

MINUTES

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY**  
January 29, 2024

**ONLINE ONLY**  
**MICROSOFT TEAMS**  
**4:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting began at 4:01 pm.

2. **ROLL CALL**

*NOTE: One or more Commissioners may be in attendance through other technological means.*

**PRESENT**

Stephen Parsons (Co-Chair)  
Sandy Heath  
Austin Kerr  
Autumn Layden  
Ryan Martin  
Micah Smith  
Josh Stackhouse

**NOT PRESENT**

Councilmember Deborah Harris  
- Council Liaison

**STAFF & OTHERS**

Rebecca Sayers, Parks, Recreation, Open Space  
and Events Division Director  
Amy Hagin, Assistant Parks and Recreation  
Director  
Koren Brown, Administrative Specialist  
Tyrone Johnson, Recreation Manager  
Haley Reynolds, Events and Marketing Supervisor  
Gino Leoni, Parks Manager  
Ryan Reynolds, Recreation Supervisor - Aquaplex

3. **Land Acknowledgment**

The Flagstaff Parks and Recreation Commission humbly acknowledges the ancestral homelands of this area's Indigenous nations and original stewards. These lands, still inhabited by Native descendants, border mountains sacred to Indigenous peoples. We honor them, their legacies, their traditions, and their continued contributions. We celebrate their past, present, and future generations who will forever know this place as home.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Martin motioned to approve the December meeting minutes, Commissioner Kerr seconded; minutes approved unanimously.

5. **Public Comment**

FLAGSTAFF, Arizona -- This portion of the meeting is for items that are NOT on the agenda. The Commission cannot act on items presented during the public participation of the agenda. The Commission is prohibited by the open meeting law from discussing or considering the item until the item is officially placed on an agenda. Please limit comments to five minutes.

No public comment.

**6. Chair/Vice Chair Vote**

The position of chair was nominated by Commissioner Martin for Commissioner Parsons and was seconded by Commissioner Stackhouse; Commissioner Parsons was approved unanimously for Chair.

The position of Vice Chair was nominated by Commissioner Martin for Commissioner Kerr and was seconded by Commissioner Stackhouse; Commissioner Kerr was approved unanimously for Vice Chair.

**7. Aquaplex Supervisor Update**

Ryan Reynolds provided an overview of the Flagstaff Aquaplex programs and amenities. The Aquaplex offers aquatics, a full gym with indoor track, a kids' club, a gymnasium with basketball, pickleball, and volleyball programming, as well as a variety of fitness classes. The Aquaplex is a cost-recovery facility, which means that it must meet 70% of fiscal expenditures. The facility has been doing their annual membership drive and has sold 636 memberships in the month of January. They sold 182 memberships in December.

**8. Open Space Joint Meeting Agenda**

The Commission was asked to name potential agenda items for next month's joint Commission meeting with Open Space. Items suggested were:

- Synergy
- Greater Observatory Mesa Trail Plan
- Commuter trail
- Accessibility of trails
- 5-year plan
- Commission overlap and collaborative opportunities
- FUTS signage
- Frequency of future joint meetings

**9. City Council Liaison Report - Councilmember Deborah Harris**

There was no report.

**10. Reports -- Monthly highlights of Parks and Recreation, Open Space, and Events**

Parks welcomed its new and first park ranger, Mathew Bowen. There was some confusion and feedback shared by the Commission regarding the trail counts section of the PROSE Newsletter.

**11. Informational items to and from Commissioners and Staff**

There were no informational items.

**12. Agenda Items for March meeting**

- Westside Park
- FY24-25 Budget
- Reclamation for Parks and Recreation (revisit for later topic)

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.