

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

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Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2012 / 6:00 PM

**Community & Recreation Services
15960 North Bullard Avenue
SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

A. Roll Call

CRS Board Members: Wayne Turner (Chair), Lou Provenzano (Vice Chair), Mike Planeta, Ronald Jensen, Ramil Rivera, Mark Brown, Mary Lou Youngblood (absent)

City Staff: Mark Coronado, Donna Miller, Tara Combs, Heather Donaldson

Guests – Bill Lipscomb and Larry Brown

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports – Mark Coronado (M. Coronado) reported that the Texas Rangers signed Japanese pitcher, Yu Darvish for \$60,000,000, which means there will be an influx of Japanese media here in Surprise at a minimum of 250 reporters and we will be broadcast back to Japan on a daily basis. The Rangers ticket sales are selling two to one to the Royals. Basketball registration went past our goal and we are 2% up on our registrations.

D. Staff reports - Mike Planeta (M. Planeta) attended the American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC) Meeting regarding the AABC World Series. M. Coronado reported that Surprise is the preferred city for the Ken Griffey World Series (11 year olds) as well as the Gill Hodges World Series (9 year olds). We are negotiating based on economic impact and room nights. Lou Provenzano (L. Provenzano) attended the Hotel Association Meeting with M. Planeta and M. Coronado where there was a brief discussion regarding possibly setting up a system where the Chair from each Board meet on a quarterly basis to discuss the work that their committee has done and is working on. M. Coronado reported that we have been working with the Sundancer organization on the Academic All Star Game. The Sundancer organization wants to provide \$43,000 for scholarships to the players selected for the game. There will be criteria that one of the top three scholarships is awarded to a student from the Northwest Valley with an emphasis on the Dysart School District. M. Planeta suggested looking into partnering up with the Firefighters Charities.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Anthony Chavez, Surprise Resident, inquired of the Board where the skatepark proposal he presented at the November 28, 2012 meeting is at and wanted to remind the board that this is not just

for recreation but to generate revenue. He is hoping that this proposal does not get passed by. He has gathered a list of professional supporters made up of business leaders, physicians, attorneys, business owners, etc. in our community who support the skatepark proposal. He also reminded the Board that it is the intent of the community to raise half of the cost to construct the skatepark. He would like to see it put on the budget and on a City Council agenda so that we can move forward with this proposal. L. Provenzano asked if Mr. Chavez has seen the proposed architectural plan for a skatepark that the City has. Mr. Chavez responded that he has not. M. Coronado suggested that the plan the City has will most likely be antiquated. Our plans were for a multi-purpose facility including inline skating and BMX along with the skatepark which was generated years ago in a different economic climate. M. Coronado said he would bring the plans and the cost analysis to the next CRS Board Meeting.

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 the Minutes of the November 28, 2011 CRS Advisory Board Meeting.

Motion to approve minutes – Mike Planeta. 2nd by Lou Provenzano. Six yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Discussion of Community and Recreation Services Advisory Board and Budget Priorities to be Presented for the FY12/13 Budget Process.

M. Coronado advised that the process tonight is to talk about and listen to our priorities. We are on track to have our budget retreats in February. Tonight we want to listen to the top priorities of the Board. M. Coronado advised the Board to keep in mind the Cities priorities which include the Library IGA for \$450,000 which is due next fiscal year in order for us to be able to operate the Library. M. Coronado stated that he hopes that the Chair and Vice Chair will get involved in the public process of the budget to advocate for whatever our priorities are. M. Coronado advised that the City has not had any asset replacement money of any significance in the last three years while we used to get anywhere from \$300,000 to \$500,000 a year for asset replacement. If we don't start taking care of our facilities we will have to close them down. Tonight we would like to go through each of your lists to talk about your top priorities and at a later date we will prioritize one list from the CRS Board to revise the 5 year CIP which we could start this year but which would be challenging. The current CIP has not been revised in two years. M. Planeta said he thought it would be easier for the Board to prioritize the Sports Village Concept master plan. M. Coronado agreed. Ramil Rivera (R. Rivera) asked for a summary of each line item on the current 5 year CIP as he is not familiar with some of the line items on it. M. Coronado thought it would be well served for the City Manager to attend a future CRS Board meeting to hear the Board's priorities and thoughts.

