

March 4, 2025, | 5:00 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Dykstra called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 4, at 5:00 P.M.

Members in Attendance:

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

Members Absent:

Chair John David

Staff Members:

Erika Berry, Corey Povar, Becky Kuiper, Malorie Heppler, and Anthony Anderson

Others Present:

Marilyn Hespel, Bill Hespel, Kim Foy, and Garrett Griggs

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Tyller Ayers, Recreation Assistant, was not available for introduction to the Board and will be rescheduled.

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 February 4, 2025, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting.*

Board Member Montgomery moved to approve the February 4th Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes, which **Board Member McInturf** seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-0.

2. *Request Approval of the Mesquite Groves Park Conceptual Plan.*

Mr. Mickey Ohland gave a presentation of the Mesquite Groves Conceptual Plan. **Vice Chair Dykstra** asked what the attendance was like for the public meetings. Mr. Ohland responded that approximately 20-30 people attended and that there were approximately 450 survey responses.

Vice Chair Dykstra asked if the walking paths could be used for cross country events. Mr. Ohland responded that they could be used for that purpose.

Board Member Bradley asked if paddle boards could be used in the lake. Mr. Ohland responded that they would not be permitted.

Vice Chair Dykstra asked what size events would occur at the Amphitheatre and Lawn events space and if food trucks will have an area for set-up place for sport rentals. Mr. Ohland responded that the event area is small and would only accommodate small performances. Food trucks will be allowed in designated areas. Providing water and power to food trucks is still be discussed.

Board Member Sharits asked if there would be overflow parking. Mr. Ohland responded that there will be 2100 spaces which should accommodate the parking need.

Board Member Montgomery asked about the planned recreation center. Mr. Ohland responded that it is not in the CIP now but will remain under consideration.

Board Member Montgomery asked if any of the existing trees would be saved in the project. Mr. Ohland responded that the trees will be evaluated and kept, if possible.

BRIEFING

3. Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities – Bill Hespel

Mr. Bill Hespel gave a presentation on the Mayor's Commission for People with Disabilities. **Board Member Montgomery** asked if ping pong could be added to the Special Events program. Ms. Becky Kuiper responded that ping pong is not currently an event in the Special Olympics but is represented in other Adaptive programming.

4. Marketing – Malorie Heppler and Anthony Anderson

Ms. Malorie Heppler and Mr. Anthony Anderson presented on the city's Recreation marketing team and their role in promoting events, engaging with customers, and increased brand awareness.

CALENDAR ITEMS

5. The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held on April 1st at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago St.
6. Chandler Senior Expo, March 5 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Community Center
7. Nature Photo Contest submissions close March
8. Family Season Aquatic pass sale, March 8-23

9. Spice of Life Senior Variety Show, March 19 and 20 at the Chandler Center for the Arts
10. Sonoran Sunset Concert Series - Traveler, March 20 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Veterans Oasis Park
11. Youth & Teen Art Show, March 21 from 6-8 p.m. At the Community Center
12. Nature at Night, March 22 from 6-9 p.m. at Chandler Nature Center

ADJOURN – Vice Chair Dykstra requested a motion to adjourn; **Board Member Montgomery** moved to adjourn. **Board Member Krishnamurthy** seconded, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

John David, Chair

Erika Berry, Recreation
Superintendent