



OCTOBER 3, 2023 | 5:00 P.M. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Madam Chair Dykstra called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Madam Chair Melanie Dykstra (Via WebEx)
Board Member James Montgomery
Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy
Board Member Sue McInturff

Members Absent:

Vice-Chair Tim Johnson
Board Member John David

Staff Members Present:

John Sefton, Community Services Director
Jeff Larsen, Parks Operations and Maintenance Senior Manager
Rebecca Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent
Mickey Ohland, Parks Development & Operations Senior Manager
Chris Smith, Aquatics Superintendent

SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Brook Beall, a community member, provided an update regarding the use of motorized vehicles on the Paseo Vista Trail Loop. Mr. Beall reported that law

enforcement officers had made frequent visits and monitored the park for approximately one month and stated that there has been a noticeable reduction in the number of children riding their motorized vehicles on the trail. Mr. Beall also mentioned that the issue persists.

Mr. Beall mentioned that he was recently approached by another community member who suggested that he should cease his complaints and allow the children to enjoy riding their vehicles. Mr. Beall emphasized that the problem persists even with the presence of signs at Paseo Vista. Mr. Beall urged the utilization of park rangers and the police department for continued monitoring and requested the installation of additional signage in the park.

Madam Chair Dykstra thanked **Mr. Beall** for sharing this information and proposed adding the topic to a future agenda. She suggested a more comprehensive discussion on trail oversight management, concerns, and potential solutions. Madam Chair also requested that the staff conduct further follow-up on this matter with PD and Park Rangers.

ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Madam Chair Melanie Dykstra asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 5th, 2023, Parks and Recreation Board meeting. **Board Member Krishnamurthy** made a motion to approve. **Board Member Montgomery** seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF TUMBLEWEED PARK PICKLEBALL FACILITIES

Mickey Ohland, Parks Development & Operations Senior Manager, gave a brief presentation and provided information regarding the updates to the proposed Tumbleweed Park pickleball courts and an overview of their inclusion in the 2024-2033 Capital Improvement and Parks Strategic Plan.

Madam Chair Dykstra asked for additional information regarding the consideration of solar energy at the pickleball courts.

Madam Chair Melanie Dykstra asked for a motion to recommend approval of the future pickleball facilities at Tumbleweed Park. **Board Member McInturf** made a

motion to approve. **Board Member Krishnamurthy** seconded the motion. **Board Member Montgomery** abstained. The motion was approved by the majority.

BRIEFING

Rebecca Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent, Gave a brief presentation on the Parks and Recreation Association (APRA).

The presentation included the following key points:

- The Mission of APRA
- Member Benefits and Networking
- Professional Development
- Certifications offered through NRPA
- CPRP, CPRE, CPS, AFO Certifications
- Overview of APRA website

Rebecca Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent, Gave a brief presentation on the Certified Autism Center Designation project.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Madam Chair Dykstra led a discussion for future agenda items to include for upcoming meetings. Items identified were:

- Fees and Charges associated with the pickleball courts.
- Rental Opportunities associated with the pickleball courts.
- Consideration for solar power at the pickleball facilities.

MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR

- **Sonoran Sunset, Thursday, October 19, 2023, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
Veterans Oasis, 4050 E Chandler Heights Rd, Chandler, AZ 85249
- **Community Nights, Friday, October 20th, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
- **Pumpkin Dunk, Saturday, October 28, 2023 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.** Mesquite
Groves Aquatic Center, 5901 S. Hillcrest Drive, Chandler, AZ 85249

- **For Our City Day Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023**, Colonia Coronita Neighborhood, Chandler AZ
- **Tennis Zombie Social Saturday, October 28, 2023 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.**
- **Arbor Day, Saturday November 4th, 2023, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Veterans Oasis Park, 4050 E. Chandler Heights Road, Chandler, AZ 85249

Next Board Meeting – November 4, 2023 at Veterans Oasis Park, 4050 E. Chandler Heights Road, Chandler, AZ 85249

ADJOURNMENT With no further items, **Madam Chair Dykstra** requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. **Board member James Montgomery** made the motion to adjourn the meeting. **Board member Sue McInturf** seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Melanie Dykstra, Madam Chair

Erika Berry, Recreation
Superintendent