



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

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024  
McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center  
15525 N. Thompson Peak Pkwy  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

**PRESENT:** Vice-Chair Teresa Kim Quale, Commissioners Amy Arnold, Sandy Kull, Eric Maschhaupt, Susan McGarry (arrived at 4:05 p.m.), Michael Vreeland

**ABSENT:** Chair Kristen Parrish

**STAFF:** Director Nick Molinari; Parks and Recreation Managers Chris Walsh, Brett Jackson, Kyu-Bin Hyun, Stephanie Tippet, Kevin McKee; Operation Supervisor Scott Anderson

**GUESTS:** Marissa Pellegrini, Kimley-Horn representative

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Quale called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present as indicated above.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**MINUTES**

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2024

COMMISSIONER MASCHHAUPT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 21, 2024, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER VREELAND SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. VICE-CHAIR QUALE, COMMISSIONERS ARNOLD, KULL, MASCHHAUPT, MCGARRY, AND VREELAND VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### **1. INDIAN SCHOOL PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Marissa Pellegrini from Kimley-Horn provided an update on the Indian School Park Master Plan. Her presentation included a review of both in-person and virtual public feedback, highlighting top priorities in outdoor amenities and in programming gathered from the public feedback; review of the master plan concept; and an overview of the Systemwide Master Plan. Commissioners were asked to comment on the four concept plans that were developed based on citizen and staff input.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions about the concept plans throughout the presentation and were given an opportunity to make comments. Extensive discussion ensued regarding relieving traffic at Chaparral Park; pros and cons of removing the professional baseball fields at Indian School Park and replacing them with amenities that can be used by the public; benefits of linear park connectivity; ingress and egress off of Hayden Road; and parking and park access. Director Molinari said that refinements will be made to the concepts based on the Commission's discussion and the concepts will be posted on the [Indianschoolpark.com](http://Indianschoolpark.com) website within the next week or two. Staff will start a public outreach campaign. Ultimately, elements from each of the concepts will be married into one final concept, which will be put through the public review process and brought to City Council for final review.

### **2. SPORTS COMPLEX SPECIAL EVENT PARKING OVERVIEW**

Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager, provided an overview on special event parking and the impact it has on the Scottsdale Sports Complex, Reata Sports Complex, and Bell94 Sports Complex. His presentation included an overview of the history of each field, noting that Scottsdale Sports Complex was part of Bond 2000 and opened in 2006. Bell94 and Reata Sports Complexes were part of Bond 2019. The facilities were designed with the intention of accommodating special event offsite parking in different capacities. Staff begin preparing the facilities for special event parking in January, doing general site preparation, clearing areas, and working with special event production crews. Mr. Walsh said that as a result of the rain events, the 2024 Barrett-Jackson public parking was shifted to Bell94 Sports Complex and State Land parcels north of the area and 2024 Waste Management Phoenix Open parking was limited on site and the remainder was redirected to private undeveloped land on

Hayden Road. He explained Scottsdale Sports Complex parking, reviewed post-event efforts being made to repair the sites, and explained that flooding on Scottsdale Sports Complex fields 5 and 6 and the northern field was bad because they are 19-year-old fields and are no longer able to drain as well as they once did. He gave an overview of future projects that are being planned that will improve fields at Scottsdale Sports Complex. Turf renovation will begin in July and continue through the fall with an expected completion date in winter of 2025.

### **3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Nick Molinari, Community Services Assistant Executive Director, gave an update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process. He said that currently a consultant is taking a deep dive into the department's internal structure, spending time with frontline and management staff at the facilities. A work-study session will be scheduled during the summer where a draft report will be presented to the Commission for discussion and input. Starting in August, he hopes to meet individually or in small groups with City Council members and then schedule a work-study with the City Council before garnering a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission. He anticipates final approval of the plan in October 2024.

Director Molinari mentioned that Horizon Park recently hosted the Glow Up event. He said that Spring Training and Triple Crown are going well. The Commission can expect to receive a full report on Spring Training activity during the April or May meeting.

### **4. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Vreeland said his son recently played in a tournament on the sports fields. He complimented McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park staff for putting on an awesome Taylor Swift event.

Commissioner McGarry inquired about the summer break schedule. Director Molinari said the Commission won't meet in July or August and the June work-study session will include a virtual option.

### **5. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Future meeting agenda items could include:

- Overview of the parks' maintenance process

### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

COMMISSIONER VREELAND MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.  
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With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.