



# City of Apache Junction, Arizona

## Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers  
at City Hall  
300 E Superstition Blvd  
Apache Junction, AZ  
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Wednesday, October 4, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

Chair Frank Schoenbeck called the regular meeting of the City of Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:02pm.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Frank Schoenbeck led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call

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

Staff present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director  
Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent  
Elliott Anuta, Recreation Coordinator  
Riley King, Management Analyst

### 4. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Heather Moeller moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the September 6, 2023 regular meeting. Commissioner Sheryl Bigelow seconded the motion. This was approved.

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

**No:**                        0

[23-543](#)                        Consideration of approval of agenda.

[23-544](#)                        Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of September 6, 2023.

**Attachments:**        [MeetingMinutes Sept 2023](#)

### 5. Information and Reports

Commissioner Sheryl Bigelow shared her experience at the Senior Center.

### 6. Staff Report

[23-545](#)                        Presentation and discussion on projects and opportunities in the parks

and other service areas.

Director Liz Langenbach shared that Dave Butler was promoted to the Parks Superintendent position and reviewed the overseeding schedule for parks.

[23-546](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan reviewed the previous months events and activities. She also shared upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

[23-547](#) Presentation and discussion on the recap of the Aquatic Center's 2023 summer programming, presented by Recreation Coordinator, Elliott Anuta.

Recreation Coordinator Elliott Anuta shared a recap of the aquatics season programming and events.

## 7. Old Business

[23-548](#) Update on the purchase of the 20 acre Rodeo Event Center property from Bureau of Land Management and discussion on next steps to update the 2006 Master Plan.

**Attachments:** [BLM LEASED PP AND RODEO](#)  
[Rodeo Event Celebration1](#)

Director Liz Langenbach shared information about the upcoming Rodeo Event Center celebration and that the department will be working with J2 Engineering and Design to update the master plan. Stakeholder meetings will be held as a part of that process.

[23-549](#) Update on Superstition Vistas and the progress of public parks in the Blossom Rock portion of the master planned development.

**Attachments:** [Superstition Vistas Update to P&R Commission 10042023](#)

Director Liz Langenbach gave an overview of the Superstition Vistas Master Plan and an update on the first public park that is targeted for an April 2024 opening.

## 8. New Business

[23-550](#) Presentation and discussion on the work of the Public Arts Commission and upcoming art in parks and public spaces.

Director Liz Langenbach shared the progress of the Public Art Commission (PAC) in selecting future temporary art installations. The PAC decided at their previous meetings to focus on various wall and window art work. Director Langenbach encourage commission members to visit the PAC website or past meetings to learn more about what this group is doing.

## 9. Call to Public

None

## 10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Chair Frank Schoenbeck would like to see an update on the status of our Tree City USA application. Director Langenbach also shared that newly appointed commission members would be introduced at the November meeting.

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

[23-551](#)

Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 1, 2023 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 November 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. This was approved.**

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

**No:**                    0

## 12. Adjournment

Chair Frank Schoenbeck adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.