



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Wednesday, March 2, 2022

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Borey 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

Vice Chair Borey asked Commissioner Heather Moeller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present 6 - Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Moeller, Commissioner Buzzin, Vice Chair Borey, Commissioner Kyhn, and Chairperson Moore

Excused 1 - Chairperson Standage

Staff present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director

Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent

Carol Otto, Parks and Recreation 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 February 2, 2022 regular meeting.

Commissioner Diele Kyhn seconded the motion.

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Moeller, Commissioner Buzzin, Vice Chair Borey, Commissioner Kyhn and Chairperson Moore

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Chairperson Standage

[22-145](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[22-146](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of February 2, 2022.

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes 02022022](#)

5. Information and Reports

Positive comments were shared by Commissioners Terralle Moore, Frank Schoenbeck, Diele Kyhn who attended various events. Commissioner Buzzin enjoyed the Lost Dutchman Days parade and Vice Chair Borey shared her experiences as well.

6. Staff Report

[22-147](#) Presentation and discussion on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Director Langenbach expressed thanks to the Commissioners that have come out to events and activities that help support what we are doing. She gave an update on parks and other service areas then gave an update on Flatiron Park as well as the Rotary's vision for a city service sign.

[22-148](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Sullivan updated the commission on upcoming events and then did a recap of Lost Dutchman Days Marathon. Superintendent Sullivan then gave an update on upcoming summer planning and offerings. She gave an update on summer staffing and that there is an opening for a full-time Recreation Coordinator. She informed the commission that for P & R won best parade float entry for the Lost Dutchman Days event.

7. Old Business

[22-149](#) Rodeo Grounds Purchase Update - Update and discussion on the appraisal received to purchase 20 acres of our current BLM leased property at the Rodeo Grounds, located on the northwest corner of Tomahawk and Lost Dutchman Blvd.

Attachments: [Rodeo Grounds Prospector Park Lease Map](#)

Director Langenbach briefly shared information regarding the purchase of the Rodeo Grounds and what purchasing the land would mean for the community.

[22-150](#) Dutchman Dog Park - Update and discussion on progress of construction, operations, and art installation for Dutchman Dog Park.

Superintendent Sullivan added to the presentation commenting on the Dog Park citizen's group and included an overview of the grand opening.

Director Langenbach shared about the involvement of the Public Art Commission with the dog park and that Commissioner Terralle Moore has been named as our representative to the PAC.

[22-152](#) Parks & Recreation Master Planning - Presentation and discussion on the programs, services, and communication strategies delivered by the Parks and Recreation department and identification of gaps.

Attachments: [Parks Recreation Master Planning 220302](#)

Director Langenbach continued with a review of Parks & Recreation Master Planning update which included a visual presentation. She began with sharing our need for a Strategic Plan for Parks & Rec with goals and objectives and established yearly goals which should not be confused with the City's General Plan. Having these goals would help guide our department when going out for grant monies. She then reviewed a summary of Parks & Rec Programming, Services, and Marketing and then opened the floor for questions and identification of gaps in programs/services. The Director moved on in her presentation to review Parks & Rec services such as facility and equipment rentals where she invited Management Analyst, Riley King, to give an overview of facility rentals and some examples.

8. New Business

No new business.

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

None.

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

[22-153](#)

Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 6, 2022 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Buzzin, that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held May 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction.

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Moeller, Commissioner Buzzin, Vice Chair Borey, Commissioner Kyhn and Chairperson Moore

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Chairperson Standage

12. Adjournment

Vice Chair Borey adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.