

**CITY OF SURPRISE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

Surprise Senior Center 15832 N Hollyhock Street
SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374

CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Members: Wayne Turner (Chair), Ron Jensen (Vice Chair), Mark Brown, Steven Berwald, Raymond Grim, Bill Pupo
Absent: Charlie Woodland (excused)

City Staff: Donna Miller, Paul Frie, Marla Babb and Todd Wuellner

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports:

Chair Turner commented on Fiesta Event and need for more parking.

D. Staff Reports:

- Expanded hours at Hollyhock Library started Jan 6th
- Asante library grand opening - Feb 1 @ 10 am
- Update on wheelchair accessible swing suggestion during last meeting call to public

Staff researched the product suggestion. Due to the size of equipment and requirement for fall zone and fencing needed it would not fit in existing park. There are additional operational considerations as it requires assistance getting on and off and securing the wheelchair before usage. When playground is up for replacement would be good time to add an accessible option. There are several options provided by professional recreation playground companies.

- Made an offer for new Administrative Specialist, expect to start prior to next meeting.
- State of the City- March 26
- The Veterans Day Parade was held on November 11 with 93 parade entries and approximately 8,500 attendees.

- 18th Annual Surprise Party- December 6 & 7 - 23,000 visitors over 2 days
- Adaptive Holiday Party- December 13 – over 900 attended

Upcoming programs and events

- Classes and sports being offered now at Ottawa University
- Teen Snowbowl Ski Trip turnaround – Feb 1. Also offered one in January.
- Adaptive programming - Family winter formal Feb 8th 5 – 8 pm, Family fishing derby April 4th 9am-11am
- Teen volleyball tournament Feb 29th 4 pm @ Surprise Community Park
- Sunday in the park – Feb 9th, March 29, April 19
- Break camp at Sierra Montana Mar 16-20
- Youth sports leagues start in March
- Spring Eggstravaganza – April 11 7:30 am
- Slides being installed @ Surprise Aquatic Center
- Shade structure installation was completed at Marley Park Splash pad in December 2019 and Community Park playground shade will be complete at the end of January 2020
- Bicentennial Lighting project and field renovation will be starting soon
- Basketball concrete asset improvement project at Sierra Montana
- Eagle Scout Fish Habitat. Built and installed.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Daniel & Maria Simon, 12646 W Rimrock, Surprise Az.- Gaines Park
 Kerrie Hanzel, 13570 W Carribbean Ln- Gaines Park

CONSENT AGENDA

- E. Approval of items on the Consent Agenda
 No items were identified as consent agenda items.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – Citywide – Consideration and action to approve minutes from October 28, 2019.

Commission Member: Bill Pupo made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 Commission meeting. Ron Jensen seconded the motion, 6 yes votes. Passed.

Item 2 – Citywide – Update on relocation of Gaines Ball Field project.

Director Miller introduced the item and Jay Hicks with DIG studio: A couple months ago Director Miller along with a couple of fellow staff members went door to door to homes directly around the project site to update them on the project, potential parking lot and obtain contact information so we could invite them to a future meeting. The residents had questions but overall consensus was positive regarding the parking lot.

Jay Hicks, design consultant with DIG Studio presented PowerPoint that provided field layout, east parking lot addition, character illustrations, restroom design, field lighting and estimated schedule.

Priority is to ensure residency privacy is honored.

Field is planned to be turf. Additional consideration for area for warming up.

Power lines are a challenge at Rimrock and Nash.

Restroom building is pre fab, would be two family restrooms and follows bungalow style. This type of restroom is being utilized by the county and comes fully equipped. It is cost effective and durable. The one we are looking at is semi-custom. It will serve expected attendance/participation needs.

There will be Memorial and dedication plaque for Floyd Gaines.

Mr. Hicks asked for feedback regarding a walking path around the field. Would allow for additional security on the outside of the field.

Consideration for signs to warn the public of possible foul balls. Park at your own risk.

Parking was discussed as to how many parking spots, will it be enough and will on street parking be allowed. There will be 56 off street parking and on street parking is allowed at this time in the area.

Programming of the park was clarified to include youth leagues.

No budget for scoreboard at this time.

Clarified that funding for the project is all grant funding. Approximately \$1M for the project.

Mr. Simon, Surprise resident who lives close to ballfield and south of the new parking lot shared concerns of light shining in their bedroom. Also concerned about the homeless population or people hanging out after park hours. Also concerned that Rimrock is a very narrow street, worried about the parking, lighting and privacy. Parking lot in back, good and bad. Would prefer fencing for parking lot and lit and possible gate to prevent overnight parking. Also concerned about sidewalk from parking lot to the ball field. Can it be moved away from his property?

Consultant will look at moving the sidewalk away. Also looking at at least a 6 foot block fence around parking lot.

Mr. Gaines commented that when going to a park, usually have young kids, need grass for kids to play in. Also need a warm up area. 1st and 3rd base line. Possibility of adding a gazebo in the area.

Director Miller states there was not funding for a ramada but it is part of plan as future project.

Chair Turner commented that dedication plaque would be nice behind home plate.

Commission Pupo asked about annual operation and maintenance costs. Director Miller said current funds for the original ball field will take care of new field.

Commission Pupo recommended a warm up area with surface or artificial turf. Consultant stated we have to have retention basins, but will have warm up area, may use a different type of retention basin, will look at protecting people in bleachers too

Item 3 – Citywide – Consideration and action to recommend updated aquatic admission fees to city council.

Director Miller presented a PowerPoint which included current fee information on Surprise, comparison with other cities as well as suggested increase and next steps.

Discussion included current Non Resident rate which is \$5, how many times the pools reach capacity approximately 28 times at the aquatic center and 10 at Hollyhock, pool hours are not expected to change.

Commissioner Grim moved to approve to recommend admission fees to City Council: Berwald 2nd Passed.

Item 4 – Consideration and action pertaining to approval of nominees for the 2019 Surprise Recreation Campus Hall of Fame.

Director Miller stated that the selection process is included in the agenda item. Alex Gordon was awarded the golden glove again. Also suggested keeping the Surprise Sundancers on your radar for the future to celebrate 20 year anniversary.

Vice Chair Jensen made the motion for Alex Gordon in the Hall of Fame, Pupo seconded the motion. Passed

Chair Turner nominated Mike Planeta: Mike is a Surprise resident, has been a coach, spear headed the bond for recreation, was on the Parks and Recreation Commission for many years.

Commissioner Grim moves to approve Mike Planeta for the Hall of Fame, Bill Pupo seconded the motion. Passed.

For the future, Commissioner Pupo recommended names of any long standing coaches in the department that might be eligible for this distinction.

Item 5. Citywide- Consideration and action pertaining to future agenda items.

Commission Pupo stated that budget discussion in funding the master plan will happen at the next meeting.

Commissioner Turner commented that the city is behind on its Parks and Recreation Master Plan and it needs to be addressed.

Director Miller stated staff will have an item on budget discussion at the next meeting and also an update on Gaines field.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other Business and Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT

Ron Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mark Brown seconded it, 6 yes votes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Donna Miller, Director
Parks & Recreation

CERTIFICATION:

I, Wayne Turner, Commission Chair for City of Surprise Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held on January 27, 2020.

Wayne Turner, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.