L. Provenzano

- Fencing 8 acre park – possibility of having additional profitable events as well as safety aspect
- Dog Park at Surprise Farms
- Skatepark
- 4 additional baseball fields to allow us to have tournaments to fill up our hotels and restaurants
- Sports Club House to house volleyball, basketball tournaments, etc. in an air conditioned venue throughout out the summer to give kids something to do
- Promote Club Sports – Take level of athletic competition in Surprise to a new level
- Batting Cages
- Soccer Fields
- Entertainment Recreation Bond – Possibly purchase the land North of City Hall to develop in a way the City sees fit – Bond would not be a tax but as an investment which will have a return

Mike Planeta

- Same List as Lou Provenzano
- Convention Center to house 500 people

Mark Brown

- Bike Path
- Runners Path / Course
- Boys and Girls Club
- Another swimming pool
- Expansion of Tennis Center

Ron Jensen

- Trail System
- Fence 8 Acres
- Skatepark
- Expansion of Tennis Facility

Ramil Rivera

- Fence 8 Acres
- Skatepark
- Dog Park
- Renewable Energy – Partnership with sustainability

Wayne Turner

- Most everything on his list has been said
- Practice facilities along with additional baseball fields
- Stadium Court for Tennis – Revenue generating facility

R. Rivera asked if the line items in the current 5 year CIP are all part of the current master plan or if some of them are wishlist items. M. Coronado advised that all of the line items are part of the master plan and that they are what built our impact fee which is based upon projects that are related to growth. He advised the board that we were getting around \$2,100 a home and now it will probably go down to about \$700 a home which is because we don't have projects that are growth related.

Public Comment

Andy Cepon – Surprise resident – Mr. Cepon would like to suggest that the Marketing & Communication Department prepare a survey for residents to solicit a citizen “wishlist” and other suggestions for what they would like to see in our community. Include on the survey questions of whether or not citizens would be willing to pay extra taxes, etc. or see if they have other funding options for their wishlist items. He also agrees that the Boards and Commissions Chairs and Vice-Chairs need to advocate for what they want during the budget process.

Item 3 – Consideration and Action to Approve Nominees for the 2012 Surprise Recreation Campus Hall of Fame.

Wayne Turner Nominees

- Mayor Joan Schafer
- Mark Coronado

Mike Planeta Nominees

- Bill Pupo
- Mark Coronado
- Jerry Houston

Ramil Rivera Nominees

- Mayor Joan Schafer
- Mark Coronado
- Nelson Cruz – Rangers

W. Turner asked M. Coronado if the Texas Rangers would be an automatic recipient as they were in the championship. M. Coronado stated that they would be as well as any Adrian Beltre and Alex Gordon as they both were Gold Glove winners. M. Coronado also advised that the Rangers are also alright with nominating Michael Young as he is the only player from both teams who has been here for all ten years.

M. Brown asked if we could limit the Hall of Fame nominations to just one player from the Rangers and one player from the Royals as we are nominating both Michael Young and Adrian Beltre from the Royals. M. Coronado said we would have to create a policy as it is an unsaid policy that if you win a national award then you are automatically entered into the Hall of Fame.

M. Coronado realized and advised the Board that the current policy states that annual selection shall include a minimum of one and a maximum of three Hall of Fame recipients. M. Planeta suggested that Joan Schafer be nominated.

Motion to approve five inductees to the Surprise Recreation Campus Hall of Fame; The Texas Rangers, Alex Gordon, Adrian Beltre, Michael Young and Joan Schafer for 2012 and to amend the selection process to include five inductees for 2012 – Ron Jensen, 2nd Lou Provenzano. Six yes votes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Andy Cepon – Mr. Cepon believes that Michael Young has the tenure and the credentials to receive this honor and he believes it would be a nice gesture and great recognition and a politically correct gesture to nominate someone from the Kansas City Royals. M. Coronado reminded Mr. Cepon that Alex Gordon from the Royals has been discussed.

Item 4 – CITYWIDE – Discussion and Possible Action to Revise and/or Replace the Existing Memorial Day Parade.

M. Coronado advised the Board that he did go to the City Manager to let him know that there is an ad-hoc committee separate from this Board made up of volunteers not being lead or directed by the City of Surprise that was to come back to us at a later date to give us their proposal and run of show for a new event that would possibly either replace the Memorial Day Parade or compliment it. M. Coronado informed the Board that Mr. Bill Lipscomb (B. Lipscomb) has been keeping most of the Mayor and Council informed of this process. M. Coronado advised the City Manager that if we chose to have a separate event we would need to go back to Mayor and Council to get a budget transfer of the \$10,000 set aside for the Memorial Day Parade.

B. Lipscomb informed the Board that he is grateful to the Board and the City that they are entertaining the possibility of making a change to the way that we recognize, memorialize and commemorate those in the military who have fallen. He reported that his volunteer group has been working on a daily basis on this new event.

