

City of Apache Junction

Parks and Recreation Commission  
300 East Superstition Blvd.  
Apache Junction, Az. 85119

A regular meeting of the City of Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Commission was held June 6, 2018 at the Apache Junction City Hall pursuant to notice as prescribed by law.

Present

Wayne Standage, Chairman  
Judy Borey, Vice-Chairman  
Luciano Buzzin  
Jesse Gage  
Heather Moeller  
Frank Schoenbeck

Absent

Staff Present: Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director  
Kelly Martin, Park Ranger Supervisor  
Mary March, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Standage called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.  
and led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Gage motioned to accept the agenda of June 6, 2018, regular meeting as presented. Commissioner Buzzin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Chairman Standage, Vice-Chairman Borey, Commissioners Moeller, Buzzin, Schoenbeck and Gage in favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Schoenbeck motioned to accept the minutes of April 4, 2018 meeting as presented. Commissioner Buzzin seconded this motion, which passed unanimously with Chairman Standage, Vice-Chairman Borey, Commissioners Moeller, Buzzin, Schoenbeck and Gage in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Liz Langenbach advised the Commission that Commissioner Nesser has submitted her resignation. She has been thinking about not being on so many boards for a while and felt this to be a good

time to take that first step. She will still be around, attending City Council meetings and such.

Liz Langenbach updated the Commission on the following:

J2 Engineering and Development Services has been busy gathering information related to the Active Transportation Plan and will be sharing this data/feedback at the next ATP meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be many more meetings to come. Our next meeting will be a joint meeting with the P&R Commission and Planning & Zoning sometime in October/November or December, similar to what we did with the ASU Capstone project. The plan will be presented to City Council once completed for adoption.

Our summer program has started. This year's Open Gym program will begin at the MGC for the first two weeks and then move to Cactus Canyon Junior High School for four weeks, this site includes the summer lunch program, returning to the MGC for the final two weeks. The pool opened Memorial Day weekend, we have implemented many things we have received input on from the public, commission and internally. We no longer operate concession at the pool instead, patrons can bring in small coolers and we have food trucks and vending machines available onsite. Opening weekend we offered discounted pool passes on site, 140 passes were purchased bringing our opening weekend total of passes to 300 in comparison to 200 passes purchased for the entire season last year. We also have food trucks available at the MGC starting this week. This is a pilot program so we will not be receiving a percentage at this time until we see if this is well received in our community.

City Attorney, Joel Stern has advised we can have a bi-monthly report/newsletter for sharing information with pictures that can be sent by email.

We are receiving lots of interest and requests related to dog parks, we will be receiving direction, from the City Council, to research options again. We are receiving development fees, do not know if they would be able to be used for this purpose. That will be something we will need to address once, we receive City Council direction to begin process of research, public meetings, etc...

Splashpad at Flatiron Community Park will be getting busy again, it gets used year round but, will pick up due to the increasing heat. We had some bees today and we can expect this to continue, with the heat and drought conditions. We have tried many things to control incidents and feel we have a pretty good program for control in place.

We are beginning to receive comments related to the splashpad surface again. If you get concerns, please be advised that we have researched this and have found that splashpads that are not playgrounds are all brushed concrete, foam surface is used around climbing apparatus and is just as slippery as the brushed concrete.

We will shut down the splashpad, if readings are incorrect and for cleaning. Splashpad water is recycled through the sewer district, awesome educational display provided by the sewer district can be seen on the restroom building and any run off water is designed to go towards the vegetation.

Commissioner Schoenbeck inquired on the status of incidents at Flatiron Community Park.

Liz Langenbach advised that we have seen no major injuries and only a few minor incidents.

Commissioners will find their APRA Magazine in their packets, the subscription is free to Board and Commission members and is renewable annually during APRA conference registration. On the inside cover you will find information related to an online directory. If interested your login will be your email address and forgot password to setup.

Commissioner Standage inquired about Earth Day, Mother's Day Tea Party and Cowboy's and Cuties.

All events went very well, need to discuss booth placement during next year's planning. The Mother's Day Tea Party was sold out, very beautifully decorated and enjoyed by all. Cowboys and Cuties is coming up. Liz Langenbach also, suggested if commissioners have not already done so, she strongly recommends, they go to our website and like us on Facebook for up to the minute updates and photos.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of permanent base adjustment

City Council has voted to have Proposition 423 on the upcoming ballot, August 28, 2018, voting for Proposition 423 is like voting Home Rule in permanently. Many cities over the last 3 to 4 years have successfully voted in permanent status. Our last two Home Rule elections have passed with high turnout. Voting this in will increase the base to where we are now with room for future increase rather than, where we were in 1979/1980, our city was in its infancy. If it does not pass we will still be able to go back to Home Rule election every 4 years. As with Home Rule this is not a tax, and has nothing to do with taxes, this only allows us to use our money, we still cannot overspend. If you have any questions please ask me, about anything you do not understand because, you all can be an advocate for the City and Prop 423, whereas we cannot we can only share the facts. On the ballot it will say Permanent Base Adjustment, this is a little confusing and concerning. Good news is we only received letters in support of Prop 423 and did not receive any against or negative letter.

A few other things on the ballot will include election of Mayor and Council Members whose terms are due, State and County primary elections.

Discussion of update on general plan

Liz Langenbach is introducing this item as it will be up for vote in August of 2020 and we need to begin updating and planning now. The process is very lengthy. The commission will need to be looking at short term, midterm and long term plans for recommendation and inclusion. Hopefully by the next time we meet we will have outlined timeline of process.

Commissioner Gage, asked what kind of involvement is needed from the commission.

Liz Langenbach suggested that everyone familiarize themselves with the information and formulate questions, concerns, ideas to bring back for discussion, so we have clarity on what our mission is.

Call to Public

None

Request by the Commission for placement of items on future agenda.

General Plan Discussion; Permanent Base Adjustment

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Wayne Standage adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman