



**SCOTTSDALE PARKS AND RECREATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 18, 2023  
McDowell Mountain Ranch Park  
15525 N. Thompson Peak Pkwy  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

**PRESENT:** Chair Kurt Jones (left at 6:17 p.m.), Vice-Chair Eric Kurland, Commissioners Maryann McAllen, Susan McGarry, Teresa Kim Quale, Kristen Parrish

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Steve Masear

**STAFF:** Director Nick Molinari; Managers Kevin McKee, Brett Jackson, Chris Walsh, Sunny Nakagawa, Denise Clayton, Kyu-Bin Hyun, Stephanie Tippett

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present as indicated above.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2022

COMMISSIONER MCALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 16, 2022 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MCGARRY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR JONES, VICE-CHAIR KURLAND, COMMISSIONERS MCALLEN, MCGARRY, QUALE, AND PARRISH VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### **1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

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Newly elected officers took their positions immediately.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED TO APPROVE THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2022 ANNUAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. VICE-CHAIR QUALE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR PARRISH, VICE-CHAIR QUALE, COMMISSIONERS JONES, MCALLEN, MCGARRY, AND KURLAND VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

### **3. PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGIC PLAN DRAFT REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Nick Molinari, Parks and Recreation Director, provided the Commission with a presentation of the draft Parks and Recreation Five-Year Strategic Plan. He noted that Vice-Chair Quale participated in the strategic plan process. His presentation included a review of Parks and Recreation vision, mission, and values; the planning and engagement processes; and priorities that came out through the strategic planning process.

Commissioners briefly discussed the use of the term "listening" as a value. Director Molinari explained that staff intended the term to explain that regardless of whether the City agrees or disagrees with citizen input, staff will make the effort to listen, receive information, and be responsive to citizens' comments. They see improved communication as key to the process.

Director Molinari talked about the CAPRA accreditation process, noting that the Parks and Recreation Commission will be instrumental in discussion about the benefits of accreditation and developing a strategy for moving forward.

In-depth discussion ensued regarding the values and priorities and recommendations were made by Commissioners as follows:

- Inclusive, World-Class Recreation Programs and Events
  - Developing metrics for social and economic benefits of activating Indian Bend Wash, community programs, and community events.
- Environmental Stewardship
  - Install points of information for citizens, which could include pertinent information about how the City's irrigation system operates to automatically conserve water.
- Marketing and Communications
  - Develop an ambassador program.
  - Include marketing about the City's facilities.
  - Raise awareness about what the department does with City employees.
- Maintenance of Exceptional Parks, Facilities, and Spaces
- Reimagined Parks, Facilities, and Community Spaces
  - Modify strategy BR3.1, making it broader to include amenities in addition to pickleball.
  - Identify continuous improvement opportunities to ensure alignment with current needs.
  - Emphasize the public engagement process.
  - Replacement of all playgrounds.
- Tourism and Economic Vitality
  - Include the term "balance" as part of the goals, to emphasize Citizen priority will be balanced with tourism generators.
  - Explore financial opportunities such as naming rights for facilities.
- Scottsdale Resident Access and Participation
- Invest in Parks and Recreation Workforce

COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED TO APPROVE THE PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGIC PLAN WITH SUGGESTED CHANGES. COMMISSIONER MCALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR PARRISH, VICE-CHAIR QUALE, COMMISSIONERS JONES, MCALLEN, MCGARRY, AND KURLAND VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

#### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Molinari said that Grayhawk Playground replacement has been completed.

Chaparral Pool renovations will include an increase in size of the pool, creating 16 lanes, which meets USA Swimming certification dimensions.

Indian School Park field one lighting project is underway, replacing fixtures with LED lighting. The project will be completed in time for Spring Training.

Thompson Peak adaptive playground installation is underway.

WestWorld Sports Complex is on track to be ready to host rideshare in time for the Open.

Last Tuesday, City Council approved the contract with to begin the Indian School Park Master Plan project.

Approximately 33,000 tickets were sold for McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Holiday Lights

this year, resulting in approximately \$540,000 in revenues.

Indian School Park baseball complex will host the LG Twins South Korean baseball team beginning at the end of January. This is the third year of their three-year contract. The team did not use the facilities for the first year of their contract due to the pandemic. The Los Angeles Angels will begin using the facilities the day after the Twins move out. Cactus League Spring Training will have its first full season since 2018 this year.

## **5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Vice-Chair Quale said that she enjoyed attending McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Holiday Lights this year.

Commissioner McAllen attended Special Night for Special Kids at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. She gave an update on the Paths and Trails Subcommittee meeting, noting that the group received a presentation about a project to test building bike lanes that are separated by safety poles from automobile travel lanes.

Chair Parrish noted that she attended Special Night for Special Kids at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park.

## **6. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Possible future agenda items include:

- Sponsorships and naming rights
- McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park bunkhouse replacement architect presentation
- Presentation about Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force workplan
- Rates and Fees
- Sports Fields allocation policy
- Bond Projects update
- Possible bus tour of northern facilities - April

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

COMMISSIONER MCALLEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER KURLAND SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR PARRISH, VICE-CHAIR QUALE, COMMISSIONERS MCALLEN, MCGARRY, AND KURLAND VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER JONES WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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