

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
Sunrise Mountain Library
Community Room
21109 North 98th Avenue
Peoria, AZ 85383
September 19, 2019**

A **Regular Meeting** of the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 21109 North 98th Avenue in open and public session at Sunrise Mountain Library at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Vice Chairman Anthony VanGoethem, Board Member Jerry Johnson, Board Member Sharlene VanLuven and Board Member Richard Ward

Members Absent: Chairman Brent Taylor, Board Member Judith McHale

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; Nathaniel Washburn, Library and Cultural Services Manager; Ted Mariscal, Assistant City Attorney; Carla Balconi, Library Assistant III; and Cathy Foland, Executive Assistant

Audience: 0

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 Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda item, the minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting. Board Member VanLuven seconded and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 4 to 0.

2. **Review of the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department's Mission and Vision**

Mr. Sefton stated the Peoria Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department is a CAPRA-accredited agency and is currently working toward reaccreditation. As part of the process, staff is required to reexamine its Mission and Vision statements to ensure they continue to represent the department's function and direction.

The current Mission Statement is: "To meet the needs of the citizens of Peoria by developing, implementing and maintaining quality programs, services, events and facilities that are cost-effective, creative and responsive to citizen input."

The Vision Statement of the department is: "Enriching the livability of Peoria through a connection to community, places and programs."

Mr. Sefton pointed out how the department's Mission and Vision work in unison with Peoria's values and the Council-directed Livability Goals.

Following some discussion, Board Member Johnson made a motion to accept the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department Mission and Vision statements, as submitted by staff. Board Member Ward seconded the motion and, upon vote, the motion carried, 4 to 0.

3. Peoria Public Library's Rebranding, Mission and Vision

Library and Cultural Services Manager, Nathaniel Washburn, presented the Peoria Public Library's new logo and Vision Statement: "Enriching Peoria's evolving community through equal access to information, while offering inclusive programs, innovative technology and diverse collections." He also displayed the Library's new logo, with the tagline, "Innovative, Interactive, Inclusive."

Discussion followed regarding Library programs and offerings, with Board members acknowledging how critical the Library system is to the city, and expressing how their own families have utilized and benefitted from Library programs and materials throughout the years.

Board Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Library's Mission and Vision logo, as presented by staff. Board Member Ward seconded and, upon vote, the motion carried, 4 to 0.

4. Naming of Neighborhood Park at The Meadows

Mr. Sefton stated that the development of the park in The Meadows subdivision, located at approximately 97th Avenue and Williams Road, is continuing to move forward. He summarized the park's many offerings, including pickleball. Discussion followed regarding pickleball courts in other locations.

As development continues, it is time to give the park its official name. Mr. Sefton indicated the name should be something other than Meadows Park. Discussion followed regarding the naming process and all agreed that the residents of the area should be heavily involved in selecting the name. It was suggested that outreach to residents through the Homeowners Association, Nextdoor.com, local newspapers and various other means be utilized to solicit potential names, and include an award or prize for the person submitting the winning name. Ideally, the Board should recommend up to five names to the City Council.

Mr. Sefton stated staff will work with the Office of Communications on a process, with the goal of making recommendations to the Council for official action in January.

No action taken

5. Update on Parks and Recreation Board Ordinance Changes

Mr. Sefton introduced Ted Mariscal, who recently joined Peoria as an Assistant City Attorney.

Referring to the draft ordinance distributed to Board members, Mr. Sefton gave a brief update on the merger of the Parks and Recreation Board with the Library Board. The new board will be renamed the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Board, and there may be additional elements added to the purview of the Board.

The Ordinance will be going before the City Council for approval on October 1. The Council Subcommittee meets on October 8, and formal appointments should be made at the October 15 Council meeting.

John asked that Board members contact him if they have any questions or comments.

No action taken

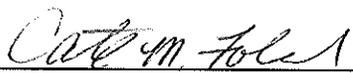
UPDATES FROM STAFF: Jake Eason gave a brief update on in-progress parks projects. He displayed a time lapse video of the Paloma Park construction, and stated construction of the buildings is beginning. Labor Day 2020 is the anticipated opening date.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Anthony VanGoethem, Vice Chairman


Cathy Foland, Executive Assistant