

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

March 23, 2015

Lake Havasu City Police Facility Meeting Room

2360 McCulloch Blvd.

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Summary Minutes

Call to Order: Chairman Mark Talley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Alexis Cooke, Eric Demyen, Jennifer Luzzi, Jim Rosensweet, Robert Smith, Mark Talley, Bart Wagner, Scott Welte, Aquatic/Recreation Manager Dan Keyes

Excused: Council Liaison Michelle Lin

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of meeting on February 9, 2015; Member Jennifer Luzzi moved to approve as written; seconded by Bart Wagner and unanimously carried by the Board.

ADA Parking Expansion and Accessibility Project Rotary Park:

Division Manager Dan Keyes introduced Jeremy Abbot, City Engineer that will be presenting information on the ADA Parking and Expansion and Accessibility Project at Rotary Park. Abbot stated the purpose of this presentation is to show the planned improvements that are currently under design at Rotary Park and get some feedback from you as a Board. There are two locations where the majority of the work is taking place. The first location is at the northern end of the proposed parking lot and the southern end of the Aquatic Center parking lot. There is a planned connector road that will connect the two parking lots. This was a part of the original plan with the improvements however that portion was delayed due to land acquisition. The second portion is the ADA parking expansion to the south. Abbot showed a power point presentation to the Board explaining where the projects would take place. Chairman Mark Talley asked a question on one of the drawing regarding parking spaces and Abbot confirmed those are designated as future parking spaces. Member Bart Wagner asked if the project includes lighting in the parking lot. Abbot stated they are looking into that because of the close proximity of the skatepark lighting. Staff stated they may not have to install any lights to that small of an area. The lighting is included to the access connector road. Chairman Mark Talley asked if there is lighting for the walkway areas. Abbot stated as of right now we have not considered adding any walkway lighting but that is something we can consider or at least include provisions for future expansion. Member Bart Wagner asked if there are any plans to extend out on the point at any time. Abbot stated at this time the primary focus is to just provide ADA accessibility to that upper bowl area.

Strider Track at BMX Presentation:

Chairman Mark Talley explained to the Board that a Strider is a bike used by toddlers. The BMX track group would like to build a track for that younger age group because this is a new and upcoming sport. Santone DeCol addressed the Board and stated the Strider track is a separate track for children ages 1yrs. – 5yrs and older if necessary. The track is to provide safety for the little kids so they can still ride and participate in the sport just like the bigger kids do but in a safer environment. It is developed almost the same as the main BMX track with a starting gate, turns, jumps, and hills. The track would need to be fenced in to keep the bigger bikes out. The track would be in the BMX track area within the SARA Park lease agreement. Chairman Mark Talley asked if the picture the Board was provided was of a track they already started construction on. DeCol stated the upper right hand corner shows a sketch of what the track would look like. The lighting would be installed on the existing poles. Chairman Talley asked how this would be funded. DeCol stated the funding has been presented to the Patrick Memorial Sports Committee and they have agreed to fund the project. The forecast is to have the project complete by June 25, 2015 which is Olympic Day for the track and is our Grand Opening for that day, we are aiming to have it completed by June 1, 2015. Member Scott Welte stated it is a great idea; his daughter participates in it and it is a good outlet for the entire family. We have seen a 50% growth within the last 6 months as far as participates. Member Jim Rosensweet made a motion to approve development of a Strider Track next to the regular BMX track at SARA Park; seconded by Scott Welte and unanimously carried by the Board.

Pickleball:

Manager Keyes stated Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. Keyes reported that staff has put funds in the proposed budget for the construction of Pickleball courts. Keyes met with Doug Carr and other Pickleball players at London Bridge Beach. They are proposing a conversion of the basketball courts over to Pickleball courts to be shared. Mr. Carr addressed the Board with the plan they have for the courts at London Bridge Beach. We have a need for more courts; there is sometimes up to twenty people waiting to play. He has met with the people that play basketball in their twenty's and they mostly play between 5pm and 11pm at night. This group is proposing putting lines on the court and playing during the day time. He stated the basketball group stated they do not have a problem with it as long as they do not interrupt their playing time. Carr stated they don't need a fence they would just stripe the lines, bring their own nets, balls and paddles and just play Pickleball. There are restrooms and drinking fountains close by. Carr is asking the Board for consideration so they can move forward and this would just be temporary until the City can build some new courts. Member Jennifer Luzzi asked if they would be permanently painting lines on the epoxy floor that the Leadership group just re-finished would that have an effect on the floor. Carr stated they would like to have permanent lines; they discussed taping it however the tape would come off with the basketball players running up and down. Chairman Talley asked if Mr.

Carr was aware that the Chamber of Commerce Leadership group re-finished this court. Carr stated yes he was. Talley is concerned on what that group's feelings would be regarding the courts. Member Wagner asked if the Pickleball group would be playing in the summer as well. Carr responded some people might be playing early morning in the summer. Carr stated Pickleball would play in the mornings and basketball could play at night and a sign could be posted and times could be posted. Member Luzzi stated she is challenged with the need she understands the need for Pickleball courts however this is the only open air basketball court and it is used frequently. Sharing facilities is not always good with some retaliation. A discussion took place amongst the Board members. Member Jim Rosensweet made a motion to approve one Pickleball court lined out on London Bridge Beach Basketball courts; member Jennifer Luzzi seconded the motion and carried by the following vote

Aye: 7 – Alexis Cooke, Eric Demyan, Jim Rosensweet, Jennifer Luzzi, Robert Smith, Bart Wagner, Scott Welte

Nay: 1 – Mark Talley

Rotary Park Special Event Use:

Agenda item tabled.

Aquatic/Recreation Update:

Keyes provided the Board a report to include budget development schedule, inclement weather policy related to athletic fields, information on introduction of new Administrative Technician, Trails Advisory Committee Ordinance, State Trails Coordinator, Update on Athletic Field Assessment Study, Architectural and Engineering Services update, Special Events as they relate to vendor list and business licenses, Eagle Scout Project, General Plan, Document Audit, ADA Paddlers Access update, City Sponsored Special Events Summary.

Department Update:

Keyes updated the Board on upcoming events for the Aquatics and Recreation Division for the month of April.

Future Agenda Items:

Ballfield Updates

Call to Public:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, member Jim Rosensweet moved for adjournment at 7:20 p.m., seconded by member Scott Welte and unanimously carried by the Board.