



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Doors are open to the public at least 15 minutes prior to the posted meeting start time.

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Heather Moeller 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 Heather Moeller led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chairperson Moeller, Vice Chair Bigelow, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Kyhn, and Commissioner Madrid

Staff present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director

Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent

Dave Butler, Parks Superintendent

Riley King, Management Analyst

Larry Binion, Management Analyst

Christi Hamm, Senior Administrative Assistant

4. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Sheryl Bigelow moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the October 2, 2024 regular meeting. Commissioner Judy Borey seconded the motion. This was approved.

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Moeller, Vice Chair Bigelow, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Kyhn and Commissioner Madrid

No: 0

[24-840](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[24-841](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of October 2, 2024.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 10.2.24](#)

5. Information and Reports

Commissioners shared positive comments about the events they attended and volunteered for. Several mentioned how impressed they were with the grand opening of Painted Sky Park and

are looking forward to attending the upcoming events and activities.

6. Staff Report

[24-842](#) Presentation and update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Parks Superintendent Dave Butler provided an update and shared photos of both current and completed projects in the parks. He reported that the ADA improvements at the Dog Park, overseeding, and the Little League fencing project have all been completed. He also updated the commission on the progress of several projects, including drainage, fencing, and lighting improvements at Superstition Shadows Park, as well as the new roof installations at all of the ramadas at Prospector Park. All questions from the commissioners were addressed and noted.

[24-843](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan provided the commission with an update on recent events highlighting the impressive turnout for the grand opening of Painted Park as well as the successes of the Halloween event, Mud Run, and Paint and Pints. She announced several upcoming events including Teen Nights at the MGC, invasive grass pulls, line dancing, S'mores and Stories, and more. Superintendent Sullivan also updated the commission on recent staff changes, noting that Riley King now oversees all city-wide events, and Jody Dutra has been promoted to the Youth and Senior Services Coordinator.

[24-888](#) Information about welcome bags to new developments.

Director Liz Langenbach provided additional details and estimated numbers on the community members who received welcome bags. Commissioners had the opportunity to view the contents of a sample welcome bag that was passed around.

7. Old Business

Management Analyst Riley King presented the final draft of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan and fielded questions. After questions, Chair Heather Moeller called for a motion. Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck moved that the commission adopt the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan as presented, seconded by Commissioner Judy Borey. This was approved.

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Moeller, Vice Chair Bigelow, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Kyhn and Commissioner Madrid

No: 0

[24-844](#) Discussion and approval of the final draft of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan.

Attachments: [Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan](#)

8. New Business

[24-845](#) Update on public art at the Multi-Generational Center.

Director Liz Langenbach presented the final art piece selected for installation on the front entrance window of the Multi-Generational Center. She also provided an update on the new vinyl backdrop recently installed on the mobile stage.

[24-846](#)

Presentation of newly appointed and reappointed commission members and overview of the upcoming officer election process.

Director Liz Langenbach announced the reappointment of Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck and informed the commission that the newest appointee was unable to serve. As a result, the commission will operate with six commissioners until October 2025. She also reviewed the process for the upcoming officer elections that will take place at the December meeting.

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Judy Borey asked to have more information on Riley King's new role and city-wide events.

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

Commissioner Felicia Madrid moved, seconded by Commissioner Sheryl Bigelow that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held December 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers. This was approved.

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Moeller, Vice Chair Bigelow, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Kyhn and Commissioner Madrid

No: 0

[24-850](#)

Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 4, 2024 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

12. Adjournment

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.