Meeting Minutes
Resident Bond Parks and Recreation Subcommittee
Regular Meeting

October 22, 2024, | 4:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Subcommittee
175 S. Arizona Ave, Chandler, AZ

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mullins at 4:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Attendance

Chair Nina Mullins
Jake Arians
Peppur Chambers
David Gonzalez
Jeggy Krishnamurthy
Jacob Marson
Kayla Qian

Absent

None

Staff Attendance

John Sefton, Community Services Director
Kim Moyers, Cultural Development Director
Mickey Ohland, Community Services Planning Manager
Sandy Popovich, Management Analysist
Toni Smith, Marketing & Communication Manager

Non-staff Attendance

Diane Arabia, Resident

Action Agenda

1. **Subcommittee Member Arians** moved to approve the Parks & Recreation Bond Subcommittee Regular meeting minutes of the October 3, 2024, meeting; Seconded by **Subcommittee Member Gonzalez**.

   Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Briefing Items

1. **Cultural Development Department/Community Services Department Overviews**

   CHAIR MULLINS introduced the discussion item and called for staff presentation.

Cultural Development Department Director, Kim Moyers explained this Department includes the Center for the Arts, Chandler Museum, Downtown Redevelopment, the Vision Gallery, and Special Events.

The Center for the Arts hosts over 600 events a year. The Center is shared by the Cultural Foundation and Chandler Unified School District with the Foundation having programs Friday – Sunday and the school district using the facility Monday-Friday, during the day.

The Chandler Museum has been open for 5 ½ years. In that time, it has maintained Tier 1 exhibits that are Chandler specific and Tier 2 exhibits that travel from museum to museum. Most of the programming is designed to match the current exhibits on display.

Downtown Chandler continues to be a destination driver for the City. In Phase I, two new parking lots have been built and 150,000 sq. ft. of office retail space and hotel capacity have been added. Almost 500,000 new and rehabilitated space has been completed. Phase II is in the planning phase now.

The Special Events Division plans approximately 80 events a year, including the Chandler Tumbleweed Tree Lighting, 4th of July, the Ostrich Festival among the key events supported by the Division.

Community Services Director, John Sefton, explained that he supports parks, recreation and library.

Mr. Sefton explained that between the aquatic pools, Tumbleweed Recreation, the libraries, Snedigar, and the Nature Center, services to patrons are spread out across Chandler.

Mr. Sefton talked about one of the major projects in the Department, the Tumbleweed Expansion. This project will add 11,000 sq. ft. to the location and will provide additional, lounge areas, pool tables, and classrooms for the community with a focus on multi-generational programming. Additionally, Mr. Sefton mentioned that the City became a certified autism center.

Mesquite Groves received a major renovation including replacement of the entire deck and painting and plastering throughout the facility.

The previous bond also permitted the completion of the new Tumbleweed ballfields.
Additionally, we are building 18 pickleball courts. The Department just completed the first Urban Forestry Inventory which revealed that there are 18,500 trees with additional space for more trees. Water conservation is a key factor as new developments are created.

Mr. Sefton praised the Library Division for their amazing work. There are nearly 70,000 active card holders, 1.3 million checkouts among the 4 library branches, and a quarter million eBooks available.

Subcommittee Member Chambers asked if the findings from the Master Plan intersect with what the Bond Subcommittee is doing. Mr. Sefton responded that yes, there is overlap. Discussion ensued.

Subcommittee Chair Mullins asked if the subcommittee would be adding to the existing project list. Mr. Sefton responded no. The projects that have already been starting need additional bond support to be completed. Discussion ensued.

Community Services Planning Manager, Mr. Mickey Ohland reviewed information on the Park's system. The City has 69 developed parks in our system with 3 more parks to build.

The City has 4 different classifications of parks: neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks and special use parks.

Neighborhood Parks – 53 parks over 65 square miles, approximately 1 park for every square mile of residential space.

Community Parks – These are larger parks and have playgrounds, ramadas, walking and bike paths, sports fields, and restrooms.

Regional Parks – The City has one regional park: Tumbleweed Recreation. This park is 205 acres, and we've developed approximately 177 acres so far.

Special Use Parks – The City has 6 unique special use parks that cater to a specific activity or use. Paseo Vista is one example of a special use park that has archery, and it is the only one of its kind in Chandler. Chuperosa dog park is another example.

2. 2021 Bond Projects Review

Mr. Ohland then spoke about the previous 2021 bond and how, due to increasing costs, the projects associated with that bond may run out of funds prior to completion. This is the reason the bond subcommittee was brought together. Some of the projects that the subcommittee will review include Tumbleweed Ranch, Brooks Crossing Park, Tumbleweed Expansion, Mesquite Groves, Existing Community Park Improvements, Lantana Ranch, Folley Pool, and AJ Park.

3. Review and Discussion of Proposed Community Services and Cultural Development Projects.

Tabled for the November 12, 2024, Meeting.

4. Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan

Tabled for the November 12, 2024, Meeting.

5. Determine the Future Meeting Schedule

It was decided that the following schedule of meetings and tours would be:

Parks & Recreation Bond Subcommittee

Upcoming Meeting/Tour Schedule

Meetings (1-Hour Long)			
Tuesday	October 22, 2024	4:00 p.m.	City Hall
Tuesday	November 12, 2024	4:00 p.m.	City Hall
Tuesday	November 19, 2024	4:00 p.m.	City Hall

Tours (1.5 Hours Long)			
Thursday	October 24, 2024	4:30 p.m.	Tumbleweed Ranch
Thursday	November 14, 2024	4:00 p.m.	AJ Park
Thursday	November 21, 2024	4:00 p.m.	Snedigar Park

Public Comment

No comments

Calendar

The next Regular Parks and Recreation Bond Subcommittee meeting will be held on November 12, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the City Hall 4th floor large conference room, 175 S. Arizona Ave, Chandler, Arizona.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

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Sandy Popovich, Secretary Nina Mullins, Chair