



# City of Apache Junction, Arizona

## Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers  
at City Hall  
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Wednesday, December 4, 2019

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Standage called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

### 2. Roll Call

**Present**                      7 -      Chairperson Standage, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Moeller, Vice Chair Gage, Commissioner Waldie, Commissioner Buzzin, and Commissioner Borey

Staff Present:

Liz Langenbach, Director

Mary March, Administrative Assistant

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Standage led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Acceptance of Agenda

[19-578](#)

December 4, 2019

Chairman Standage called for a motion to accept the agenda of December 4, 2019 regular meeting.

Commissioner Buzzin motion to accept the agenda as presented. Vice-Chairman Gage seconded. The Parks and Recreation Commission accepted the agenda as presented. Approved in a vote of 7 in favor 0 opposed, (yes: Moeller, Buzzin, Schoenbeck, Standage, Gage, Waldie, Borey. no: none)

### 5. Acceptance of Minutes

[19-579](#)

October 2, 2019

Chairman Standage called for a motion to accept the minutes of October 2, 2019, regular meeting.

Commissioner Schoenbeck motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Buzzin seconded. Approved in a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed. (yes: Borey, Moller, Buzzin, Schoenbeck, Standage, Gage, Waldie. no: none)

## 6. Parks and Recreation Director's Report

[19-581](#) Facilities Update - Director's update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Director Langenbach advised the commission the dog park is still in the gathering data phase so we have nothing new to report from the design team, mostly likely closer to the end of this year.

We do have multiple funding sources available that will be utilized toward development once the design is complete.

October 26th we along with other City departments participated in a new annual event. National Make a Difference Day that coordinates projects with people for the purpose of making a difference in peoples lives and their communities. We incorporated our annual Think Desert event and new Apache Junction Median Improvement project into this event. Donations were received from many local businesses and volunteer organizations. This was a very successful event and will happen annual on the last Saturday in October.

Prospector Park playgrounds have received replacement and additional equipment with plans to add additional equipment in next years budget.

We also budgeted for and installed a shade structure to protect and preserve our mobile stage from the harsh sun and elements.

[19-582](#) Program Update - Director's update on upcoming events and activities

Director Langenbach relayed the City's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Parade is this weekend and will go on as planned rain or shine unless unsafe. The following Saturday is a Movie in the Park and starting the second week in January we will have a major event every weekend.

## 7. Old Business

[19-583](#) BLM Update

Director Langenbach advised all leases have been renewed with BLM and we have applied for patent on Prospector Park. Rodeo Grounds is being looked into for patent as well as possible purchase. Due to our lease and existing development not anyone would be able to purchase and we do have some money designated for this purpose.

## 8. New Business

[19-584](#) Grant Program Priorities - discussion and prioritization of parks & trails grant opportunities.

Director Langenbach relayed the approved Active Transportation Plan is available at [ajcity.net/active](http://ajcity.net/active) it is an extensive plan which includes implementation of sidewalks and is incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan.

It has no implementation plan for trails or multiuse trail system, but presents and opportunity for us to begin the discussion to implement a plan to protect resources that we have and may be

currently available to us before they are encroached upon. Commission members were very responsive to this task.

[19-585](#)

## Election of Officers

Chairman Standage opened the nomination for Parks and Recreation Commission Vice-chairperson. Frank Schoenbeck nominated Heather Moeller. Chairman Standage call for additional nominations for vice-chairman. Heather Moeller nominated Jesse Gage. Chairman Standage called for additional nominations for vice-chairman. No more nominations were received and nominations were closed. Role call voting in order of nomination commenced as follows:

Heather Moeller recieved 4 ayes and 2 nays  
Ayes-Commissioners Schoenbeck, Gage, Waldie, Borey  
Nays-Commissioners Buzzin and Standage

Chairman Standage opened the nominations for Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman. Judy Borey nominated Jesse Gage for chairman. Chairman Standage called for additional nominees for chairman. Jesse Gage nominated Wayne Standage for chairman. Chairman Standage called for additional nominees for chairman hearing none nominations were closed. Roll call voting in order of nomination commenced as follows:

Jesse Gage recieved 2 ayes and 5 nays.  
Ayes-Commissioners Borey, Schoenbeck  
Nays-Gage,Waldie, Moeller, Buzzin, Standage

Wayne Standage recieved 7 ayes and 0 nays.  
Ayes-Commissioners Waldie, Borey, Moeller, Buzzin, Schoenbeck, Standage, Gage

**9. Call to Public****10. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

Dog park update and MGC temperature

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business Chairman Standage adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm