

**CITY OF SURPRISE
COMMUNITY AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2019 / 6:00 PM

**Surprise City Hall – Community Room
16000 North Civic Center Plaza
SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374**

CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

CRS Commission Members: Wayne Turner (Chair), Ron Jensen (Vice Chair), Charlie Woodland, Steven Berwald, Raymond Grim, and Mark Brown

Excused absence: Bill Pupo

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports

Chair Wayne Turner introduced the new commissioners, Bill Pupo and Raymond Grim

D. Staff Reports

Director Donna Miller introduced new Parks and Campus Division Manager Todd Wuellner. She also reminded the commission that the new fee schedule will go for council approval on May 21. CRS is also planning to take changes/additions to parks and recreation ordinance regarding park ranger and dog park rules on May 21st work session.

Assistant Director Paul Frie reported on past, current and upcoming activities:

- The Spring Egg-stravaganza event on April 20th was the largest attended event to date, with close to 17,000 attendees. The Adaptive Egg Hunt had approximately 250 participants.
- Movie Night in the Park is coming up on May 11th at Mark Coronado Park.
- 4th of July celebration will take place in Mark Coronado Park this year due to the field renovations in the Stadium. The event will feature music, food, and a night time showcase of lights as fireworks transform the evening sky into a salute to our nation's Independence Day celebration. Gates open at 5:30 pm fireworks display at 8:40 pm.
- Surprise Family Pool-ooza, in conjunction with the Surprise Fire Department and Surprise Police Department will be May 18th at Surprise Aquatic Center.
- Itty Bitty Beach Party will be May 23rd at Surprise Aquatic Center.
- Dive-In Movie on June 15th at the Surprise Aquatic Center will show "Aquaman".
- Swim lessons are underway at the Surprise Aquatic Center and will begin at Hollyhock on May 28th.

- Adult Sports Summer Registration begins May 13th for softball, kickball, basketball and volleyball.
- The Surprise Aquatic Center and Hollyhock Pool open for the summer on Saturday, May 25th.
- There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony to commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country at 9 am on Saturday, May 25th.
- Fall Youth Sports Registration starts on July 1st.

Assistant Director Paul Frie also noted that we have someone on call after hours and on weekends to answer emergencies.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Susan Nachtigall (Surprise Resident) – Stated her concerns about the new city imposed regulation regarding timed tennis matches. She requested that the time limit be eliminated after July 1st.

Tim Crum (Surprise Resident) – Introduced Deck Hockey, and mentioned various grants through the Arizona Coyotes that could help the city with expenses.

Alyson Cline (Resident/President of Friends of Surprise Library) ~ Regarding item 3 – Stated that the Friends of Surprise Library currently contribute to have the Hollyhock Library open on Saturday. She would like the library to be open from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and stated that she would be open to asking the Friends of the Library to contribute more to offset the cost of the extra 2 hours.

Andy Cepon (Resident) ~ Regarding item 3 – Stated that the operating hours of the Hollyhock Library should be expanded, particularly during school break.

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 approving the January 28, 2019 Community and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, CRS Advisory Commission meeting – Mark Brown, 2nd by Charlie Woodland. 6 yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Update on Ottawa Facility Use Agreement

Mike Hoover (city staff) and Brian Sandusky from Ottawa University provided background on Ottawa University and overviewed the Facility Use Agreement between Ottawa and the City of Surprise which allows 8,000 hours of usage of Ottawa Facilities per year. The agreement spans 10.5 years. Ottawa has completed a competition field and is now building a Gymnasium complex, Recreation/Fitness Center, Student Housing and Student Union.

Chair Wayne Turner asked if the dorms will be able to expand with the expected growth of students. Mike Hoover clarified that they have land that they will be able to use to build more dorms.

Commissioner Mark Brown inquired if they expect Ottawa to be more of a commuter school. Brian Sandusky clarified that they encourage their students to stay on campus. Commissioner Mark Brown also asked about the community response to this new university. Brian Sandusky responded that he has seen it be well received, and thinks it will continue to be well received as more information about the programs offered gets relayed to the public.

Commissioner Steven Berwald asked if the Odell Center will be open to the public. Mike Hoover responded that the walking track will be available to the public during select hours.

Item 3 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and action to change Hollyhock Library Hours

Director Donna Miller presented the current and recommended hours for Hollyhock Library. She stated that Hollyhock library staff received feedback from library users in the community that they would prefer earlier hours on Saturday, which would allow for better story time hours. Current Saturday hours are 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and recommended change would be 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Commissioner Raymond Grim expressed his concern for the limited operating hours of the Hollyhock Library with it only being open 3 days a week. Director Donna Miller clarified that they have it in the budget to expand hours. Commissioner Raymond Grim stated that he would like to have this on a future agenda item.

Commissioner Charlie Woodland inquired if busing from OTS to the Northwest Regional Library would be an option.

Motion to approve that change in operating hours of the Hollyhock Library on Saturday to 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Steven Berwald, 2nd by Charlie Woodland. 6 yes votes. Motion Carried.

Item 4 – Update on Recreation Projects

Director Donna Miller gave a presentation updating the City Council approved recreation related projects including: Asante Library, Gaines Park Ball Field relocation, Dick McComb Dog Park lighting, CRS admin lobby remodel and security enhancements, Tennis lighting, and Stadium Field renovation.

Commissioner Mark Brown asked for a timeline for the field renovation. Assistant Director Paul Frie said that they won't want anyone on it until at least November.

Andy Cepon (Surprise Resident) asked about the impact the field renovation will have on the fall league. Assistant Director Paul Frie responded that the teams will play elsewhere for this season.

Item 5 – INTERNAL – Consideration and action to change Community and Recreation Services Department to Parks and Recreation Department.

Director Donna Miller discussed that the creation of the Human Services and Community Vitality Department and the Sports and Tourism Department has allowed the Community and Recreation Services Department to focus on Parks and Recreation programming.

Motion to approve the department name change from Community and Recreation Services Department to Parks and Recreation Department – Charlie Woodland, 2nd Ron Jensen. 6 yes votes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other Business and Future Agenda Items

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ron Jensen, 2nd by Charlie Woodland. 6 yes votes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Donna Miller, Director
Community & Recreation Services

CERTIFICATION:

I, Layne Lackey, Administrative Specialist for the City of Surprise Community and Recreation Services Department, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the CRS Advisory Commission meeting held on April 22, 2019.

Layne Lackey, Administrative Specialist