



March 5, 2024 | 5:00 P.M. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dykstra called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 5, at 5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Chair Melanie Dykstra
Vice Chair Tim Johnson
Board Member James Montgomery
Board Member Sue McInturff
Board Member Lynette Bradley

Members Absent:

Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy
Board Member John David

Staff Members:

John Sefton, Erika Berry, Chris Smith, Corey Povar, Mickey Ohland, Lieutenant Michael Stewart

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES - None

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes approved, Jim Montgomery motioned, and Sue McInturff seconded, all in favor.

DISCUSSION

Paseo Vista Trail – Brook Beal (citizen)

Community Services Director John Sefton provided a presentation (attached). Chair Dykstra asked for clarification on what is prohibited. Mr. Sefton responded that prohibited items included anything with a motor. A discussion ensued related to where the governing authority resides. Mr. Sefton stated that the overall authority belongs to the land owner, which in this instance is the Bureau of Reclamation. Chair Dykstra asked if the City had the authority to implement more restrictive regulations. Mr. Sefton stated that this question would need to be answered after discussing it with an attorney.

Chair Dykstra inquired about penalties associated with trespassing. Lieutenant Stewart stated that an individual needs to be trespassed initially and asked to leave before any further penalty can be assessed. Lieutenant Stewart explained that an initial trespass order lasts for six months. If an individual receives another trespass within six months, they receive a citation, which could result in an up to \$500 fine. Additional discussion ensued.

Mr. Sefton introduced Brook Beall and gave him the floor to discuss his concerns. Mr. Beal stated that his two main concerns are the safety of himself, his wife, and other pedestrians. Mr. Beall noted that his second concern was the impact on the local wildlife in the surrounding area. Mr. Beall mentioned that on the west side of the trail is a horse trail that should be designated as a separate trail area. Mr. Beall recommended having trail courtesy signs that state horses have the right of way. Mr. Beall stated that he has created a website, paseotrail.org, where he has posted videos of individuals violating the restriction to electronic motorized recreation vehicles.

Mr. Beall expressed that additional signage is needed and recommended that signs be on both sides of the canal at every intersection. In addition, he would like to see the courtesy signs at each intersection as well. A discussion ensued.

Chair Dykstra asked that the Parks and Recreation Divisions could provide future updates as necessary.

Dog Park Security – Conrad Calderon (citizen)

Mr. Sefton provided a presentation (attached) to introduce the topic of Dog Park Security. Mr. Sefton introduced Mr. Calderon and provided him with the floor.

Mr. Calderon stated that what he's most concerned with right now is that the park lights are not turning on once the sun goes down. He added that one of the light poles has yellow caution tape around it and is not working. Mr. Calderon stated that the individual who was responsible for stabbing and killing his dog was identified but has yet to be arrested. Mr. Calderon noted that a decision to arrest would be up to the District Attorney. Mr. Calderon also mentioned that the individual who has been identified is claiming that he felt his dog was threatened and justified his response of stabbing Mr. Calderon's dog as being in fear of his dog's life.

Mr. Calderon discussed his suggestion, which was provided at the February Parks and Recreation Board meeting, to provide cameras at the Dog Parks. Mr. Calderon stated that as it stands, it's his word against the word of the individual who stabbed his dog. Mr. Calderon mentioned that there might be additional evidence to consider if there were cameras.

Mr. Calderon also stated that the "Park Rules" sign blocks the view of the gate entrance from a common area where most park patrons congregate. Mr. Calderon stated there may have been more witnesses if this view had not been obstructed.

Mr. Sefton discussed Mr. Calderon's suggestion of adding cameras to public park spaces, specifically the City's dog parks. Mr. Sefton stated that the City has looked into this previously, and several considerations are involved. These include but are not limited to funding, data storage, and access, what data would be used for, and how data would be secured. Mr. Sefton stated that the issue is very complex, and there is no quick resolution to the appropriateness of where cameras should or should not be placed. A discussion ensued.

BRIEFING

Park Development Update – Mickey Ohland

The following project updates were provided.

Tumbleweed Diamond Field Project – Consists of four natural sandbased turf softball/baseball fields with a maximum outfield fence distance of 315 feet. The fields are scheduled to be completed in late August or first part of September. Hunter Contracting is the contractor for the project.

Tumbleweed Recreation Center expansion – Expansion includes the addition of approximately 11,000 square feet to the facility. This project is scheduled to be completed in early 2025. Chasse Construction is the contractor for the project.

