

## **Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission**

Goodyear Recreation Campus  
420 South Estrella Parkway  
Goodyear, AZ 85338



**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman Hohman called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.**

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairman Sharolyn Hohman; Vice Chairman Jose Gonzales; Commissioner Gerald Wilson; Commissioner Kiesha Beard (via TEAMS); Commissioner Chad Millette; Commissioner John Cox; Commissioner Benita Beckles

**Absent:** Alternate Commissioner Brian Murphy (Excused)

**Staff** Parks and Recreation Deputy Director David Seid; Parks and Recreation

**Present:** Administrative Assistant Jacque Bento do O'

**MOTION BY** Commissioner John Cox, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Gerald Wilson to EXCUSE Alternate Commissioner Brian Murphy from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting on April 12, 2023.

**AYE:** Chairman Sharolyn Hohman, Vice Chairman Jose Gonzales, Commissioner Gerald Wilson, Commissioner Kiesha Beard (via TEAMS), Commissioner Chad Millette, Commissioner Benita Beckles, Commissioner John Cox

**Passed - Unanimously**

### **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.

Goodyear resident Ron Wilks attended the meeting, and he addressed the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission with these comments:

-At the grand opening of the Little League event, south-side parking area near the playground was congested, cars didn't know where to park. Ron suggested for future events have a parking monitor to assist and direct traffic.

- Ron suggested, to have a dedicated brochure or catalog to communicate with citizens the different recreation programs that GRC offers. He gave examples from other cities.
- Commissioner Cox suggested, to have marketing on a future meeting agenda.
- Deputy Director Seid stated he could invite Hannah the marketing coordinator to give a presentation.

## BUSINESS

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve draft minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting on February 1, 2023.

**MOTION BY** Commissioner Gerald Wilson, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner John Cox to APPROVE the draft minutes from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on February 1, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Chairman Sharolyn Hohman, Vice Chairman Jose Gonzales, Commissioner Gerald Wilson, Commissioner Kiesha Beard (via TEAMS), Commissioner Chad Millette, Commissioner Benita Beckles, Commissioner John Cox

Passed - Unanimously

### 2. NEW PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Two (2) new recreation coordinators (Kirk Fallon & Cassandra Brown) will be introduced to the commission. (David Seid, Deputy Director)

-Introduced Cassandra Brown as the aquatic's coordinator and Kirk Fallon as operations coordinator. They both shared their background, and they come with a wealth of experience.

### 3. PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER EVENTS UPDATES

Parks & Recreation staff will provide a presentation on upcoming summer events. (David Seid, Deputy Director)

-Richard Ortiz, Recreation Coordinator presented on the summer recreation summer camps.

-This year Trivium Preparatory Academy and Mobile Elementary School were added to the existing 3 locations, Copper Trails, Centerra Mirage, & Basis Goodyear.

-The goal is to provide a supervised, safe, and fun environment with trained staff for the youth to partake in.

-All locations offer a variety of activities, arts & crafts, video, board, & gym games, pool days, plus 5 field trips are planned.

-There are 435 spots and all sites are full to capacity.

-Jr. Leader Program, ages 13-14, is for youth volunteers to gain skill development and have an opportunity to become a future staff member.

-Cassandra Brown, Aquatics Coordinator presented on the aquatics program.

-Open swim at aquatics center opened on April 1st - October 29th, with year-round lap swim.

-Loma Linda pool will open May 29th - July 30th.

-This summer wristbands will not be utilized at GRC, only on the holiday weekends.

- Spring swim lessons started and classes are full, with summer and fall sessions to follow.
- 100 free swim lessons offered through the Michael Phelps Foundation at Loma Linda Pool, plus mental, physical health lessons and goal setting will be offered.
- Jr. Guard is a volunteer program, 4-day class for lifeguard and instructor development and the youth will have an opportunity to become a future staff member.

- Kirk Fallon, Operations Coordinator presented on Teen Programming.
- There is a new program, the 8eleven room for ages 8-11.
- It is an activity room where the youth can play video and PC games, and partake in art projects, Mon-Fri, 3-8pm, while their parents' workout.
- For teens ages 13-17, there is a variety of activities that will be offered.
- Teen swim night pool party for 100 teens; monthly teen trips to various places, beginning with Castle & Coasters.
- Teens will be able to safely use the fitness floor and take group classes, E-Sports tournament, and GRC-U volunteer program for teens to learn and prepare for a part-time job.
- Members will be able to partake in the 100 days of summer fitness challenge by participating in GRC group exercise classes to win prizes and swag.
- GRC implemented enhanced security measures for safety. There is dedicated security guard Mon-Fri, 12pm-8pm, and all patrons who enter the GRC facility will need to scan in with a GRC ID.
- Chairman Hohman suggested a follow-up discussion on the effectiveness of the security guard. Deputy Director David Seid stated that a follow-up could be added to the June commission meeting agenda.
- Commissioner Beard asked if there is policy to address consequences of bad behavior. David stated that there is a code of conduct policy and will follow up with sending the policy to all commissioners.
- There will be a Juneteenth celebration on June 19th at 6am-4pm.

#### 4. **GOODYEAR BOND COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Commissioner Cox will provide an update on the Goodyear Bond Committee. (John Cox, Commissioner)

- Commissioner Cox presented on the 2023 Citizen Bond Exploratory Committee recommendations.
- City Council is exploring the authorization of bond debt to fund public improvements, the last authorization was in 2004.
- The committee is tasked with recommending: bond authorization amounts for public improvement short term projects (2-5) years; produce a list of public improvements; and devise language for the 2023 November election ballot.
- Committee will recommend to Council to authorize 232 million in bonds.
- Based on polling and presentations, committee is recommending to fund these projects to Council: 95 million to transportation; 91 million to police/fire; and 17 million to parks Bullard Wash development.
- Committee plans to present the recommendations to Council, later in April.
- Upon Council approval, the authorization will be on the ballot in November, 2023.

#### 5. **PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Deputy Director David Seid will provide a Parks Master Plan status update, including next steps. (David Seid, Deputy Director)

- Deputy Director David Seid stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting scheduled on May 17th, is a special meeting to present the draft Master Plan to commissioners before going to Council for approval.

-David stated that the Master Plan draft will be sent out before the meeting, so commissioners will have a chance to review prior to meeting.

6. **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Deputy Director David Seid will provide Parks & Recreation Department updates. (David Seid, Deputy Director)

-The City of Goodyear budget session goes before Council on April 17th, at City Hall.  
-Hop & Hops event was a success with a huge turnout. The events group will debrief and assess the pros and cons and will make necessary improvements.

**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. § 38-431.0

Commissioner Wilson shared that he was in contact with an organization that is interested in connecting walking and bike trails together. He will share more information as he learns more.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., Goodyear Recreation Campus.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Hohman adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Jacque Bento do O', Administrative Assistant

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Sharolyn Hohman, Chairman

Date:\_\_\_\_\_