



Community Services
Parks & Recreation

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NOVEMBER 4, 2023 | 8:30 A.M. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Madam Chair Dykstra called the meeting to order on Saturday, November 4, at 8:35 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Madam Chair Melanie Dykstra
Vice Chair Tim Johnson
Board Member James Montgomery
Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy
Board Member Sue McInturff

Members Absent:

Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy

Staff Members:

John Sefton, Erika Berry, Derek Gerson, Becky Kuiper, Mickey Ohland

Minutes approved, John David motioned, and Sue McInturff seconded, all in favor.

Briefing

Derek Gerson led the board on a tour of the Chandler Nature Center, pointing out lobby exhibits and programs offered at the center.

Next, Mickey Ohland shared the history of the Veterans Memorial at Veterans Oasis Park. Mickey pointed out the features of the memorial and what each feature represents.

Last, Erika Berry led the board on a short tour of Veterans Oasis Park. Erika showed the group the Amphitheater where the Sonoran Sunset Concert series is held, the educational garden, and the park's peninsula. In addition, she shared that the lake is frequently stocked with fish, and you can fish with an urban fishing license.

Member Comments

Board member McInturf complimented the job on the Arrowhead Pickleball courts. Staff Mickey Ohland stated the courts would be opening on November 6. However, the benches would be installed at a later date.

Madam Chair Dykstra wanted to recognize board member McInturf for providing Tumbleweed Recreation Center guests the opportunity to view the solar eclipse safely with her welding mask. Madam Chair Dykstra suggested staff provide future opportunities to view upcoming eclipse. Staff Derek Gerson shared that the Chandler Nature Center will give goggles to customers during the spring 2024 eclipse.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. Board member McInturf motioned to adjourn, and board member John David seconded, all in favor.

Melanie Dykstra, Madam Chair

Erika Berry, Recreation
Superintendent