

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES BOARD  
Sunrise Mountain Library  
Community Room  
21109 North 98th Avenue  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
January 23, 2020**

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

Members Present: Chairman Brent Taylor, Vice Chairman Anthony VanGoethem, Board Members Leslie Fountain, Jerry Johnson, Judith McHale, Sharlene VanLuven and Richard Ward

Members Absent: Board Members Charles Bruen and Katrina Romijn

Municipal Officials Present: John R. Sefton Jr., Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Director; Chris Calcaterra, Deputy Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Director; Nathaniel Washburn, Library and Cultural Services Manager; Ted Mariscal, Assistant City Attorney; 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 items, including the absences and minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting. Board Member Ward seconded and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 7 to 0.

3. **Review of the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department's Recreation Programming Plan**

Mr. Sefton stated this item was presented as a draft at the November 21, 2019 meeting, and final copies were emailed to the Board last week. He asked if there were any questions or suggestions.

Chairman Taylor made a motion to endorse the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department's Recreation Programming Plan, as presented. Board Member McHale seconded and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 7 to 0.

**4. Review of the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department's Community Relations and Marketing Plan**

Mr. Sefton stated this item was also presented at the November 21, 2019 meeting in its draft form, and staff is requesting the Board's official endorsement of the plan.

Chairman Taylor made a motion to endorse the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department's Community Relations and Marketing Plan, as presented. Board Member Johnson seconded and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 7 to 0.

**5. Naming of Neighborhood Park at The Meadows**

Mr. Sefton stated this item was previously discussed at the November 21, 2019 meeting, where a list of citizen suggestions was presented for the new park being constructed at Williams Road and 97<sup>th</sup> Drive. He requested the Board recommend five names for Council consideration.

After extensive discussion and considerations, Board Member Ward made a motion to recommend the following names to City Council:

1. Liberty Park
2. Los Prados Park
3. Williams Park
4. Hummingbird Park
5. Thunderstone Park

Board Member McHale seconded and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 7 to 0.

Mr. Sefton stated this item will be scheduled for City Council action in February. He is hoping the park has an official name by the time construction begins in March.

**6. Fee Policy and Service Categories**

Mr. Sefton stated staff is in the preliminary stages of reviewing and updating the current fee policy based on service categories, and he wanted to introduce the ideas to the Board. Staff distributed a working copy of a document describing the service categories.

Mr. Calcaterra explained that staff recently participated in a two-day session with experts on the subject. The philosophy is that facilities, services and programs of extreme benefit to the community should be offered at little to no cost. Programs that are more specialized would be offered with higher fees, and would recover a greater percentage of the cost.

Discussion followed regarding current policies and the overview of the proposed policy and categories.

No action taken

#### **7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Sefton stated that with the new Board and the new year, it is time to elect a new chair and vice chair.

Board Member Ward nominated Board Member Jerry Johnson for chair.

Chairman Taylor volunteered to serve as vice chair until his term expires in June.

After a short discussion, Mr. Sefton explained that the Board will return to seven members upon the expiration of some members' terms in June. At that time, the Board can select a new vice chair.

There being no further discussion, Board Member Ward made a motion to elect Jerry Johnson as chair, and Brent Taylor as vice chair of the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Board. Board Member McHale seconded and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 7 to 0.

#### **8. Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Board Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Sefton explained staff had contacted all Board members regarding scheduling regular meetings, however, there was not a good time for all.

Following a short discussion, it was decided the next two meetings will be held on the fourth Thursdays of the month: February 27, and March 26. Future meeting dates will be determined.

**UPDATES FROM STAFF:** Mr. Sefton presented current drone photos of the Paloma Park construction site. Construction is on schedule for a September 2020 opening. He also updated the Board on other active projects, including the Main Library refresh, Country Meadows Park, Sonoran Mountain Park, Rio Vista Playground Replacement, and trails development.

He also mentioned the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA) awarded the department a \$219,800 grant to fund a variety of projects, including lighting at the new park on Williams Road and 97<sup>th</sup> Drive, treadmills at the Rio Vista Recreation Center, tables at the pools, AEDs (automated external defibrillators) and portable soccer goals. He also mentioned staff is diligently working to fill several vacancies in the department.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Brent Taylor, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cathy M. Foland", is written above a horizontal line.

Cathy Foland, Executive Assistant