



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Frank Schoenbeck called the regular meeting of the City of Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Frank Schoenbeck led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present 7 - Chairperson Schoenbeck, Vice Chair Moeller, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Kyhn, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Bigelow, and Commissioner Madrid

Staff present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director
Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent
Riley King, Management Analyst
Christi Hamm, Senior Administrative Assistant

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Terralle Moore moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the 11/1/2023 regular meeting. Commissioner Heather Moeller seconded the motion. This was approved.

Yes: 7 - Chairperson Schoenbeck, Vice Chair Moeller, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Kyhn, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Bigelow and Commissioner Madrid

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[23-641](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[23-642](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of November 1, 2023.

Attachments: [PR 11012023 MeetingMinutes](#)

5. Information and Reports

Several commissioners made positive comments regarding the new Christmas tree at the Focal Point, decorations at the MGC, the Holiday Event, and how great the turnout was for the

Light Parade.

6. Staff Report

[23-643](#) Presentation and discussion on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Director Liz Langenbach gave updates on the rewiring and new lighting at the Focal Point. She noted the new Christmas tree purchase came in under budget. She also shared updates on the completed restroom renovations at Prospector Park, Flat Iron Park, Silly Mountain and plans for Superstition Shadows.

[23-644](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan shared that the Holiday Event and Light Parade were huge successes and had the highest attendance to date. She also shared photos and successes from all the events and activities that happened during the month of November.

7. Old Business

[23-647](#) Discussion/Update on current construction and future plans for public parks in the Superstition Vistas master planned communities.

Director Langenbach gave an update on the current state of construction of Painted Sky Park, Ridgeline Linear Park, and Ironwood Linear Park. She shared that the model homes and Blossom Rock Park completion is planned for April 2024. She noted that all of the parks will be connected by trails/pathways within the development.

8. New Business

[23-645](#) Election of Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Chair Frank Schoenbeck called for a motion to open nominations for Chairperson of The Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Diele Kyhn motioned to open nominations, seconded by Commissioner Terralle Moore. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Frank Schoenbeck called for nominations. Commissioner Diele Kyhn made a motion to nominate Vice Chair Heather Moeller as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Chair Frank Schoenbeck called for any other nominations three additional times. There were no other nominations. Chair Frank Schoenbeck called for a motion to close nominations for Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Sheryl Bigelow motioned to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Terralle Moore. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Frank Schoenbeck called for a roll call vote for the election of Heather Moeller as Chair. Commissioner Diele Kyhn motioned, seconded by Terralle Moore. Motion passed unanimously to approve Heather Moeller as the new Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Chair Frank Schoenbeck called for a motion to open nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Diele Kyhn motioned, seconded by Commissioner Judy Borey. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Frank Schoenbeck called for nominations. Commissioner Terrelle Moore made a motion to nominate Commissioner Sheryl Bigelow. Chair Frank Schoenbeck called for nominations a second time. Commissioner Felicia Madrid made a motion to nominate Commissioner Diele Kyhn. Chair Frank Schoenbeck called for nominations two more times. No other nominations were made. Chair Frank Schoenbeck called for a motion to close nominations for the Vice

Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission. A roll call vote was conducted. Commissioner Diele Kyhn motioned, seconded by Terralle Moore. Motion was passed unanimously. Chair Frank Schoenbeck called for a roll call vote for the election of Sheryl Bigelow. A roll call vote was conducted with the outcome 5-2 in favor as follows: Commissioners Terralle Moore, Judy Borey, Diele Kyhn, Sheryl Bigelow, and Frank Schoenbeck were in favor while Heather Moeller and Felicia Madrid were opposed. With majority vote, Sheryl Bigelow was approved as Vice Chair of The Parks and Recreation Commission. Chair Frank Schoenbeck passed the gavel to the new Chair Heather Moeller at this time.

[23-646](#) Presentation and discussion on progress of the Rodeo Grounds Master Plan Update.

Director Liz Langenbach shared updates on the Rodeo Grounds stakeholder meeting. She shared that electricity, water throughout, permanent shade, and additional bleachers were some of the top priorities discussed. This item will be coming back to future meetings with master plan drawings from J2 Design & Engineering.

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Director Liz Langenbach noted she will possibly have an update on the Master Plan of the Rodeo Grounds after meeting with J2 Design and Engineering. If enough information is obtained, it will be discussed at January's meeting; otherwise will reconvene in February with updates.

11. Selection of Meeting Dates, Times, Location and Purpose

[23-648](#) Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 3, 2024 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Diele Kyhn moved, seconded by Commissioner Terralle Moore that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held January 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Springs Boulevard, Apache Junction. This was approved.

Yes: 7 - Chairperson Schoenbeck, Vice Chair Moeller, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Kyhn, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Bigelow and Commissioner Madrid

No: 0

12. Adjournment

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.