



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
300 E Superstition Blvd
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Wednesday, November 5, 2025

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 5 - Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Madrid, Commissioner Klepper, and Chairperson Moeller

Excused 2 - Vice Chair Kyhn, and Commissioner Vega

Staff present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director

Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent

Dave Butler, Recreation Superintendent

Larry Binion, Management Analyst

Christi Hamm, Senior Administrative Assistant

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the October 1, 2025 regular meeting.

Commissioner Felicia Madrid seconded the motion. This was approved.

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Madrid, Commissioner Klepper and Chairperson Moeller

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair Kyhn and Commissioner Vega

[25-529](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[25-531](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of October 1, 2025.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 10.1.2025](#)

5. Information and Reports

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck commented that he enjoyed volunteering at the Halloween event.

6. Staff Report

[25-536](#) Presentation of newly appointed and reappointed commission members.

Director Liz Langenbach announced that council had reappointed Chair Heather Moeller to the commission and appointed two new members, Manny Vega and Lamont Klepper.

Commissioner Lamont Klepper was in attendance and was given the opportunity to introduce himself to the commission.

[25-532](#) Presentation and update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Superintendent Dave Butler shared photos of current projects in progress and provided updates on upcoming projects with anticipated dates. He presented before-and-after photos of the Multi-Generational Center's painting project and announced that the MGC gym is expected to reopen next week. He noted all remaining painting will be completed over night. He also shared aerial images of grading work, underground utility trenches, and planned concrete areas at the Rodeo Grounds. Additional photos highlighted preliminary work at Superstition Shadows, including fencing and shade structure footings, as well as the ball field irrigation project at Prospector Park.

[25-533](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Superintendent Jamie Sullivan presented the commission with the upcoming November event calendar and shared highlights from activities and events held during the previous month. She reported a strong turnout for the Pretty in Pink event, which raised money for breast cancer awareness. She also noted that attendance at the Halloween event was great and expressed appreciation to Lost Dutchman Realty for donating candy and to the Little League for donating pumpkins. Superintendent Sullivan concluded by announcing several upcoming events, including S'mores and Stories, Gold Rush, Fairy Tale, Holiday Event and more. She invited Commissioners to volunteer at any of the upcoming activities and events.

7. Old Business

[25-534](#) Discussion and consideration of approval of the final draft of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan.

Attachments: [Parks and Rec Strategic Plan DRAFT NOV2025](#)

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck motioned to approve the 2026 Strategic Plan. Commissioner Felicia Madrid seconded the motion. This was approved.

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Madrid, Commissioner Klepper and Chairperson Moeller

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair Kyhn and Commissioner Vega

Management Analyst Larry Binion presented the latest draft of the 2026 Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan, noting that the map had been updated with font corrections to improve readability. Commissioners commented that they were pleased with the professional

appearance, the emphasis on key strategies, and commented that the plan was ready for approval.

8. New Business

[25-541](#) Report and discussion on year-round aquatics programming.

At the request of Commissioners Sheryl Bigelow and Felicia Madrid, Superintendent Jamie Sullivan presented information on potential pool programming expansion and year-round aquatics. She provided an overview of a typical summer pool week schedule and highlighted the top priorities which include swim lessons, education, and open swim. She pointed out the other areas within the schedule that are used for reservations, events, staff trainings, and more. Superintendent Sullivan reported that the department continually seeks to improve and expand programming where feasible by adding more swim lessons, lap swim times, and activities. She noted that year-round operations remain challenging due to costs, facility maintenance, staffing, and instructor availability.

[25-542](#) Report and discussion on recreation programming demographics

At the request of Commissioner Felicia Madrid, Superintendent Jamie Sullivan presented an overview of all the recreation programs offered in 2024, categorized by target age group demographics. She reported that youth programs represented the largest amount of total offerings and family and all-ages programs made up the smallest percentage. She noted that despite fewer offerings, family and all-ages programs generate the highest attendance participation due to attendance numbers at large events. Commissioners made positive comments about the visual chart and data provided from her presentation.

[25-559](#) Discussion on the upcoming election of officers process.

Director Liz Langenbach informed the commission about the upcoming election of officers at next month's December meeting. She provided a brief overview of the election procedures and what to expect during the process of voting for the positions of chair and vice-chair.

9. Call to Public

none.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

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

[25-535](#) Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 3, 2025 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Felicia Madrid moved, seconded by Judy Borey that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held December 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Blvd. Apache Junction. This was approved

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Madrid, Commissioner Klepper and Chairperson Moeller

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair Kyhn and Commissioner Vega

12. Adjournment

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.