



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Meeting Held Electronically**

PRESENT: Chair Maryann McAllen (Commissioner), Vice-Chair Kurt Jones (Chair), Commissioners Eric Kurland (Vice-Chair), Steve Masear, Susan McGarry, and Teresa Kim Quale

STAFF: Director Nick Molinari; Managers Brett Jackson, Denise Clayton, Sunny Nakagawa, Chris Walsh, Kyu-Bin Hyun; Ashley Johnson, Recreation Leader Sr.; Garrett Smith, Technology Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McAllen called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present as indicated above.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair McAllen noted that the Commission received a public comment which was forwarded to the Commissioners.

MINUTES

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes – December 15, 2021

COMMISSIONER QUALE MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 15, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MCGARRY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MCALLEN, VICE-CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS KURLAND, MASEAR, MCGARRY, AND QUALE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

COMMISSIONER KURLAND NOMINATED KURT JONES FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER MCGARRY SECONDED THE NOMINATION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR

MCALLEN, VICE-CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS KURLAND, MASEAR, MCGARRY, AND QUALE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Jones immediately took over the position of chair.

COMMISSIONER MCALLEN NOMINATED ERIC KURLAND FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER MCGARRY SECONDED THE NOMINATION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR JONES, COMMISSIONERS KURLAND, MASEAR, MCALLEN, MCGARRY, AND QUALE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Vice-Chair Kurland immediately took over the position of vice chair.

2. APPROVAL OF THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Nick Molinari, Director reviewed the 2021 Annual Report.

Commissioners suggested adding information about Reed Pryor's retirement and Nick Molinari being brought in as the new Parks and Recreation Director.

Director Molinari said that there is one open position on the Commission. He anticipates that City council will consider new appointments in the coming weeks.

Approval of the Annual Report was tabled until the February meeting.

3. RATES & FEES

Director Molinari reviewed FY 2022/23 fees and charges recommendations.

Aquatics Partner Teams:

Increases are being proposed for the Aquatics Partner Teams. Short course fees are currently \$4 per lane, per hour, and will go up to \$5; long course is currently \$7 per lane per hour, and will go up to \$8; and dive well fee is currently \$12 per hour and will go up to \$13. Based on approximately 40,000 hours of use, the increases will result in increased revenue of approximately \$40,000 annually for short course and approximately \$2,000 each for long course and dive well.

Kitchen Fee:

A flat rate of \$25 per day is being proposed for kitchen use at community centers and facilities with kitchens. Kitchens could be rented independently from general room reservations. Based on expected use of approximately 100 reservations, there would be approximately \$15,000 in additional rental fees.

Special Use Permits:

Special Use permits annual fee will be raised from \$300 to \$400. Based on the average of 75 special use permits per year, the City would receive approximately a \$7,500 increase in annual revenue.

Beer and Wine Permit:

Based on current benchmarking, it is being recommended that the cost of beer and wine permits be increased from \$15 to \$20. Based on an estimated 500 permits annually, the increase would result in approximately \$2,500 additional revenue.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Director Molinari explained that the purpose of special use permits is to allow businesses the opportunity to operate in parks and the City to regulate the use based on park hours and to generate insurance certificates, which are important for liability purposes.

Director Molinari said that he currently does not have access to resident and non-resident issuance of use permits or ramada rentals. He can provide historical data at a later time. It was noted that the trend is to offer overall flat rate charges that are not based on residential status. Director Molinari noted that recreation registration is open to Scottsdale residents for a period of time before it is opened to non-residents.

COMMISSIONER MCALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FY 2022/23 RATES AND FEES. COMMISSIONER QUALE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR JONES, VICE-CHAIR KURLAND, COMMISSIONERS MASEAR, MCALLEN, MCGARRY, AND QUALE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. PARKS BOND 2019 OVERVIEW

Director Molinari provided an overview and status update of projects included in the 2019 Bond program that fall within the management of the department. He noted that his presentation includes the language that was included for each project in the 2019 Bond election pamphlet materials.

Multi-Use Sports Fields in the area of Bell Road:

Project to build 13 full-size multiuse sports fields at two locations. The Bell Road Sports Complex is located at 94th Street and Bell and another to be built at Thompson Peak Parkway and McDowell Mountain Ranch Road. Justification for the projects was to meet increased demand for lit sports fields in the community and to create the ability for Scottsdale to host larger tournaments and increase revenue. The Bell Road Sports Complex is expected to open in mid-February and will be used for parking the Waste Management Open in February. Total cost of the projects is \$40 million, including the State Land acquisition.

Ashler Hills Neighborhood Park:

Build a 17-acre neighborhood park to include turf areas, multiuse lighted sport courts, a playground for ages 2 to 5, a restroom building and lighted parking. The project is currently in design. Total project cost is \$6.1 million.

Ashler Hills Project:

Director Molinari shared conceptual designs for the Ashler Hills project. The project will proceed based on voter approved project and community feedback will be incorporated as appropriate. A second virtual open house will be held in mid-February or March.

Civic Center Plaza:

Project to replace aging infrastructure and improve public and event spaces on Civic Center Plaza, creating a signature event space. The project was initiated as part of the Tourism Strategic Plan, Public Spaces Master Plan, City of Scottsdale General Plan and the Old Town Character Area Plan. The goal is to have construction completed in time for the 2024 Super Bowl activities. Total cost of the project is \$27.3 million.

