



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Mountain View Park Community Center
8625 E. Mountain View Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

PRESENT: Chair Kristen Parrish, Vice-Chair Teresa Kim Quale, Commissioners Kurt Jones, Eric Maschhaupt, Maryann McAllen, and Susan McGarry

ABSENT: Commissioner Eric Kurland

STAFF: Director Nick Molinari; Parks and Recreation Managers Chris Walsh, Denise Clayton, Brett Jackson, Kevin McKee, Kyu-Bin Hyun, Sunny Nakagawa

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parrish called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present as indicated above.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public spoke regarding concerns with Chaparral Park Dog Park and made suggestions to address issues:

- Joe Kay
- Heather Hunter
- Chris Levally

It was requested that discussion regarding issues at Chaparral Park Dog Park be agendaized for a future meeting.

MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2023

COMMISSIONER MCGARRY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 15, 2023 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. VICE-CHAIR QUALE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR PARRISH, VICE-CHAIR QUALE, COMMISSIONERS MASCHHAUPT AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE

AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONERS JONES AND MCALLEN ABSTAINED. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. YOUTH SPORTS FIELD ALLOCATION POLICY

Nick Molinari, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the draft Youth Sports Field Allocation Policy. Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Director Molinari said that the appeal process has significantly changed from the current Youth Sports Field Allocation policy. The process is consistent with the appeal process for other City programs, and in particular the aquatics program. He anticipates that groups that do not get allocated at the same level as in the past could come forward with an appeal. Chair Parrish noted that the final language for the appeal process was drafted by the legal department and written to be consistent with other departments within the City. Director Molinari explained that if a partner group submits an application that is incomplete, staff will allow a grace period to ensure they have time to acquire the needed documents. There is no set time for the grace period, because many times they are reliant on getting documents from the State of Arizona or the IRS and timelines for receipt of documents from those entities can be unpredictable.

COMMISSIONER QUALE MOVED TO APPROVE THE YOUTH SPORTS FIELD ALLOCATION POLICY. COMMISSIONER MCGARRY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR PARRISH, VICE-CHAIR QUALE, COMMISSIONERS JONES, MASCHHAUPT, MCALLEN, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. PARKS AND RECREATION AND ISP MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW AND REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Sean Wozny, with Kimley-Horn, provided an overview on the process for the Parks and Recreation and Indian School Park Master Plans. His presentation included a review of the overall goals for the projects; process steps and tasks; the plan for outreach and community engagement, which will include public surveys as well as making online surveys available through the City's website; and the dates for public outreach workshops. He anticipates the final plans to be presented to City Council in late spring of 2024.

A workshop for Indian School Park Master Plan is scheduled Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at Indian School Park Clubhouse, next to Club SAR, starting at 6:00 p.m. The workshop will be open to the public and include participation activities and exercises. This is the first of three open houses planned for Indian School Park.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. It was suggested that signs be put up around the park, announcing the public meetings are upcoming. Mr. Wozny said that the first public workshop for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be in October. In addition to community engagement opportunities, information will be posted to the city's website, and business cards will be distributed that will include a QR code linking to the website and to public survey opportunities. It was suggested that instead of using the term "public workshop" using the term "public meeting" might be less intimidating. It was also suggested that the QR codes be posted in all of the parks.

Director Molinari explained that the Indian School Park Master Plan is specifically looking at amenities in the park. Community input will be collected, and a site analysis will be done specifically for that space. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be an overview at the entire Scottsdale parks system, without focusing on specific site details.

Vice-chair Quale volunteered to serve on the master planning team for the Parks and Recreation master plan team. Chair Parrish and Commissioner McAllen volunteered to serve on the master planning team for Indian School Park.

3. PROGRESSIVE AND TENTATIVE TIMELINES ON THE PROTECT AND PRESERVE SCOTTSDALE TASK FORCE WORK PLAN

Director Molinari discussed progress towards completing the Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force Work Plan relating to the Parks and Recreation Department. He noted that the Task Force is looking at parks, the Preserve, and public safety as it relates to parks, the Preserve, and open spaces, with a specific interest in the Indian Bend Wash. He talked about various options that might be considered for a new tax or the continuation of the current Preserve tax; gave an overview of information he has provided to the Task Force, including staffing models, FTEs budget, the strategic plan, parks management, medians and rights of way, aquatics facilities, and unfunded needs. The Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force requested that he create a priority list of unfunded needs. The following list was provided to the Task Force in no particular order:

- The balance of the Indian Bend Wash lakes and irrigation bond project
- Parks security and roving enforcement
- A non-law enforcement park ranger program
- Maintenance and operation resources
- Indian Bend Wash master planning
- Off-leash areas and dog parks throughout the city
- Indian School Park master plan improvements
- Life cycle replacements and amenity improvements
- Irrigation and landscape improvements

At some point, the Parks and Recreation Commission will be asked by the Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force to provide specific recommendations.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Discussion ensued regarding the plan for preparing the Commission's recommendations to the Task Force. Director Molinari stressed that the master plan should guide the driving principles behind projects. The Task Force is not looking for a specific outline for projects. They are expected to determine funding needs and allocate percentage of funding that will go towards needs outlined by parks and recreation, the Preserve, and public safety.

4. SPORTS COMPLEX NAMING UPDATE

Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager, provided an update on the naming process for the new sports complex located at McDowell Mountain Ranch Road and Thompson Peak Parkway. He explained that through further discussions with the legal department and trademark teams, staff has determined that based on the use of the title "Reata Ranch" by other projects both locally and nationally, it would be best to drop the word "ranch" and name the complex "Reata Sports Complex."

5. UPCOMING FACILITY TOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Director Molinari offered an open invitation to Commissioners to tour facilities, including youth programs, aquatics facilities, parks and construction sites either as individuals or as a group. Commissioners were encouraged to contact staff members to arrange tours in their areas of interest.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Molinari gave an update on the Triple Crown Sports Spring Championships. The tournament brought in revenue of approximately \$113,000 to the city. Last year the estimated economic impact was \$5.5 million. An economic impact study was not done this year but is planned for next year's tournament.

On April 16, 2023, Adaptive Services participated in the Special Olympics powerlifting event at Club SAR. All the Scottsdale participants medaled in the event.

Director Molinari gave an update on the Bunnanza event held on April 8, 2023 at Civic Center Mall, noting that attendees commented that the event was the best event the City has put on.

Spring Baseball updates included: Cactus League Spring Training had approximately 116,000 attendees over 14 days. The South Korean team, LG Twins, has extended their contract for another year. The Los Angeles Angels utilized the clubhouse and Indian School Park. The Savannah Bananas held a game during the Giant's use period at Scottsdale Stadium, hosting one of the largest crowds in Scottsdale Stadium history.

Director Molinari gave an update on Horizon playground replacement, which was recently completed. Chapparal pool renovation is underway. Reata Sports Complex is expected to open in Fall 2023. The Indian Bend Wash Lakes Irrigation project is ongoing and is currently undergoing a xeriscape project.

Thompson Peak Park dog park open house is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2023 at McDowell Mountain Ranch park facility, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Indian School Park master plan public outreach meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Director Molinari said that thanks to recruitment efforts and incentives, it is expected that there will be more applicants for summer 2023 lifeguard positions than there are positions.

7. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Chair Parrish and Vice-Chair Quale said that they attended the Bunnanza event and the Thompson Peak Playground grand opening.

Commissioner McAllen reported on the activities of the Paths and Trails Subcommittee.

8. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Possible future agenda items include:

- Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force meeting updates
- Chaparral Dog Park and other off-leash areas within Scottsdale
- Summer meeting schedule

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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