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**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
GLENDALE CIVIC CENTER
5750 W. GLENN DR.
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301**

**MARCH 10, 2025
5:30P.M.**

Parks and Recreation Mission Statement

A partnership of employees and community working together to create a better quality of life for Glendale through the provision of excellent parks, recreational programming, special events, tourism, and neighborhood and community facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson Bodine called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Helena Johnson Bodine, Chair
Bud Zomok, Vice Chair
Marie Nesfield, Commissioner
Gilbert Longoria, Commissioner
Lynda Pacheco-Martinez, Commissioner

Absent: Kathryn Mawby, Commissioner
Jaclyn Nguyen, Teen Commissioner

Also Present: John Kennedy, Director
Mike Keane, Assistant Director
Heidi Barriga, Deputy Director
Manuel Padia, Recreation Administrator
Diane Williams, Program Manager
Pinky Tantillo, Management Assistant

Attendees: Cory Robinett, Yucca District Resident
Erik Brill, Peoria Resident

Brandon Nowicki, Sahuaro District Resident
Joseph Sirko, Cholla District Resident
Kevin Bierworth, Sahuaro District Resident

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None for non-agenda items.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Minutes of February 10, 2025.

Motioned by Commissioner Gilbert Longoria, seconded by Commissioner Marie Nesfield to approve the minutes as written.

AYE: Chair Helena Johnson Bodine
Vice Chair Bud Zomok
Commissioner Marie Nesfield
Commissioner Gilbert Longoria
Commissioner Lynda Pacheco-Martinez
Other: Commissioner Kathryn Mawby (ABSENT)
Teen Commissioner Jaclyn Nguyen (ABSENT)
Passed

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **INFORMATION: COMMISSION REPORTS**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission members will report on items related to their Commission Goals.

- b. **ACTION: VETERANOS PARK PROJECTS**

Mr. Keane presented information on the results gathered from the community meeting and the survey conducted in February for potential projects at Veteranos Park.

Chair Johnson Bodine asked if there was a motion to approve in favor of the community survey's majority vote results.

Motioned by Commissioner Marie Nesfield, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert Longoria

AYE: Chair Helena Johnson Bodine
Vice Chair Bud Zomok
Commissioner Marie Nesfield
Commissioner Gilbert Longoria
Commissioner Lynda Pacheco-Martinez
Other: Commissioner Kathryn Mawby (ABSENT)
Teen Commissioner Jaclyn Nguyen (ABSENT)

Passed

c. INFORMATION: PRESENTATION ON HISTORY OF FOOTHILLS SK8 COURT

Mr. Kennedy presented information on the history of the Foothills SK8 Court.

The Commission discussed the information that was presented.

Mr. Cory Robinett, Yucca District resident, commented on Foothills SK8 Park and the X-Court at Heroes Park.

Erik Brill, Peoria resident, commented on the Foothills SK8 Park.

Mr. Brandon Nowicki, Sahuaro District resident, commented on the Foothills SK8 Park and the X-Court at Heroes Park.

Mr. Joseph Sirko, Cholla District resident, commented on the Foothills SK8 Park.

Mr. Kevin Bierworth, Sahuaro District resident commented on the Foothills SK8 Park and the X-Court at Heroes Park.

d. INFORMATION: RECREATION UPDATE

Mr. Padia provided an update on the Recreation Division's programs, activities, and events.

e. INFORMATION: ARBOR DAY EVENT

Mr. Keane provided information regarding the City's Arbor Day event.

f. INFORMATION: CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Ms. Barriga provided an update on the construction projects taking place within the Parks and Recreation Department at Greenway Granada Splashpad, Bonsall Park North, Sierra Verde Park, and Heroes Regional Park.

6. STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Padia reviewed and discussed volunteer opportunities that the Commissioners can participate in.

Mr. Kennedy reviewed the information regarding the Annual Board and Commission Dinner.

- a.** This report allows the Staff of Parks & Recreation Department to update the Commission. The Commission is prohibited from discussing or acting on any of the items presented by the Staff since they are not itemized on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Agenda.

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Zomok commented on the Senior Prom held at the Glendale Community Center, and the Teddy Bear Picnic. He also suggested aligning the picnic in September, when National Teddy Bear Day is. Commissioner Zomok also inquired about the cost of transporting people from the northern part of the city to the Heroes Park X-Court.

Chair Johnson Bodine is looking forward to seeing the Parks and Recreation agenda that will be presented at the Glendale University class on April 9th.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will be held on April 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., at the Glendale Civic Center, located at 5750 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale, Arizona, 85301.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Vice Chair Bud Zomok, seconded by Commissioner Marie Nesfield to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

AYE: Chair Helena Johnson Bodine
Vice Chair Bud Zomok
Commissioner Marie Nesfield
Commissioner Gilbert Longoria
Commissioner Lynda Pacheco-Martinez
Other: Commissioner Kathryn Mawby (ABSENT)
Teen Commissioner Jaclyn Nguyen (ABSENT)
Passed

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes of _____, 2025 were submitted and approved this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Recording Secretary