



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

Wednesday, October 2, 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 5 - Chairperson Moeller, Vice Chair Bigelow, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, and Commissioner Moore

Excused 2 - Commissioner Kyhn, and Commissioner Madrid

Staff present:

Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent

Dave Butler, Parks Superintendent

Riley King, 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 September 4, 2024 regular meeting.

Commissioner Terralle Moore seconded the motion. This was approved.

Yes: 5 - Chairperson Moeller, Vice Chair Bigelow, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey and Commissioner Moore

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Kyhn and Commissioner Madrid

[24-790](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[24-791](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of September 4, 2024.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 9.4.24](#)

5. Information and Reports

A number of commissioners made positive comments about the events they attended. Several commissioners shared their excitement about upcoming events and activities scheduled on the fall calendar and for the month of October.

6. Staff Report

[24-792](#) Presentation and update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Parks Superintendent Dave Butler gave an update on current and upcoming projects in the parks. He mentioned overseeding is still planned however, they are attempting to extend it out further due to the unusually high temperatures in October, but Flatiron is first on the list. He mentioned other current projects such as the Superstition Shadows lighting updates and the expanded ADA entrance to the Dutchman Dog Park. In addition, he presented the design renderings of the new pickleball courts for Prospector Park. All questions from the commissioners were answered.

[24-793](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan briefed the commission on the recent events, highlighting the impressive turnout for the Mad Science event. Additionally she presented the October event schedule along with the fall calendar of events and activities. She announced exciting new programs including evening line dancing classes, Paint and Pints at the Cat Wagon, and the grand opening of Painted Sky Park set for November 2, 2024. She concluded by announcing recent staff changes for Larry Binion who is the new Management Analyst and JJ Underwood is now the new Facilities Manager.

7. Old Business

[24-794](#) Presentation and discussion on update to the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan.

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

Management Analyst Riley King presented the updated draft of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan that incorporated feedback from the last commission meeting. Commissioners were provided opportunities to ask questions throughout and share their preference for the cover photo. All of the commissioner's questions and comments were addressed and duly noted.

8. New Business

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Vice Chair Sheryl Bigelow requested more information on the welcome bags. Commissioner Terralle Moore requested an update on the art commission's selection for the Multi-Generational Center's window.

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

[24-795](#)

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

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

12. Adjournment

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