

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Goodyear Branch Library Community Room
14455 W. Van Buren St., Suite C102
Goodyear, AZ 85338



Wednesday, April 27, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beard called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Kiesha Beard; Vice Chairman Annie Stephens; Commissioner Sharolyn Hohman; Commissioner Kim Harris; Commissioner Gerald Wilson

Absent: Commissioner Raquel Landefeld; Commissioner Jeremy Sawyer

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Deputy Director David Seid; Parks and Recreation Management Assistant Diana Vasquez; Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant Jacque Bento do O'; Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Torres; Recreation Coordinator Richard Ortiz; Recreation Coordinator Meghan Johnson

Attendees: Jeff Kratzke, Kimley Horn Associates; Sean Wozny, Kimley Horn Associates

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Before you begin to speak, identify yourself by clearly stating for the record, your name and address. This is the time for citizens who would like to address the Board on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. The Board will listen to comments, and may take any one of the following:

- Respond to criticism.
- Request that staff investigate and report on the matter.
- Request that the matter be scheduled on a future agenda.

None.

BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve draft minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on February 2, 2021.

MOTION BY Commissioner Gerald Wilson, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Sharolyn Hohman to **APPROVE** the draft minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on February 2, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Chairman Kiesha Beard, Vice Chairman Annie Stephens, Commissioner Sharolyn Hohman, Commissioner Kim Harris, Commissioner Gerald Wilson

Other: Commissioner Raquel Landefeld (Excused), Commissioner Jeremy Sawyer (Excused)

Passed - Unanimously

2. Bullard Wash Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Update (Kimley Horn Associates, Jeff Kratzke, Sean Wozny, & Marissa Pellegrini and Diana Vasquez, Parks and Recreation Executive Assistant)

Jeff Kratzke from Kimley Horn Associates gave a PowerPoint presentation update of the Bullard Wash Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan.

- Reviewed project timeline: Three public meetings, the first one in December 2020, an Open House in April 2021, and plans are to go before Council in Summer of 2021. Upon Council adoption, the group will seek grant funding and design.

- Gave a recap of the public outreach meetings that established trail priorities and theming ideas.

- Reviewed the seven segments of the trails and what the theming concepts, amenities, underpasses, overpasses, and key access points are of each segment.

- Commissioner Hohman asked if golf carts could be used on the trails. Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Torres replied that the trails are not intended or designed for motorized vehicles. The trails are designed for pedestrian use only and that a road would need to be built for motorized vehicles.

3. Goodyear Recreation Summer Programs Preview (Richard Ortiz, Recreation Coordinator & Megan Johnson, Recreation Coordinator)

Parks and Recreation Coordinators Richard Ortiz and Meghan Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Summer Recreation and Aquatics Programs.

- Locations are the same as last summer, Desert Thunder Elementary, Cooper Trails Elementary, Desert Star and Centerra Mirage schools.

- The minimum participants are 75 which is an increase of 50 from last summer.

- Registrations opened and almost all filled up except for 25 spots left, with plans to be at full capacity.

- Summer recreation will have the same activities as previous years, arts & crafts, board games, interesting guest speakers, gym games, video games and more.

- Summer recreation program once again received HealthyVerify certification, with safety precautions and COVID19 best practices implemented.

- Aquatics program will open up in full swing on May 29th with open swim, swim lessons, water fitness programs, and swim team.

- First time, City of Goodyear will have their own swim teams to compete with YMCA swim teams.

- StarGuard Elite and Starfish Aquatics Institute is the new lifeguard certification program.

- There will be a Jr. Leader Program, which is a 7-week program, for potential future lifeguards.

- Coordinator Ortiz noted that two lifeguards were recently hired from past Jr. Leader Programs.

- Commissioner Hohman gave kudos to the Recreation Department for all their efforts and creativity during these challenging COVID 19 times.

4. Parks and Recreation Advocacy and Programs & Planning Subcommittee Updates
(Subcommittee Chairman Landefeld & Chairman Stephens)

Commissioner Stephens provided an update on the Programs and Planning Subcommittee. Commissioner Landefeld was not present to give an update on the Advocacy Subcommittee.

-The Programs and Planning Subcommittee met prior to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting and discussed the following activities: Hearts Scavenger Hunt, City of Goodyear 75th Anniversary - 75 things to do activity, and City of Goodyear Social Dance.

-The subcommittee will continue to discuss plans and details with Recreation Superintendent Deanna Ortiz for possible implementation of these activities.

5. Parks and Recreation Updates (David Seid, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director)

Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Seid gave Parks and Recreation Department updates.

-City of Goodyear is officially a Tree City Community through the National Arbor Day Foundation.

-There was a ceremony of recognition and marketing and signage will follow for public knowledge.

-Goodyear Recreation Campus is opening soon with more information on the grand opening festivities to come at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in June.

-Vice Chairman Stephens asked if the campus could be opened partially if certain areas are ready. Deputy Director Seid stated that the plans are for the campus to open all areas at once, no partial opening.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Comments, Commendations, Report on Current Events and Presentations by Board, Commission or Committee Members, staff or members of the public. The members may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02.

Deputy Director Seid informed that Commissioner Landefeld will no longer be part of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Landefeld is moving from the city of Goodyear and can no longer serve. Landefeld will be missed.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2021, at 5:30pm, Goodyear Library Community Room.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Beard adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jacque Bento do O', Administrative Assistant

Kiesha Beard, Chairman

Date:_____