

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

**Meeting Minutes**

September 24, 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), Ronald Jensen, Mary Lou Youngblood, Mark Brown and Mike Planeta, Ramil Rivera (absent)

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

Guests: Adam Copeland and City Clerk Sherry Aguilar

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Current Events Reports**

**D. Staff reports**

Paul Frie reported that there are 198 teams for youth soccer and flag football which are in their third week and that registrations for t-ball, baseball and volleyball are taking place now. Mark Coronado reported that we are three and half weeks out from the CTCA Tennis Championships, and we are currently \$40,000 away from covering the \$540,000 event. He also reported that the Beer Festival will take place on October 13<sup>th</sup> and ticket prices for it have been raised to help control the event. We are expecting 300-400 people for the Beer Festival.

**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 July 30, 2012 CRS Advisory Commission meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes – Lou Provenzano. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Jensen. Six yes votes. Motion carried.

**Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Discussion with Community and Economic Development to gather feedback from the Community and Recreation Services Advisory Commission in relation to the recreation and open space element of the City of Surprise General Plan Update.**

Adam Copeland, City Planner, presented on the Recreation and Open Space Component of the General Plan Update. He provided a brief overview of the General Plan Update, the General Plan Pyramid, the Parks and Trails Plan, the Park Master Plan, the Community Park Site Plan – Large Scale, the Neighborhood Park Site Plan – Small Scale, the General Plan website, open houses that have taken place, the General Plan survey, goals and the next steps to the General Plan Update process which included a timeline of events. Mike Planeta (M. Planeta) asked if the General Plan Update is going to include a funding mechanism within it, and what will happen after it is approved by voters. Adam Copeland responded that the once approved it will become the goal of City staff, and it will be the responsibility of the staff, Mayor and Council to move forward with the plan. M. Planeta asked if there is a plan to research funding mechanisms after the plan is approved. Adam Copeland advised that a dedicated funding source can be included in the policies and goals of the General Plan. Mark Coronado (M. Coronado) made the suggestion that a citizen’s committee be appointed to research alternate funding. Lou Provenzano (L. Provenzano) said we need to do something bold now for the City of Surprise to get us on the map.

**Item 3 – CITYWIDE – Presentation and Discussion regarding possible future Founders Day Event in the City of Surprise.**

City Clerk Sherry Aguilar presented on the history of Surprise and the Founders Day Event that used to be held. L. Provenzano asked why the Founders Day Event went away. Sherry Aguilar responded that the rodeo associated with the Event became too costly for the town which had no growth at the time it was eliminated, and there was just no funding to continue to have the event. She also advised that the Founders Day event included a parade and a carnival in addition to the rodeo. L. Provenzano stated that he would like to have the Founders Day Event come back to the City of Surprise and have schools teach Surprise’s History during the week of the event. M. Coronado advised that we have looked into having a rodeo in the past; however the costs associated with it were too high. He also inquired if the Commission wanted to have a Founders Day event in place of Surprise Party or as an entirely new event which would need to be included in the budget process. L. Provenzano asked the other Commission members if they would be interested in having a Founders Day Event. The consensus amongst the rest of the Commission was that they did not want to have this in place of Surprise Party, but they would entertain the idea of either adding a Founders Day Parade to Surprise Party or having a new Founders Day Event in April. L. Provenzano asked if a Founders Day Event could be on the next agenda as an action item.

**Item 4 – CITYWIDE – Surprise Parks and Recreation Master Plan update.**

M. Coronado presented the Commission with an update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update where he reviewed the existing plan and the status of the proposed plan. He presented an RFP Schedule and advised the Commission that there will need to be an RFP evaluation committee on which someone from this Commission is asked to participate along with Donna Miller and Hobart

Wingard. Mike Planeta, Wayne Turner and Mark Brown agreed to serve on the RFP evaluation committee.

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

- Discussion and possible action of adding a parade to honor Founders Day with Surprise Party
- Expanding Christmas decorations on Bullard
- Update on IGA of Club Sports
- Surprise Water presentation

**OTHER BUSINESS**

L. Provenzano relayed a request from Valley Vista High School who is having trouble with their football field. They have asked if someone from the City can contact their maintenance department and offer some help. M. Coronado asked L. Provenzano to have the Valley Vista Coach contact him as our maintenance staff does community service for certification and would be happy to meet with their maintenance staff to give them some tips. This is something we have done for many high schools.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Mary Lou Youngblood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Brown. Six 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 September 24, 2012.

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Heather Donaldson, Administrative Specialist