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**Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting**

7401 E. Skoog Blvd, Auditorium
5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Minutes

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Chairperson Poliakon called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Parks & Recreation Commission Members present: Chairperson Brett Poliakon, Vice-Chairperson Bill Pierce, Commissioner Scott Byrum, Commissioner Gary Cabato, Commissioner Zach Moss and Commissioner Pete Peterson. Members absent: Commissioner Kay Gorman. Staff Present: Casey Van Haren, Community Services Director and Kathy Wise, Administrative staff.

3. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Poliakon asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Vice-Chairperson Pierce made a motion to approve the May 11, 2021 agenda as presented. Commissioner Cabato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those members present.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Poliakon asked if there were any changes to the minutes for the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Commissioner Byrum made a motion to approve the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those members present.

5. Scheduled Announcements – Commission, Public and Staff

(If discussion by the Commission is necessary, that item will be moved to another place on the agenda and considered separately.)

a. Programs, Classes and Special Events

- Program and Class report
Total Number of Students: 591
Participants by age group:
 - o 0-5: 6 students
 - o 6-11: 29 students
 - o 12-17: 13 students
 - o 18-59: 127 students
 - o 60+: 323 students

Director Van Haren said that the 0-5 and 6-11 age groups attendance numbers are down. It's obvious that we're missing something. As our team progresses, we're going to look into how to offer better classes. We have some ideas and we should see those numbers



continue to increase. We may have some fluctuation from some numbers not being reported correctly.

- Aquatics Update
 - o Certified 9 new Lifeguards
 - o Recertified 3 returning Lifeguards
 - o Staff started on deck & office cleaning and preparations
 - o Parks Crew continuing deck improvements repairs
 - o Swim Lesson registration begins May 17
 - o Opening Day – May 29th

Adult Sports Update:- Director Van Haren said she just can't say enough about Sports Coordinator, Jordan Sanchez. He's amazing. He just came into the team and provided a great season of volleyball. This is amazing since we only had the Boys & Girls Club facility.

- Spring Volleyball
 - 21 total teams, 4 Divisions offered, Women's A and B, Co-Ed A and B
 - Each Team played 7 regular games
 - 74 regular season matches played total, 3 sets each match
 - Top four teams in each division qualify for end of season tournament

Jordan worked split shifts to make sure we provided quality activities. We did not have problems like in the prior years with language and behavioral issues. He said the teams were professional and handled themselves well.

- Spring Softball
 - 35 teams, 4 Divisions offered, Men's 1, 2, 3 and Co-Ed 2, 3
 - Each team played 7 regular season games
 - 123 regular season games played total
 - Top four teams in each division qualify for end of season tournament
- Movies Under the Stars
 - May 28th – Regular - Movie: *The Incredibles*
 - June 4th – Drive-In at Findlay Toyota Center – *Black Panther*
 - June 11th – Regular – Movie: *Spider Man – Into the Spider-Verse*
 - June 18th – Regular – Movie: *Guardians of the Galaxy*
 - June 25th – Regular – Movie: *Captain Underpants*
 - July 2nd – Regular – Movie: *Justice League*

Director Van Haren said we have some great movies. She to highlight our drive-in movie at Findlay Toyota Center showing *Black Panther*. We're also supposed to have a "swim in" movie too this summer.

6. Department Update – For Review and Possible Action

- a. Chairpersons Report – *B. Poliakon, Chairperson*
Chairperson Poliakon said that the Prescott YMCA is hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Saturday, May 15th at Mountain Valley Park. The event is free. For more information contact the Prescott YMCA at 928-445-7221.



b. Tree Advisory Board

- Arbor Day Celebration: Vice-Chairperson Pierce said that he attended the Arbor Day tree planting at Mountain Valley Park. It was amazing with the volunteers and staff. Tools and supplies were ready even the holes had already been dug. They even had burritos! He liked where the trees were planted, behind the ballfields and thinks they will do well. 35 trees were planted. Thank you to Desert Financial Credit Union & Arizona Sustainability Alliance had 25-30 volunteers donating approximately 150 hours toward the event.

7. Old Business

a. Spray Pad Update – *C. Van Haren, Director*

In reviewing the slide of the spray pad Director Van Haren reported that the retaining wall on the backside of the spray pad has been completed. Today, Nick received training on how to adjust the spray pad features. The water storage tank has not yet come in. The spray pad will still be going even though we don't have the storage tank yet. We still have the retention basin to collect the run-off.

