

## **Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission**

Goodyear Recreation Campus  
420 South Estrella Parkway  
Goodyear, AZ 85338



**Wednesday, October 16, 2024**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gonzales called to order the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meeting for October 16, 2024, at 5:35 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**Staff Present:** Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Torres; Park Superintendent Jeremy Figueroa; Festival & Events Coordinator Natalie Reinen; Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant Jacque Bento do O'

### **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.

Members of the Veterans Coffee Hour group attended the meeting to make the commission aware of the group and what they represent. They are a group that supports Veterans, and serves as a resource and disseminates information. The group meets once a week, and is growing in size and searching for a bigger location to meet. The group is interested in meeting in the recreation campus conference rooms. The group contact is Terri Flowers, and she will be advised of the process to reserve the conference rooms.

### **BUSINESS**

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve the draft minutes from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meeting on August 14, 2024.

**MOTION BY** Commissioner Sharolyn Hohman, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Gerald Wilson to Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on August 14, 2024.

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

Passed - Unanimously

2. **FALL/WINTER SPECIAL EVENT PREVIEW (FESTIVAL/EVENT COORDINATORS NATALIE REINEN & KRISTEN FIGUEROA)**

Coordinators Reinen & Figueroa will give a preview of the upcoming Fall/Winter Special Events.

Coordinator Reinen previewed the upcoming fall and winter events.

- 6th Annual Goodyear Rocks on 10/19, from 5pm-8pm, at the Goodyear Recreation Campus, with live music, food trucks, giveaways, and live art.

- Fall Festival on 10/26, from 5pm-9pm, at the Goodyear Ballpark, with trick or treating, movie screening, and inflatables.

- Chalk Art in the Park on 11/03, from 9am-2pm, at the Goodyear Recreation Campus, with food trucks, t-shirt station, and prizes. All levels of artists are invited.

- Veterans Day Tribute on 11/11, from 5pm-8pm, at the Goodyear Civic Square, with food trucks, crafts, giveaways, patriotic murals, and a concert.

- Pop-up Holiday Market on 11/23, from 5pm-9pm, at the Goodyear Civic Square, with food trucks, live musical performances, local artisans, and community vendors.

- Holidays on the Square on 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, from 5pm-8pm, at the Goodyear Civic Square, with merry melodies, Rockin around the Xmas tree, Elf extravaganza.

- The Ring on 12/6-12/31 on Friday-Sunday, from 5pm-9pm, at the Goodyear Civic Square, free skating for all.

Director Torres noted that last year there were over 100,000 people in attendance at the events. He also noted that from the Master Plan, the highest requested activity from the recreation program offerings was special events.

3. **PARK RULES DISCUSSION (PARK SUPERVISOR JEREMY FIGUEROA)**

Park Supervisor Figueroa will discuss park rules updates.

Supervisor Figueroa stated that there have been inquiries with regard to motorized vehicles in the parks. He will be discussing the current rule as it pertains to motorized use in the park.

- Figueroa is seeking feedback and recommendations about if the current rule should be changed in any way.

- Figueroa reviewed the current park rule that states, "Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only, no overnight parking, vehicles may not be driven in the parks."

- Figueroa researched other neighborhood city park rules, and according to the seven city parks, the rules state that motorized use in parks is not allowed.

- The other city parks did specify in their rules that mobility-use equipment is allowed.

Although Goodyear park rules do not specify mobility-use equipment is allowed, this is viewed as a universal rule and handicap mobility equipment is allowed.

- Some of the comments and feedback from the commissioners is to consider the liability to the city, risk management; e-bikes go very fast and should have restrictions and speed limits; e-bikes could be suitable for linear parks; identify more specifically what motorized vehicles are.

- Figueroa will gather feedback, get input from the legal team, and come back to the commission with further recommendations to revise this rule.

4. **I-10 SPORTS COMPLEX UPDATES (DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAVID SEID)**

Deputy Director Seid will provide updates on the I-10 Sports Complex.

Director Torres gave the updates on the I-10 Sports Complex.

- The city solicited information from potential partners that are interested in the project. The request for information is now closed.

- There were between six and eight submissions received that would be reviewed and evaluated.

5. **BULLARD WASH TRAIL EXTENSION UPDATES (DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAVID SEID)**

Deputy Director Seid will provide updates on the Bullard Wash Trail extension.

Director Torres gave the updates on the Bullard Wash Trail extension.

- The city has a Notice of Intent to award design to Kimley Horn Consultants. There will be a two-week period before Kimley Horn is officially awarded.

- The project is scheduled for design this Fiscal Year (FY25).

- The solicitation for a construction manager at risk (CMAR) has closed, and is currently in the process of evaluating and scoring solicitations.

- Notice of intent to award construction will be December 15, 2024.

6. **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATES (DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAVID SEID)**

Deputy Director Seid will provide Parks & Recreation Department updates.

Director Torres gave the updates for the Parks & Recreation Department.

- Informed commissioners that the 2025 commission meeting calendar will be approved at the next meeting on December 11th.

- Informed that the new Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2025 will be voted on at the next meeting on December 11th.

- Informed that Commissioner Beckles position would be vacated, she was promoted and voted in as a Council Member. December 11th will be her last meeting.

- Informed that Commissioner Wilson will term out in January 2025, which will create a vacancy. December 11th will be his last meeting.

- Alternate Commissioner Murphy is eligible to fill a commissioner vacancy.

### 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.

Commissioner Wilson shared that the Goodyear Recreation Campus offers a Fantasy Fitness program as part of the Silver Sneakers. He recommended the work-out program and stated that

there is currently a high participation rate.

Commissioner Beckles stated that she attended the Hispanic Heritage program and commended the program. She stated the performers were great, and the program was a success.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

#### **Future meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:**

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission, on December 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at the Goodyear Recreation Campus.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Jose Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Jacque Bento do O', Board Secretary

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

Approved at Parks & Recreation Advisory Meeting held on December 11, 2024.