



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Wednesday, May 1, 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:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director

Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent

JJ Underwood, Senior Services Coordinator

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 March 6, 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

[24-279](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[24-280](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of March 6, 2024.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 3.6.24](#)

5. Information and Reports

Several commissioners shared their positive experiences attending recent events. Many

comments made by commissioners expressed how pleased they were with the number of attendees at both the Easter Event and the Dino Days event.

6. Staff Report

[24-281](#) Presentation and discussion on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Director Liz Langenbach shared the Downtown Master Plan open house community invitation. She also gave an update on the Silly Mountain invasive plant grant and mentioned that a recent prescribed burn was conducted and the drone spray application test was performed. She noted there will be more updates to present towards the end of summer as the project is still in the beginning stages and collaboration with other departments will determine the next steps. She also shared there will be a partnership with Kabat's Ace Hardware and results of the Arizona State University student report and marketing campaign strategy will be coming soon. Director Langenbach also informed the commission that Superintendent Dave Butler will be introducing the new Parks Supervisors, Josh Vega and Shawna Hash at the next meeting.

[24-282](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan updated the commission on recent and upcoming events and activities. She announced record attendance at the Dino Days Event and the need to make changes next year to accommodate the growing Easter Event. She shared that drop in sports are gaining in popularity, upcoming sports camps are starting next week, and planning for a strong summer program is underway. She presented the summer pool calendar and noted open swim is now 7 days a week. Questions and suggestions from commissioners were answered and noted.

7. Old Business

[24-283](#) Discussion and update on Painted Sky Park in Blossom Rock.

Director Liz Langenbach presented aerial pictures, videos, and drone footage of the current status of Painted Sky Park in Blossom Rock. She shared a brief recap of the history, maintenance agreement, the grand opening event, and mentioned the projected opening is planned for the end of Summer 2024. She also shared features and amenities broken down by each section of Painted Sky Park and the Linear Parks. Questions, comments, and clarifications from the commissioners were answered and noted.

[24-284](#) Discussion and update on Rodeo Grounds Master Plan.

Attachments: [RODEO EVENT CENTER MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION - april 2024](#)

Director Liz Langenbach presented an update on the Rodeo Grounds Master Plan with phasing options and cost estimates for each phase. She noted Phase 1 incorporates the top infrastructure priorities needed to operate and possibly be able to generate a small amount of income. She mentioned that some funds are set aside in the budget to put towards Phase 1; however, council will need to adopt the plan, and additional funding sources will need to be determined in the next steps. Commissioners were given the opportunity to ask questions and Director Langenbach answered all questions.

[24-329](#) Update and presentation on Apache Junction's 2024 Tree City USA Status

Attachments: [Tree City USA Certificate](#)

Director Liz Langenbach announced the City of Apache Junction received its designation and is officially a Tree City USA. She shared that the city was recognized at this year's Arbor Day Event at the State Capitol. She presented to the commission the certificate, plaque, and signage. Director Langenbach answered all questions from the commission.

8. New Business

[24-285](#)

Presentation and update on programs within Senior Services and youth out-of-school time programs.

Attachments: [JU 2024 Commision presentation](#)

Recreation Coordinator JJ Underwood gave a presentation on the Senior Services programs, funding sources, and new activities offered. He also shared that in order to increase participation, the summer kids camp will move to Four Peaks Elementary School and lunch will be provided for both the participants and the community. JJ also updated the commission on teen involvement opportunities with the Youth Advisory Council.

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Judy Borey requested an update on the Art Commission's involvement in the selection of artwork to be installed at the Multi-Generational Center's entrance.

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

[24-286](#)

Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 5, 2024 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Sheryl Bigelow that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held June 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. 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

12. Adjournment

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.