1. Director Van Haren asked the commission for their feedback on the rules for the spray pad. These are standard for spray pads. We have to have regulations. The rules are needed so that all users will understand what is and is not allowed. We added "water shoes recommended" because of the concrete slab can be rough and hot on bare feet. We can adjust the hours of operation depending on the weather. Chairperson Poliakon said that the sign is important for the youngsters as well as parents. There will be one sign posted visibly. Chairperson Poliakon added that it's similar to the one at Mountain Valley Splash. Vice-Chairperson Pierce said that the ramada will probably be used by the parents and grandparents to watch over the kids. He asked was it planned to have other benches? Director Van Haren showed the slide of the splash pad with the three retaining walls and said this area can be used for seating.
2. Director Van Haren said the ribbon cutting is schedule for Wednesday, May 19th; it says 3:00pm but the Mayor couldn't make it at 3 so it's been moved up to 2:00pm. It will be very quick. The Mayor will speak and Ryan Judy will be there to talk about the Raymond Jenkins Foundation, and she'll be there to say something about Nick and his amazing crew. She can't say enough about Nick's leadership and the parks crew. They're wonderful!

8. New Business

a. American Legion Playground

Director Van Haren said that we have some conventional designs of playground equipment and showed slides of playground equipment bids for this park. We want the equipment colors to be red, white and blue.

- The Exerplay submission offers shade, slides and other climbing elements including an ADA swing. Look at the features and the functions of the elements. Please keep in mind that we only have \$100,000 for this project and Exerplay is coming in at \$124,000.



- The Burke, Play it Safe submission has good shade, swings, and slides. It has great connectivity through the playground. If this playground is selected it's not going to be purple. Price is \$100,000.

- The Triple M submission, a lot of the staff liked this one. It has shade, 3 slides and climbing elements and ADA features. Price \$125,000.

Director Van Haren asked the commission if there were any other features that they would like staff to look at? She added that staff can take care of the fibar installation which is ADA approved fall protection. Chairperson Poliakon asked if these playground features were ADA compliant to which Director Van Haren replied yes. Each example has ADA features. Commissioner Cabato asked what is fibar? Director Van Haren replied it's a wood chip surfacing we use. It was also asked, what is the age range for the playground features? The playgrounds are for all the kids to play but it's the younger kids that use them. Commissioner Peterson asked if all of the playgrounds have ADA features. Director Van Haren said yes. Vice-Chairperson Pierce said that they all have the wood fibar surface, is that ADA compliant? Director Van Haren said no, we would have to make access to the play elements.

Following further discussion, Director Van Haren said that the commission doesn't have to make a motion tonight. She said they can email their preferences and you can vote on it at the June meeting.

b. Antelope spray pad

1. Director Van Haren said that fiscal year 21/22 we will have DIF funding that will allow us to install an additional spray pad at Antelope Park. Funding won't be available until July 1st and the goal is to have it up and running in September. We are trying to get contracts locked in so we can start July 1st. Director Van Haren showed conceptual renderings from Exerplay and Play it Safe. The design will complement the one at Bob Edwards Park.

Chairperson Poliakon asked if we have parts on the shelf for repairs. Director Van Haren replied that we have a water tank ready to go in and another on the shelf for when we can move forward quickly with the Antelope spray pad. Commissioner Cabato asked if there was feedback from the maintenance crew on the play features and spray pad. Director Van Haren said that Nick would always tell her if there were any issues.

Chairperson Poliakon suggested putting this item on the June agenda and vote at that time. The consensus of the commission was in agreement.

c. Commission schedule 21/22

Chairperson Poliakon said that the commission meeting schedule for 21/22 is consistent with the dates for the current fiscal year; the first Tuesday of every month except for July and December off. He asked for a motion to approve the 21/22 meeting schedule as written.



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Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve the fiscal year regular meeting schedule for 2021 – 2022. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously by those members present.

9. Department Director’s Report – Casey Van Haren, Director Community Services

Director Van Haren said that she’s been the Director for 9 months and I couldn’t be prouder of the Deputy Director and staff. It’s been a tough road, with a lot of hurdles to jump. She is very excited about new staff coming on board and the direction we are heading. They all work very, very hard for this community and I’m really amazed at their ability to just keep going.

Chairperson Poliakon added that interactions that we have with them on a regular basis is very positive. There’s always going to be hurdles and challenges when it comes down to infrastructure or potential budget issues; they seem to be overcome them and their continue doing a good job.

10. Unscheduled Public Appearances

None

11. Next Meeting

a. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., Auditorium

12. Adjournment

With no further questions or comments, **Vice-Chairperson Pierce made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Secretary, Scott Byrum

Respectively submitted by: Kathy Wise, Administrative Support II
May 13, 2021