



August 6, 2024 | 5:00 P.M. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair David called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 6, at 5:00 P.M.

Members in Attendance:

Chair John David

Vice Chair Melanie Dykstra

Board Member James Montgomery

Board Member Sue McInturf

Board Member Lynette Bradley

Board Member Sarah Sharits

Members Absent:

Jegadesan Krishnamurthy

Staff Members:

Erika Berry, Becky Kuiper, Corey Povar, John Sefton, Joshua Adams, Chris Smith, Nora Boettcher, Mickey Ohland

Others Present:

Carl Novick

SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Unscheduled Appearance – Carl Novick

Mr. Novick discussed the table tennis program at the Tumbleweed Recreation Center and expressed that, in his opinion, the program could use an additional two tables.

Chair David asked that the staff look into the request and provide a follow-up at a future meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. *Approval of Minutes from the April 2, 2024, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting*

Board Member Montgomery moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Board Member Bradley. The motion carried 6-0.

BRIEFING

2. *Capital Projects Funding/Bond Election Discussion – Matt Dunbar*

Mr. Dunbar provided information on bond elections and the city's assessment of potentially conducting one in November 2025. Mr. Dunbar discussed that to fund the 10-year CIP, the City would need additional authorization. This is mainly due to inflationary costs for past and current projects. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Dunbar informed the Board that they could contact him or John Sefton if they were interested in participating in a subcommittee. Mr. Dunbar provided his contact information: Mathew.dunbar@chandleraz.gov.

A handout was provided.

3. *Parks and Recreation Services Study - Chaz Simmons*

Mr. Simmons provided information on his intern project with the City of Chandler. He stated that he created a survey to identify how citizens value the city's aquatic services. The survey would recognize customer's willingness to pay. Mr. Simmons noted that his results would be published, and the Board could receive a copy to review.

4. *Park Feedback Campaign – Corey Povar*

Mr. Povar stated that the Parks Division is relaunching the park feedback survey effort. He mentioned that this was in part at the request of Council members. Mr. Povar explained that the Division is designing this survey to gather desired information. He compared previous survey results as being more work requests than feedback. Mr. Povar explained that the new surveys will be able to indicate which park location the input is being provided based on a geolocation QR code. The previous campaign lacked this capability. This campaign will focus on the City's community parks first and, if successful, may expand to the neighborhood parks. A discussion ensued.

5. *Staff Update – John Sefton*

Becky Kuiper introduced the new Adaptive Recreation Supervisor, Nora Boettcher.

Mr. Sefton provided the following updates related to the Parks and Recreation Divisions.

- Dr. AJ Chandler Park is not yet in design; the Department will provide updated information once we get to design.
- Tumbleweed Softball Fields – ribbon cutting September 7th at 8 a.m.
- Tumbleweed Pickleball Courts – groundbreaking September 7th at 9 a.m.

MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Dykstra inquired about future informational items to be brought before the Board. These items included recommendations for Folley Pool, The Master Plan, where it is in the process, making the bond subcommittee a standing agenda item, and fees. Regarding fees and charges, Ms. Berry stated that staff have finished their review and will be making recommendations through the budget process.

Vice Chair Dykstra asked if the recent court decision that rolled back Martin V. Boise regarding homelessness has had an impact. She added that she would like to discuss the Parks Code and any legal ramifications based on recent court decisions.

Board member Montgomery asked that the expansion of operational hours back to pre-COVID be added as a discussion item. Mr. Sefton stated that the item has been addressed. Mr. Sefton explained that staff are continually monitoring demand and


need. At this time, there is no indication that additional hours are required. Chair David asked Mr. Sefton if he felt the current operational hours were based on a market correction. Mr. Sefton concurred and stated that Chair David had described it accurately.

CALENDAR ITEMS

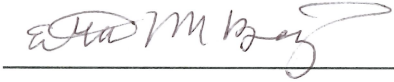
Fall Community Recreation Program Registration August 6, 2024 at 10 a.m.

ADJOURN

With no further items, Chair David adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.



John David, Chair



Erika Berry, Recreation
Superintendent