# Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting

November 4, 2023 | 8:30 a.m.

Veterans Oasis Park 4050 E. Chandler Heights Rd., Chandler, AZ





# **Board Members**

Chair Melanie Dykstra Vice Chair Tim Johnson Board Member James Montgomery Board Member John David Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy Board Member Sue McInturf

Pursuant to Resolution No. 4464 of the City of Chandler and to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Parks and Recreation Board and to the general public that the Parks and Recreation Board will hold a REGULAR MEETING open to the public on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., at Veterans Oasis Park, Chandler, AZ., 85249. One or more Board Members may be attending by telephone.

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# Call to Order/Roll Call

# Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Appearances

Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the Board or Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Board or Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.

# **Consent Agenda**

Items listed on the Consent Agenda may be enacted by one motion and one vote. If a discussion is required by members of the Board or Commission, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and determination will be made if the item will be considered separately.

# Action Agenda

1. Approval of the October 3, 2023, Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes

## Discussion

# Briefing

2. Tour of the Veterans Oasis Park and Nature Center, 4050 E. Chandler Heights Rd., Chandler, AZ 85249

# Member Comments/Announcements

## Calendar

3. The next Regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be on February 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

## Information Items

Adjourn



#### Parks and Recreation Community Services Memo No.

- **Date:** 11/04/2023
- **To:** Parks and Recreation Board
- **From:** Joshua Adams, Business Systems Support Analyst
- Subject: Approval of the October 3, 2023, Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes

## Attachments

October 3, 2023 Parks Board Minutes



# 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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