chapter 31: John Sefton, Community Services Director presented to the board the updated language and changes that were made by the City Law Department related to civil enforcement and the structures in Section 31-7. However, it was determined that the code language on this chapter is part of a larger discussion, citywide. Therefore, the language will go before City Council once the overall code is updated. **Chairman Dykstra** recommended this item be put back on the agenda in six months for an update. Discussion ensued. **Boardmember Montgomery** motioned the approval of the Amendments to Chapter with the condition of bringing the item back on the agenda in six months for an update. **Boardmember Krishnamurthy** seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION / BRIEFING

- a. Community Services Fee Schedule and Policy Memo: Erika Berry, Recreation Superintendent provided the departments fee schedule and the policy memo that presents the department's philosophy. She mentioned that budget season is in session and fees are being reviewed.

Boardmember Montgomery asked what kind of changes will be looked at.

Ms. Berry explained that in the fee review process, they look at what other cities in the valley are charge and compare. She mentioned that the City of Chandler offers low-cost amenities with the intent of wanting the community to come out

and utilize the parks and amenities. However, there are offsets that they need to consider such as maintenance, equipment, and staff cost. Discussion ensued.

5. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Chairman Dykstra** mentioned she and Shawn went to the Gazelle Meadows improvement public meeting and said there was good feedback. She also went to the Homestead North Park dedication, and it was really nice.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Recreation and City Upcoming Winter Events: Erika Berry, Recreation Superintendent shared the City's upcoming winter events and activities.

7. CALENDAR

- a. Next meeting will be February 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items, **Chairman Dykstra** made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. **Boardmember Krishnamurthy** seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.



Melanie Dykstra, Chairman

Mickey Ohland, Community
Services Planning Manager