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Parks & Recreation

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February 4, 2025 | 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, February 4, at 5:00 P.M.

Members in Attendance:

Chair John David
Vice Chair Melanie Dykstra
Board Member Sue McInturf
Board Member Sarah Sharits
Board Member James Montgomery
Board Member Lynette Bradley

Members Absent:

Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy

Staff Members:

Erika Berry, John Sefton, Joshua Adams, Corey Povar, Leneah Muschinski, Abel Mendoza, Sean Preuss, Tyler Buckley, Becky Kuiper, Chris Smith, Riley McAuliffe, Trevor Jones, Aubrey Billington, Jessica Chamberlain, Joao Mejia,

Others Present:

Duane Lidman, Siyuan Zhang

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Erika Berry introduced Sean Pruess, the new coordinator overseeing the Tumbleweed Recreation Center's fitness floor, and Leneah Muschinski, the

new coordinator overseeing the Active Adult programming for the Tumbleweed Recreation Center.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Unscheduled Appearance – Duane Lidman

Mr. Lidman reviewed the September 9th Council meeting. He mentioned his presentation to the Mayor and Council and reviewed feedback on the construction of Park # 70.

ACTION ITEMS

1. *Approval of Minutes from the November 5, 2024, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting.*

Vice Chair Dykstra moved to approve the November 5th Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes, which Board Member McInturf seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. *Chandler Youth Sports Association Concession Request Recommendation for Director Approval Move to recommend Director's approval of the requests from CYSA partners to set up a portable concession stand(s) during the 2025 CYSA seasons.*

Vice Chair Dykstra expressed concern about concessionaires generating revenue without contributing to the CYSA group with which they have an agreement or the community.

Mrs. Berry stated that the CYSA groups manage the concessionaire agreements independently. She mentioned that businesses operating concessions must still have the correct licensing and pay City tax on the revenue generated.

Chair David inquired about how other neighboring cities approach operating concessions in their parks. Mr. Sefton stated that each City is unique in the management of concession operations.

Mr. Sefton stated that the Recreation Division will discuss concession agreements with CYSA groups.

Board Member Montgomery motioned to approve a recommendation to the Director of approval for the requests from CYSA partners to set up portable concession stand(s) during the 2025 CYSA seasons. Board Member Sharits seconded. None opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. *Discussion and possible action to make recommendations on Park #70 naming.*

Mr. Sefton provided an update and review of survey results related to the naming of Park #70. The survey results showed overwhelming support for naming Park #70 Orange Tree in two words. A discussion ensued about approving the recommendation of naming the park Orangetree Park versus Orange Tree as two words. The original plat for the neighborhood is noted at "Orangetree."

Board Member Montgomery motioned to approve the recommendation to name Park #70 Orangetree. Vice Chair Dykstra seconded, none opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

BRIEFING

4. *Aquatics - Chris Smith*

Chris Smith, along with staff members Riley McAuliffe, Jessica Chamberlain, Aubrey Billington, Joao Mejia, and Trevor Jones, presented information related to the 2024 Aquatics operations.

Vice Chair Dykstra inquired whether the participation numbers provided were unique registrants or based on the number of times attended. Ms. Billington stated that they were based on the number of times attended. Staff noted that a follow-up with the number of unique registrations will be provided.

5. *Tumbleweed Recreation Center Expansion Update – Erika*

Erika Berry provided an update on the Tumbleweed Recreation Center's expansion construction. Mrs. Berry stated that early next week, the entry from Pioneer will be closed off due to the placement of a new sign.

Vice Chair Dykstra inquired about the impact the annual Ostrich Festival might have on parking and activities.

Mr. Sefton stated that the parking needs for the event will be addressed. Mrs. Berry mentioned that the facility will be closed on some days that the Ostrich Festival is taking place, affecting class offerings.

Mrs. Berry stated that the ribbon cutting should be at the end of April or early May.

Chair David inquired if the project was on time. Mrs. Berry stated that the project is currently on schedule.

Vice Chair Dykstra inquired about the registration being on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. A discussion ensued. Mr. Adams stated that the Department would analyze activity fill rates during the first few hours of registration to see if there is a need to change the time.

6. *Bond Sub-committee Update - John Sefton*

Mr. Sefton provided an update on the Bond Subcommittee's progress and a summary of the items that will move forward in the Bond. There will be a committee presentation to Mayor and Council on February 20th.

CALENDAR ITEMS

7. The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held on March 4th at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago St.
8. Sonoran Sunset Series - Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
9. Community Nights - February 21st Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School located at 360 S. Twelve Oaks Blvd., Chandler, AZ, 85226
10. Mayor Jay Tibshraeny's induction into Celebration Plaza on February 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Tumbleweed Park
11. Adaptive Fun Run, February 20 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Tumbleweed Park McDowell Pavillion

12. Disability Awareness Award Recognition, February 20, at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers

13. Junior Tennis Open, February 28- March 2 at the Chandler Tennis Center

ADJOURN – Chair David motioned to adjourn; Board member Montgomery seconded, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

John David, Chair

Erika Berry, Recreation
Superintendent