SEPTEMBER 2, 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, September 2, at 5:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:
Chair John David
Vice Chair Melanie Dykstra
Board Member Lynette Bradley
Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy
Board Member Sue McInturf
Board Member James Montgomery (arrived at 5:22 P.M.)

Members Absent:
Board Member Sarah Sharits

Staff Members:
Erika Berry, Becky Kuiper, Chris Smith, Abel Mendoza, Sandy Popovich

Others Present:
Denise Phillips
Michael Smith

UNSCHEDULED/SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

ACTION ITEMS

1. *Approval of Minutes from August 5, 2025, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting.*

Vice Chair Dykstra moved to approve the August 5th, 2025, Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes and **Board Member Krishnamurthy** seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

BRIEFING

2. *Tumbleweed Recreation Programs and Participation – Abel Mendoza, Recreation Supervisor*

Mr. Abel Mendoza, Recreation Supervisor, briefed the Board on the Tumbleweed Recreation Center programs and participation. Mr. Mendoza shared statistics on leisure classes, recreation programs, fitness, rentals, membership, and recreation staff and volunteers.

Vice Chair Dykstra asked how the numbers compared to last year and what was the most popular event. Mr. Mendoza responded that the numbers are up and that Polar Express is very well attended.

Boardmember McInturf asked about the cooling center at Tumbleweed and if there were any plans to adjust the gym hours at the facility. Mr. Mendoza responded that they still have the cooling center and that it was moved to the main hallway and at this time there are no plans to change the facility hours.

Vice Chair Dykstra asked how the expansion was going. Mr. Mendoza shared that they had the opening which was well attended and that the expansion created more space for programming, an upgrade to the Tree House, and the creation of the Saguaro Social Club for active adults.

Vice Chair Dykstra asked what volunteers do at the center and are there any plans to record and post the Lunch and Learn series. Mr. Mendoza responded that there are approximately 120 volunteers, and they work on the fitness floor, front desk, and complete various projects. He also responded that the Saguaro Social Club is looking at how to publish the Lunch and Learn series. There have been three afternoon and one evening sessions in the last year.

CALENDAR ITEMS

3. Tumbleweed Park Pickleball Facility Ribbon Cutting, Saturday, September 6 at 8:30 a.m., 2049 S. Pioneer Way, Chandler AZ 85286
4. Commit to Be Fit Monthly Membership pass sale, September 8-21
5. You Look Marvelous Fashion Show, September 20, from 11 – 2 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler AZ 85225
6. Concerts in the Courtyard Series, September 26 from 6-8 p.m. at the Community Center, 125 E. Commonwealth Ave., Chandler, AZ 85225
7. Grandparents Day, September 27 from 9 – noon at the Senior Center, 202 E. Boston St., Chandler AZ 85225. Registration required.

MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Dykstra asked if Chandler was recognized at the APRA conference. Becky Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent, responded for the second year in a row the city received the Outstanding Youth Enrichment award.

ADJOURN

Chair David moved to adjourn September 2nd Parks and Recreation Board meeting, and **Vice Chair Dykstra** approved the motion and **Board member McInturf** seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Melanie Dykstra, Vice-Chair Erika Berry, Recreation Superintendent