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

**SEPTEMBER 8, 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 called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Helena Johnson, Chair
Bud Zomok, Vice Chair
Marie Nesfield, Commissioner
Lynda Martinez, Commissioner

Absent: Gilbert Longoria, Commissioner
Kathryn Mawby, Commissioner
Georgette Berry, 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

Attendees: Cory Robinett, Ocotillo District Resident
Randy Hearn, Cactus District Resident

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments were submitted for non-agenda items.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

a. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Minutes of August 11, 2025.

Motioned by Commissioner Lynda Martinez, seconded by Vice Chair Bud Zomok to approve the minutes as written.

AYE: Chair Helena Johnson

Vice Chair Bud Zomok

Commissioner Marie Nesfield

Commissioner Lynda Martinez

Other: Commissioner Gilbert Longoria (ABSENT)

Commissioner Kathryn Mawby (ABSENT)

Commissioner Georgette Berry (ABSENT)

Teen Commissioner Jaclyn Nguyen (ABSENT)

Passed

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW STAFF

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. INFORMATION: COMMISSION REPORTS

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

b. COMMISSION FEEDBACK ON THE 10-YEAR PLAN FOR PARKS AND RECREATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Mr. Kennedy led a discussion with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission members and their feedback on the FY27-36 Capital Improvement Plan projects.

The Commission provided feedback on the information that was presented.

c. INFORMATION: UPDATE ON PASEO RACQUET CENTER

Ms. Barriga provided an update on the Paseo Racquet Center.

The Commission discussed the information that was presented,

d. INFORMATION: UPDATE ON THUNDERBIRD PASEO TRAIL

Ms. Barriga provided an update on the Thunderbird Paseo Trail.

The Commission discussed the information that was presented.

e. INFORMATION: CITY OF GLENDALE'S NEW WEBSITE

Ms. Barriga provided information on the City's new website.

The Commission discussed the information that was presented.

f. INFORMATION: UPDATE ON X-COURT BUILDING PROGRESS

Mr. Padia provided an update on the X-Court building progress.

Mr. Robinett would like to see Foothills Skate Park as an inclusive action sports park for everyone. He noted that when the X-Court Skate Park was closed for a couple of months, there were no parks available for bikers. Additionally, he would like to see the X-Court building used for programs aimed at children and the community. Mr. Robinett also inquired about the results of the public survey regarding Orangewood Park and Northern Horizon Park. He pointed out that the survey should have referred to "all wheels" or "action sports" instead of just a "bike track," as he believes this language may limit the number of respondents.

Mr. Hearn would like to see the X-Court building repaired and is interested in introducing after-school programs for children. He also hopes the City could allocate some tax money to create smaller, universal multi-action sports plazas for the kids.

7. STAFF UPDATES

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

Mr. Kennedy called attention to the new Rec on Wheels van displayed in front of the Civic Center for the Commissioners to see.

- a.** This report allows the Staff of Parks and 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 and Recreation Advisory Commission Agenda.

8. COMMISSION COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Vice Chair Zomok inquired about how we determine which amenities to include in a park and how we can engage the community in this process.

Commissioner Martinez agreed with Vice Chair Zomok's points.

Chair Johnson expressed her gratitude to the citizens for attending the meetings and sharing their opinions. She also mentioned her excitement about the Rec on Wheels program.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will be held on October 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., at the Glendale Civic Center, located at 5750 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale, Arizona, 85301.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Commissioner Marie Nesfield, seconded by Commissioner Lynda Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

AYE: Chair Helena Johnson

Vice Chair Bud Zomok

Commissioner Marie Nesfield

Commissioner Lynda Martinez

Other: Commissioner Gilbert Longoria (ABSENT)

Commissioner Kathryn Mawby (ABSENT)

Commissioner Georgette Berry (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