

Lake Havasu City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

August 24, 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: Jennifer Luzzi, Brett Miller, Jim Rosensweet, Robert Smith, Mark Talley, Vicki Warner, Bart Wagner, Scott Welte

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of meeting on July 27, 2015; Member Jennifer Luzzi moved to approve as written; seconded by Bart Wagner and unanimously carried by the Board.

Non-Motorized Craft Rules at Rotary Park

The current city ordinance 11.06.330 Launching watercraft prohibited-exception states it is unlawful to launch or retrieve any watercraft at or in any park except on designated launching ramps or other facilities provided. By definition, standup paddleboards, kayaks and catamarans are considered "watercraft". There is no clearly defined launch ramp or designated area at Rotary Park or London Bridge Beach and people will often launch wherever they find beach space. The PD has not experienced any formal complaints of paddleboards or kayaks launching from Rotary Park or London Bridge Beach but it is increasingly becoming a more popular sport locally. How the current city ordinance is written, users are currently in violation. If a complaint were to be received, the PD would have to enforce the current ordinance as it is written. Discussion on modifying the current City ordinance to state "it is unlawful to launch or retrieve any motorized watercraft..." Member Bart Wagner stated we could leave the ordinance the same and designate launching areas. Ms. Susan Wolf addressed the board. When people go out to paddleboard/kayak they often go in groups which may not fit into designated areas. They are there launching for short periods of time but doesn't feel limiting them to certain areas is a good idea. Member Brett Miller asked if it should be clarified what non-motorized watercraft is i.e. paddleboard, kayaking, etc. Member Jim Rosensweet motioned to accept the new proposed city ordinance 11.06.330 Launching Watercraft Prohibited – Exception to read It is unlawful to launch or retrieve any motorized watercraft at or in any park except on designated launching ramps or other facilities provided; seconded by Robert Smith and unanimously carried by the board.

Program Planning Approval

a. Adapted Swim Lessons. Donna Best Carlton explained any new or changed program will now be going through the Program Planning Process which includes getting Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approval for each

program. The Aquatic Division is looking to expand our swim lesson programs to include Adapted Aquatic Swim Lessons. This is an American Red Cross program that would allow us to provide lessons for those with special needs who cannot be mainstreamed into our group swim lessons. Member Jennifer Luzzi motioned to approve the Adapted Swim Lessons program; seconded by Jim Rosensweet and unanimously carried by the board.

b. Knockerball. Removed from discussion at this time.

Aquatic/Recreation Division Update

Recreation Supervisor Donna Best Carlton provided the board a report to include Trails Advisory Committee, Athletic Field Assessment Study, Pickleball Courts, Aquatic Center Marquee, Upcoming Special Events and Aquatic/Recreation Division updates. During the Aquatic Division update, Member Brett Miller asked about the timing systems being broken and where we are with getting it repaired. Mark Talley stated Dan Keyes is working on getting it repaired.

Member Jim Rosensweet provided a Trails Advisory Committee update. He explained the committee is working on updating the 2006 ADOT Plan. The first leg they are focusing on is the South End of Rotary Park, specifically Picadilly Point. Looking at improving this area by cleaning it up, possibly adding benches and some shade structures. Mr. Bill Bryan addressed the board that the consensus of each Trails Advisory Committee member is to get some trail activity going. Been about 10 years since last plan. Would like to see more citizens attend the Trails Advisory Committee meetings. Committee is also looking at water trails and motorized trails.

Future Agenda Items

Aquatic Timing System Update

Call to the Public

Ms. Holly Dove addressed the board. She is looking to create a labyrinth at Yonder Park. Labyrinths are one way meditative walking paths two person wide that lead to a center point and then back out. She has submitted a letter to Dan Keyes who then forwarded it to Greg Froslic. She said her response from Greg was that it was too late to be included on tonight's meeting agenda but would be added in the future. She said the City is looking to a "Hold Harmless" agreement that would possibly allow volunteers to work on this project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, member Jennifer Luzzi moved for adjournment at 6:50 p.m.; seconded by member Jim Rosensweet and unanimously carried by the Board.