



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Wednesday, September 5, 2018

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Standage called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 4 - Chairperson Standage, Commissioner Moeller, Commissioner Buzzin, and Vice Chair Borey

Excused 2 - Commissioner Gage, and Schoenbeck

Staff Present:

Liz Langenbach, Director

Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent

John "JJ" Underwood, Recreation Coordinator

March March, Administrative Assistant

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Standage led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Acceptance of Agenda

[18-375](#) September 5, 2018

Chairperson Standage called for a motion to accept the agenda for September 5, 2018, regular meeting.

Commissioner Schoenbeck motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Vice Chairperson Borey seconded. The Parks and Recreation Commission accepted the agenda as presented. Approved in a vote of 4 in favor 0 opposed. (Yes:Standage, Borey, Moeller, Schoenbeck. No: none)

5. Acceptance of Minutes

[18-376](#) June 6, 2018

Chairperson Standage call for motion to accept the minutes of June 6, 2018, regular meeting.

Commissioner Schoenbeck motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Moeller seconded. Approved in a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed. (Yes:Standage, Borey, Moeller, Schoenbeck. No: none)

6. Parks and Recreation Director's Report

Liz Langenbach provided the Commission with the fall edition of the Citizen Brochure and list of volunteer opportunities.

Advised the Commission Proposition 423 the permanent base adjustment passed with flying colors, 72% of the vote. Further advised we have three commission terms expiring on October 31st, Wayne Standage, Frank Schoenbeck and Theresa Nesser. Anyone interested will need to complete an application and interviews will be conducted beginning of October.

Liz Langenbach introduced Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan and Recreation Coordinator John "JJ" Underwood to update the Commission on Senior Services.

Jamie Sullivan advised the Commission that we do not like to compare numbers with previous year because of difference in accounting. This will serve as our first year for future comparison.

*Commissioner Schoenbeck was excused from the meeting due to a family emergency.

JJ Underwood advised the Commission that we have served 850 unique members to date. Participant numbers include 7,576 individuals in recreational, social and fitness activities, 10,527 individuals served congregate meals, 7,719 home delivered meals, 4,111 one way trips to MGC and shopping and 20 one way trips for recently started ride reimbursement program for medical and shopping purposes available to Apache Junction residents.

Activities provided include Pokeno, Mahjong, Bingo, Pinochle, Dominoes, Bridge, crochet, knitting, arts, crafting, shopping, music, line dancing, fitness, treadmill, lunch, parties, legal aid and benefits. Favorites are Bingo, Pokeno, Bridge and Mahjong. Largest event is the Mother's Day Tea held annually in May. Event is sold out every year. Includes musical entertainment, prizes, light lunch and tea.

Meals are served Monday through Friday no holidays, cooked fresh daily on site, contracted with Bateman's. Five to seven frozen meals are delivered to individual's homes once weekly. Birthday and holiday celebrations are held monthly. Musical entertainment and speakers provided weekly, senior cafe provide in morning during activities and the Police Chief attends lunch.

Transportation is contracted locally with CACDD. They were already established and kept current driver. Initially had to reduce transportation to center only. Due to Gila River Indian Community funding we were able to provide weekly shopping trips and rider reimbursements.

Revenue sources include grants, Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens (AAA) and participant donations. Expenses for congregate, home delivered meals and transportation are provided to date.

7. Old Business

[18-377](#) Update on active transportation plan

Liz Langenbach advised, the city received a grant for implementation of an Active Transportation Plan, which includes all modes of transportation, in our community. J2 Engineering & Design Services has been contracted to research and conduct public meetings for community input. A

meeting is scheduled September 12th from 6pm - 8pm at the Multigenerational Center, for presentation of their preliminary findings. Planning and Zoning and the Parks and Recreation Commission will have two joint public meetings, October 9, 2018 and January 8, 2019.

8. New Business

[18-378](#) 2020 General plan update and discussion

Liz Langenbach relayed kickoff meeting with city department heads are being scheduled this week to start the process of updating our general plan. These meetings will include inventory of what is current, estimate population projections, short term, mid term and long term assessments lots of staff led research to share with boards and commissions for input and change to fit needs of our community and future growth.

[18-379](#) Dog park discussion

Liz Langenbach advised the Commission, direction has been received from the City Council to research the community need related to off leash dog parks and to provide a recommendation to the City Council to include best locations, short term and long term projects, construction and maintenance costs and potential funding sources. We have plans for million dollar dog parks but nothing that serves the immediate need.

9. Call to Public

none

10. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Dog Park Discussion; 2020 General Plan

11. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.