

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
Country Meadows Elementary School  
8409 North 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Peoria, AZ 85345  
June 20, 2019**

A **Regular Meeting** of the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8409 North 111th Avenue in open and public session at the Country Meadows Elementary School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Brent Taylor, Vice Chairman Anthony VanGoethem, Board Member Sharlene VanLuven, Board Member Judith McHale and Board Member Richard Ward

Members Absent: Board Member Jerry Johnson, Board Member Katy O'Grady

Municipal Officials Present: John R. Sefton Jr., Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Director; Chris Calcaterra, Deputy Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Director; Jake Eason, Neighborhood and Community Parks Manager; Ed Striffler, Architectural Services Manager; Kathy Sponsel, Architect; Howard Stanton, Recreation Coordinator; and Cathy Foland, Executive Assistant

Audience: Adam Hawkins, Erica MacKenzie and Jeff Engelmann, J2 Design; Chad Fischer, Toll Brothers

Note: The order in which the items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Board Member VanLuven to approve the Consent Agenda items, including the absences and minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting. Board Member VanGoethem seconded the motion and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 5 to 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**3. 99<sup>th</sup> and Olive Avenues Future Trailhead and Park**

Kathy Sponsel presented an overview of the project. She stated that the City has received a United States Environmental Protection Agency grant that will allow for the investigation of this 14-acre site for potential redevelopment into a community park. The investigation is necessary because the property contains buried household trash that was placed there

prior to the mid-1960s. This grant will allow the city to determine if there is any resulting contamination. This should be determined by the beginning of the year, and then the City will decide the next steps.

Discussion followed regarding the nine-acre portion of the property that will be gifted to the City by the property owner.

No action taken

4. Meadows Park Development

Ed Striffler, Architectural Services Manager, introduced Chad Fischer, Senior Land Development Manager with Toll Brothers. Ed explained the City has partnered with Toll Brothers to develop Meadows Neighborhood Park, located on Williams Road at approximately 97<sup>th</sup> Drive, in the Camino a Lago Master Planned Community.

Mr. Fischer outlined the extensive public engagement process that has been followed in planning Meadows Park.

Mr. Adam Hawkins, Landscape Architect with J2 Design, presented the proposed design concept of Meadows Park, which includes pickleball courts, a large turf area for T-ball and soccer, a playground, party pavilion, restroom building, retention basins, a walking path and 26 parking spaces.

Discussion followed regarding lighting at the park.

Mr. Striffler stated the park should be under construction by 2020, and completed by summer 2020.

There being no further discussion, Board Member Ward made a motion to endorse the park development concept, as presented, for Meadows Neighborhood Park. Vice Chair VanGoethem seconded, and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 5 to 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Country Meadows Park Improvements

Mr. Sefton explained that the meeting held at 5:30 p.m. this evening—immediately preceding this Parks and Recreation Board Meeting—was the second public input meeting held regarding Country Meadows Park improvements. He introduced Jake Eason, Neighborhood and Community Parks Manager, to discuss the project.

Mr. Eason presented the four proposed concepts for Country Meadows Park, with designs focusing on creating shade and reducing water consumption. As part of the design process, public input is essential. There is currently a survey on the City website asking for input. So far, more than 120 responses have been received, and the survey is open until June 23, 2019.

Discussion followed regarding the concepts and options offered.

In response to a question posed by Board Member VanLuven, Mr. Sefton stated that the scope of work should be ready to present to the Board at the next meeting, scheduled for August 15, 2019.

No action taken

#### 6. Sonoran Mountain Ranch Park Improvements

Mr. Eason stated the public input process for the Sonoran Mountain Ranch Park improvements began with a May 18 "Pop-up" meeting at the park, which was very well-attended. An online survey was conducted seeking input on desired park amenities, and over 200 responses were received. Initial concepts should be ready to share at the August 15 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

No action taken

#### 7. Parks and Recreation Board Ordinance Changes

Mr. Sefton explained that the Council Boards and Commissions Subcommittee has proposed the merger of the Library Board with the Parks and Recreation Board. The new Board would be called the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Board. He referenced a draft of the proposed ordinance change that was distributed to Board members.

Discussion ensued regarding the rationale, the expanded duties of the Board and the number of Board members. Chairman Taylor likes the efficiency aspect of the merger. He and Board Member McHale would like to increase the number of Board members from seven to nine.

Mr. Sefton explained that a special Library Board meeting will be scheduled in July to discuss the proposed merger. Feedback from each Board will be provided to the City

Clerk's Office, who will schedule the proposed ordinance change for a City Council meeting in August or September.

No action taken

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: (NON-AGENDA ITEMS): None

UPDATES FROM STAFF: Mr. Sefton reminded the Board members of the All American Festival on July 4, from 5:00-9:00 p.m., at the Peoria Sports Complex. The Veterans Board may have a booth there.

Mr. Eason reported that Paloma Park is continuing excavation. Building of some of the ramada structures should begin in July. He will provide another update at the August meeting.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS: Board Member VanLuven invited everyone to Kawaii Sushi on Tuesday, June 25, where the Peoria Police Citizens' Academy Alumni (PPCAA) is holding a fundraiser to help the Police Department acquire an explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) K-9.

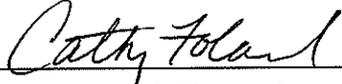
Board Member Ward reported that Recumbent Bicycle Number Four, at the Rio Vista Recreation Center, has been broken for at least nine months. Mr. Sefton stated he would research the problem. Discussion followed regarding maintenance contracts and leasing versus purchasing gym equipment. Mr. Ward complimented the cleanliness of the facility.

Vice Chairman VanGoethem mentioned how much he enjoyed the Sonoran Mountain Ranch Park "Pop-up" meeting in May. He said he got a lot out of it, and encouraged the other Board members to attend these types of meetings to hear what residents are saying.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Brent Taylor, Chairman

  
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Cathy Foland, Executive Assistant