Larry Brown (L. Brown) reported that there was a meeting on January 10, 2012 with their volunteer committee, CRS board members, members of council, former Mayor Truitt, etc. in attendance to discuss the new proposed Memorial Day event. They have received an abundance of support and have another meeting scheduled for January 24, 2012 which will include some power players from the Surprise Chamber of Commerce. They have decided to lock in the date of Saturday, May 26, 2012 for the event. They would like to start off with a Pancake breakfast at 7:00 a.m. They will have ribbons made up in different colors representing all the different branches of service to be presented to veterans. They would like to open up the stadium at 8:00 a.m. to get the event kicked off. They are trying to lock in a Huey helicopter to fly in close to the stadium for the event. These are just a few of the things they have worked on for this event, however they need approval from the City at this point of this event to continue further as there are many power players wanting to be involved. L.

Brown also informed the Board that he was hoping to hear from them regarding the monument for Nick Bacon that was proposed at a previous board meeting.

B. Lipscomb reported that he and L. Brown met with Joey Strickland of the Department of Veterans Affairs who fully supports this proposed event and has offered to help out in any way he can, however this ad-hoc committee needs confirmation that they should be moving forward.

M. Planeta reminded B. Lipscomb and L. Brown that the CRS Board does not make the decision of whether or not this event will take place but only makes a recommendation to council.

M. Coronado reported that the concern of the City Manager is that we get requests from a variety of groups representing worthy causes to co-sponsor events which is a challenge. The City will most likely look to partner with this ad-hoc committee with an event to be operated and coordinated by the ad-hoc committee not under the umbrella of the City but in partnership with the City. This partnership would include waiving a fee/infrastructure for the use of the facility. M. Coronado advised the Board that their action tonight would be to revise and replace the existing Memorial Day Parade with an addendum to say; with a Memorial Event to be coordinated by the ad-hoc committee. If the Board wants to embrace the event then they need to make a motion and an action to no longer hold the Memorial Day Parade and explore a partnership with the Surprise Veterans to host a Memorial Day Event.

Mark Brown (M. Brown) believes the way this should be approached would be that the Surprise Veterans should come to the CRS Board and propose their event and ask how they can partner with the City to make it a successful event. B. Lipscomb responded that this approach is exactly what they have been trying to do. They want to partner with the City to accomplish a new event. M. Brown asked that the Surprise Veterans come back to the Board with a structured event which B. Lipscomb responded that this is what they have been trying to do.

Ramil Rivera (R. Rivera) reminded everyone that the action of the CRS Board is to recommend the action to make a change to the existing Memorial Day Event.

M. Coronado stated that this is a policy decision. The budget is a policy issue. The Mayor and Council approved a budget that has a Memorial Day Parade. We need to make a motion to change the policy.

L. Provenzano would like to see a Founders Day Parade take place in lieu of the existing Memorial Day Parade. Founders Day has evolved into the Surprise Party. He would like to not cancel the Memorial Day Parade but to say that the parade has been moved to re-create Founders Day and make Memorial Day a true Memorial celebration for veterans. This would involve changing the name of the Surprise Party, moving it to early November and using this Founders Day Parade to launch the holiday season.

M. Coronado reminded the Board that we cannot substitute the Memorial Day Parade and the Surprise Party with the Founders Day Parade/event as this is part of a budget process. Founders Day will cost more than \$10,000. L. Provenzano suggested that the Memorial Day Parade budget be moved to a Founders Day Parade. M. Coronado reported that to do this we would have to try to create a new project and facilitate a budget transfer in the middle of the year. Any type of new allocations or events will need to go through the budget process and be prioritized by the Mayor and Council. If the Board wants to have a Founders Day Parade that will need to be a supplemental in the budget that says we want to create a Founders Day Parade.

M. Planeta asked if this could be on the next council agenda. M. Coronado stated that this will have to go to a work shop first and then to a council meeting agenda.

Motion to revise our Memorial Day Celebration and explore a partnership with local veterans and the City of Surprise – Lou Provenzano. 2nd by Ronald Jensen. Six yes votes. Motion carried.

Item 5 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and Possible Action to Place Items on Future Agendas.

- Discussion regarding Revising Surprise Party and recreating Founders Day to include a parade
- Discussion of Recreation of Entertainment Bond Pursuit
- Staff to request representative from finance department to come and educate the CRS Board on funding options for future CIP projects and to discuss the impact fee

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – 8:34 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by L. Provenzano, 2nd by M. Brown. Six yes votes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Donna Miller, Assistant Director
Community & Recreation Services

CERTIFICATION:

I, Heather Donaldson, 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 Board meeting held on January 18, 2012.

Heather Donaldson, Administrative Specialist

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TIME:

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