Cactus Pool:

Project to renovate the aging swimming pool and build a new aquatic center at Cactus Pool to meet increased demand. The new facility will accommodate additional users, tournaments, meets, and support SUSD and other swimming teams. Total project budget is \$31.2 million. It is anticipated that design will begin in FY 2024/25 and construction will be completed over FY 2025/26 and FY 2026/27.

Repair lights and irrigation at Vista Del Camino Park and Indian Bend Wash:

The project will include repairs at Vista Del Camino and Eldorado Park and applies to all the irrigation and lakes from Eldorado Park through Vista Del Camino at McKellips. Lighting and irrigation will be repaired from McKellips to Thomas Road in Indian Bend Wash. The project is currently in design and will be moving forward into construction documents. Total project cost is \$23.5 million.

Dog Park at Thompson Peak Park:

The 3.5-acre dog park planned for Thompson Peak Park at the corner of Thompson Peak and Hayden Road is currently in design and efforts to select an architect are under way. It is anticipated that the project will include four fenced-in gated areas which will allow for effective area rotation.

Replace tennis court surface at Indian School Ranch Park – Scottsdale Tennis Center:

Asphalt tennis courts have been replaced with post tension concrete and courts at both tennis centers have been modernized. The projects have been completed. Annual court replacement is funded through the General Fund and CIP budget. The post tension courts have a 30-year life cycle. Total project cost was \$3.5 million.

Director Molinari said that any future master plan projects or park enhancements will include consideration of adding pickleball courts.

Install high efficiency sports lighting at four facilities:

Lighting replacement, upgrading, and new light installation at sports fields has been completed. The new lights at Scottsdale Sports Complex is expected to generate approximately \$10,000 per year in additional revenue.

Add splash pad and improve walkways at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park:

Project was part of the bond package and was connected to the rebuilding of the bunkhouse, which was funded through the General Fund through the CIP. Both projects are scheduled for

FY 2022/23; however, the bunkhouse replacement will be part of the upcoming budget process. The splash pad and walkway improvements have been approved as part of the bond. The total project cost is \$917,000.

Director Molinari noted that in FY 2016/17 the City filled in the water reservoir and added 80 parking spaces. In addition, the City has entered into an agreement with the resort across the street for additional parking during season.

Install solar heating system for Eldorado pool:

The solar heating system project at Eldorado Pool is on hold based on evaluation of new technology systems that may be available.

5. ADULT SPORTS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Ashley Johnson, Recreation Leader Sr. with the Adult Sports Program, gave an overview of the department's Adult Sports programs and leagues. As part of her presentation, she reviewed the various league opportunities that are available, which include basketball, flag football, indoor volleyball, kickball, sand volleyball, and softball. In addition to leagues, pickleball opportunities are available, including clinics to learn rules and basic play, tournaments, learning leagues, and organized social play for beginner players. Team sports last year included 1,121 registered teams in 138 leagues, and the total games played were just under 10,000 games. Revenue for team sports was \$414,394. Pickleball had 784 registrations and a total revenue of \$40,757.50.

Enhancements being implemented include the introduction of Team Sideline, a software program that will allow automated scheduling and will enable waivers to be filled out online. 2022 priorities include transitioning in a new league coordinator, the adoption of Team Sideline and filling open staffing positions.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Johnson said that the Team Sidelines program will help to keep better statistics regarding users, including resident and non-resident users. The program will also allow surveys to be sent to all league participants.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Molinari said that the annual Youth Sports Field Allocation meeting was held recently. Youth sports organizations were required to participate in the official youth sports field policy allocation of fields. The meeting offered a great opportunity to go over issues and potential changes to the program and to reinforce the partnership with youth sports leagues. Director Molinari noted that the Youth Sports Allocation Program is currently being audited by the City's internal audit team.

Preparations are underway at Scottsdale Stadium in anticipation of the Cactus League Spring Training season. There is little information currently available about training, due to the lockout. Scottsdale Stadium will be ready to go once an agreement is reached between the players' union and team owners.

The parks and recreation strategic plan process recently kicked off. As part of the process, members of City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission members, and City managers team members will receive invitations to interview with a strategic planning facilitator about high level parks and recreation priorities. In addition to the interviews, the planning team will send out

community surveys and host virtual round tables with community groups. The Commission will receive monthly updates on the strategic planning process.

Director Molinari said that a project to add approximately eight parking spaces to Chestnut Park is currently under way.

He noted that the recruitment process for two parks and recreation manager positions has recently closed. The new managers will fill the positions vacated by Jody Pierce and Terry Erickson.

7. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner McAllen requested that Parks and Recreation managers and program directors make an effort to invite Commissioners to events.

Vice-Chair Kurland thanked Commissioner McAllen for her time and effort in the role of chairperson over the past two years.

Chair Jones recommended opening the new space at Chaparral Dog Park.

8. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Possible future agenda items include:

- Discussion about possibly moving meeting times
- Presentation from Planning Department regarding the Municipal Use Master Site Plan process
- Chaparral Dog Park

9. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER MCALLEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER MCGARRY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR JONES, VICE-CHAIR KURLAND, COMMISSIONERS MASEAR, MCALLEN, MCGARRY, AND QUALE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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