



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, March 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 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
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 with a correction from the February 7, 2024 regular meeting. Commissioner Terralle Moore seconded the motion. This was approved.

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

No: 0

[24-092](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[24-093](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of February 7, 2024.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 2.7.2024](#)

5. Information and Reports

Several commissioners shared their positive experiences participating in and volunteering for the Lost Dutchman Marathon. Several commissioners expressed how pleased they were with the new fitness deck at the Mult-Generational Center, the fence removal at Superstition

Shadows Skate Park, and attending the Lost Dutchman Rodeo.

6. Staff Report

[24-094](#) Presentation and discussion on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Director Liz Langenbach informed the commissioners on several upcoming projects. The swimming pool boiler will be replaced, additional artificial turf for the pool will be brought to council, and the MGC flooring replacement is underway. Liz reported the department finalized the drone program for herbicide application and it will be a pilot program for the state to spot treat the hard to access buffelgrass on Silly Mountain. She announced that April 6 is the planned date to invite the community to take the flowers from the Focal Point to prepare for summer planting.

[24-095](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan updated the commission on the successful turnout for the recent sleepover event and the butter making class. She mentioned the department's representation in the Lost Dutchman Day's Parade and announced upcoming events, activities, sports, kids camps, and plans for the upcoming holidays.

7. Old Business

[24-096](#) Presentation, discussion and update on Rodeo Grounds Master Plan and survey results.

Director Liz Langenbach gave an update on the amount of survey responses received. She noted that J2 Engineering and Design is currently updating the Master Plan draft with the received suggestions and is preparing a phase approach which will include cost estimates and will be brought to council in April. Director Langenbach presented more visual examples of shade structures along with covered stalls from J2.

[24-097](#) Presentation, discussion and update on Painted Sky Park in Blossom Rock.

Director Liz Langenbach presented aerial drone footage displaying the current status of Painted Sky Park including both Linear Parks. She mentioned the lake is in the process of being filled and the dog park is currently being constructed. She also presented the conceptual design of the adventure playground. All questions asked by the commission regarding parking, maintenance service, and fish stocking were answered.

8. New Business

[24-098](#) Presentation, discussion and update on Aquatics Program.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan shared many positive updates for the upcoming pool season. She noted the pool will be open 7 days a week and there will be a swim team this year. She mentioned retention looks good, planned activities and events will move to Friday nights to accommodate Saturday pool reservations, and goals to decrease wait lists and increase swim lesson participants this year are attainable.

[24-099](#) Presentation and discussion on Public Art future plans.

Director Liz Langenbach announced the Public Art Commission will be calling for artists to design artwork for the Multi-Generational Center. She explained the chosen artist's graphic will be printed on a vinyl material and be adhered to the outside windows at the entrance to the MGC. She presented visual examples of similar installations and noted that while it is temporary, it could last 3-4 years or longer and it is a lower cost alternative compared to larger project's permanent art installations.

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Unless there are other items to discuss, Director Liz Langenbach recommended reconvening in May because there will not be another update on the Rodeo Grounds until after it is presented to council in April. She mentioned that Superintendent Dave Butler will be introducing the new South Team Supervisor Josh Vega and once hired, the new North Team Supervisor.

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

[24-100](#) Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 2024 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Diele Kyhn moved that if needed, the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held April 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. It was seconded by Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck. This was approved.

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

No: 0

12. Adjournment

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.