

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

**Meeting Minutes**

July 30, 2012 / 6:00 PM

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A. Roll Call

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

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

**Guests** – Anthony Chavez and Steve Wong

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Current Events Reports – Mark Coronado (M. Coronado) advised the commission that over the last five weeks we have had seven national baseball tournaments here. He also announced that we just got awarded the American Legion World Series for 2013 and 2014 which will bring eight teams from throughout the country and four teams from Asia, South America, North American/Canada and a team to be determined. He reported that youth basketball is finishing up where there were 80 teams with 800 kids and 200 volunteer coaches. He reported that youth soccer and flag football registrations start next week where we are expecting about 3,000 kids and 320 teams. He reported that the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Convention is having a Boards and Commissions Day on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at their convention taking place at the end of August. He advised that the 5<sup>th</sup> annual CTCA Championships has a great lineup this year consisting of Tracey Martin, Martina Navratilova, Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Jim Courier and Todd Martin who all together have a combined 120 grand slam championships. He also advised that Surprise is the first stop on the 2012 tour and the next weekend they go back to the East coast which will be great for Surprise. It will be a Friday, Saturday event again. He advised that the Tourism Commission granted up to \$100,000 if it's needed and the Mayor and Council were very clear that they do not want any general fund dollars to support the event. There will also be the beer festival component again this year.

D. Staff reports

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

## 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 April 9, 2012 CRS Advisory Board Meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes – Lou Provenzano. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Planeta. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

### **Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Presentation by Anthony Chavez of Step Higher Foundation of proposed skatepark at the Surprise Recreation Campus.**

Anthony Chavez of the Step Higher Foundation made a presentation of a proposed skatepark in the City of Surprise. He proposed three location options:

Option A: Surprise Community Park – In the current location of the volleyball courts

Option B: Surprise Farms Loop

Option C: Surprise Community Park – Retention area located behind the Pickleball courts

He advised the Commission that his organization is just waiting on approval of the City land and he asked for the Commission's advice on how to move forward.

Wayne Turner (W. Turner) advised Mr. Chavez that the Commission is waiting for direction from Council on these types of items and further advised that the Commission will keep this item in mind for the master plan.

### **Item 3 – CITYWIDE – Surprise Recreation Open Space/Facility Master plan procedural process and update.**

Hobart Wingard of the City of Surprise Community & Economic Development Department made a presentation on the Surprise Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update. He advised that the current Master Plan identifies facilities, provides guidelines for development and provides trails plans. The purpose of this update is to be more reflective of the Surprise demographic, update funding and resource options in light of the uncertain economy, provide a long term plan for the development of parks, trails and open space and to provide a programming framework. The proposed plan will provide for a budgeted consultant, public outreach, programming of recreation programs, desert trails, a long term (20 year) plan and funding options and plans. He presented a

time line for the master plan with the completed document being available in either May or June of 2013.

**Item 4 – CITYWIDE – Discussion and presentation by Surprise Pickleball Association of a proposed pickleball court expansion at the Surprise Recreation Campus.**

Steve Wong of the Surprise Pickleball Association presented a proposal to build eight new pickleball courts. He identified the pickleball benefits for Surprise including community development, business attraction and economic growth. He advised that by constructing an additional eight courts, we could attract more people to Surprise and increase the potential for tourism and economic growth through the possibility of hosting larger pickleball tournaments. He proposed the additional courts to be built where the volleyball courts are currently located.

**Item 5 – CITYWIDE – Discussion of possible youth baseball practice field expansion and locations through community donations from Firefighter Charities and others.**

Mike Planeta reviewed four options to expand the youth baseball practice fields and locations through community donations from various charities.

Option A: \$8,000 - Includes reduced backstop only.

Option B: \$22,964 - Includes reduced backstop and excavation of existing material, repositioning of existing irrigation, and installation of stabilizer and bases on base paths and base cutouts only.

Option C: \$38,450 - Includes reduced backstop and excavation of existing materiel, repositioning of existing irrigation, and installation of stabilizer and bases on a completely skinned infield.

Option D: \$49,450 - Includes complete backstop, dugouts and additional fencing, excavation of existing materiel, repositioning of existing irrigation, and installation of stabilizer and bases on a completely skinned infield.

Motion to approve the possible baseball practice field expansion with funding through community donations program – Mary Lou Youngblood. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lou Provenzano. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

**Item 6 – CITYWIDE – Update on DUSD/City of Surprise IGA to include facility use policy and associated fees.**

Mark Coronado gave a brief update of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation of Schools as Community Centers between the City of Surprise and the Dysart Unified School District. He advised that the key to the entire document which was not included in the last agreement was section 1.3 “City Uses”. He commented that now if a club team comes into Surprise and wants to be a co-sponsored activity with the City, if we do not already have an existing program we now can.

**Item 7 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and Possible Action to Place Items on Future Agendas.**

- Founders Day Parade to replace the Surprise Party
- Sherry Aguilar to make a presentation about historical Surprise
- Costs of fencing around 8-acres

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Mary Lou Youngblood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Brown. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

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Mark A. Coronado, 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 July 30, 2012.

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Heather Donaldson, Administrative Specialist