Tumbleweed Pickleball Facility – This project is currently in design. Construction plans are 60% complete and are being reviewed. This facility will consist of 18 lighted courts, restrooms, two ramadas, two practice areas, parking, and an exercise area. Staff anticipates this project will break ground late summer or early fall of 2024 with a late spring or early summer of 2025 completion. Mr. Ohland stated that this is contingent upon there not being any supply chain issues, mainly related to electrical equipment availability and installation. Current industry delay times for some electrical equipment is 52 weeks.

Brooks Crossing Park Improvements – This project consists of the addition of a pickleball court, basketball court improvements, ADA improvements, and new ramada for the 8-acre park. Staff is currently in negotiations with a job order contractor. Construction is anticipated to start late summer of 2024.

Gazelle Meadows Park Improvements – This project includes adding a basketball court, skate plaza, expanding the playground area, new shaded picnic areas, site furniture, landscaping, and parking. Construction plans are nearing completion, and staff anticipates construction will start in late summer 2024.

Mesquite Groves Park Site – Originally purchased in 2001, this future 100-acre Community Park has been included in the existing Capital Improvement Program for design and construction. The Community Service Department is currently analyzing, with the help of Municipal Utilities, items related to water conservation and new state regulations that may or may not impact the development of this park. Once water needs and availability have been assessed, the City will conduct public meetings and complete a community survey regarding the community's recreational needs. Phases one and two are scheduled for construction in FY 2025/26, with the last phase planned for construction in FY 2029/30.

Chair excused herself to attend a prior obligation at 6:27 p.m. A quorum was still held since four remaining board members were in attendance.

Chapter 31 Update – John Sefton

Mr. John Sefton stated that the Community Services Department is currently working on updating the City code as it relates to Chapter 31. Mr. Sefton explained that the Department took a minor edit to Council for an update last year. During this process, the City identified several areas that needed to be revised. This will allow the City to update terminology and definitions, provide clarity, and better

establish correlations to other departments and state law. Mr. Sefton mentioned that the process will take approximately one year.

Fee Schedule and Policy Update – John Sefton

Mr. Sefton provided an update on the Community Services fees; the presentation is attached. Mr. Sefton mentioned that the City Code addresses fees in Chapter 2. He explained that this involves the Parks and Recreation Board working with Community Services to develop a fee structure related to the service provided by the department. Mr. Sefton explained that the base philosophy of the fees is a cost recovery method. This is another effort that will occur over the next year.

Board member Montgomery asked if changes based on inflation are expected. Mr. Sefton stated that the formulas that will be proposed will account for inflation.

Board Member Montgomery asked if the fees would account for increases in technology. Mr. Sefton explained that expenses related to technology needs are addressed through the Decision Package process during the budget cycle.

Board Member Montgomery asked about flexibility regarding the fee formulas. Mr. Sefton explained that the formulas are based on the cost recovery categories established by the Fee Policy and the subsidy philosophy it establishes. Mr. Montgomery provided the example of a robot being used for ping pong classes, and the expense of purchasing one would increase the class fee. Ms. Berry stated that the hourly classes, which are introductory, purchase equipment that is not a part of the direct cost of classes since they are used for multiple programs over multiple years.

MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR ITEMS

Senior Expo - Wednesday, March 06, 2024 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Senior Variety Show Days 1 & 2 - Wednesday, March 13, 2024 | 2 p.m. & Thursday, March 14, 2024 | 7 p.m.

Sonoran Sunset Series - Thursday, March 21, 2024 | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Youth and Teen Art Show Grand Opening - Friday, March 22, 2024 | 6 - 8 p.m.

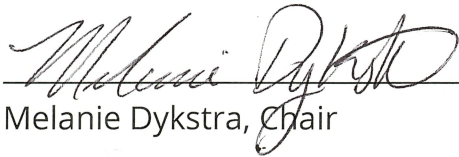
Nature at Night - Saturday, March 23, 2024 | 6 - 9 p.m.

Race to Ace Tennis Ball Scavenger Hunt - March 25 - 30, 2024

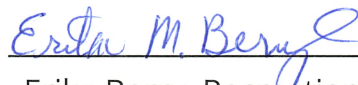
INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURN

Board Member Montgomery motioned to adjourn. Board Member McInturf seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Melanie Dykstra, Chair



Erika Berry, Recreation
Superintendent