



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

Staff Present:

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

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Diele Kyhn moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the 12/6/2023 regular meeting. Commissioner Terralle Moore seconded the motion. This was approved.

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

No: 0

[24-029](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[24-030](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of December 6, 2023.

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes 12.6.23](#)

5. Information and Reports

Several commissioners made positive comments about events they attended. They also mentioned how impressed they were by the amount of Parks and Recreation marketing that is being created on social media and via flyers posted at the Apache Junction Chamber and Visitor's Center.

6. Staff Report

[24-031](#) Presentation and discussion on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Director Liz Langenbach shared that City Manager, Bryant Powell had been honored with the John J. DeBolske Professional Excellence Award at the Arizona City/County Management Association annual conference. She shared updates on the new building and noted the doors will be open from 8:00am to 4:00pm. She mentioned that the old Parks and Recreation building has been demolished and everything was salvaged that could be, but clean up is taking longer due to the recent rains.

Parks Superintendent Dave Butler gave an update on all of the recent Parks projects. He shared that a large homeless encampment was cleaned up totaling a removal of 15 tons of debris. He mentioned the newly remodeled bathrooms at Flatiron Park, the new lighting installation at Prospector Park, and the previous installation of the new 32 ft Christmas tree. He noted future projects will include the new Veteran's Memorial signage, replacing turf at the pool, removal of the Skate Park fencing, and replacing flooring in the Multi-Generational Center.

[24-032](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan shared the MCG had a record number of visits for 2023 and announced a new food bank partnership for home food deliveries. She also updated the commission on recent events and new upcoming activities and events.

7. Old Business

[24-033](#) Presentation and discussion on Rodeo Grounds Master Plan by J2 Engineering and Design .

Parks Superintendent Dave Butler presented and briefed the commissioners on the history and current state of Rodeo Grounds.

Kurt Montei from J2 Design and Engineering presented the draft of the Rodeo Grounds Master Plan conceptual design. He shared the differentiation between new amenities in the design, versus what is currently existing today. He noted that the design included some of the top priorities from stakeholders. All questions brought up by the commissioners regarding the design, infrastructure needed, and amenities were answered and noted.

8. New Business

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Judy Borey requested updates on the Rodeo Grounds survey results and Chair

Heather Moeller requested a pool update.

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

[24-034](#)

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

Commissioner Frank Shoenbeck moved, seconded by Vice Chair Sheryl Bigelow that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held March 6, 2024 at 6:00p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. This was approved.

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

No: 0

12. Adjournment

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.