

Lake Havasu City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

October 24, 2016
Lake Havasu City Police Facility Meeting Room
2360 McCulloch Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Summary Minutes

Call to Order: Chairwoman Ashley Pascual called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Jason Keough, Brett Miller, Ashley Pascual, Robert Smith, Rhonda Smolek, Mark Talley, Bart Wagner, Scott Welte

Excused: n/a

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of meeting on September 26, 2016; Member Mark Talley moved to approve as written; seconded by Scott Welte and unanimously carried by the Board.

Call to Public:

N/A

Staff Report:

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Recreation Services Manager, Mike Keane updated the Board; recreation reported nine new part-time recreation staff are training at After School Program this week; Fall Fun Fair had 469 local non-profit club participants who provided 80 game booths for the community raising \$12,049.50; free Youth Talent Show under the London Bridge at 6 p.m. on October 27th; Recreation will have two floats in the London Bridge Days Parade along with Youth Flag Football and Cheerleaders; Basketball Clinic for 3rd – 8th graders beginning November 1st at Thunderbolt; Registration for Winter Break Camp begins on Monday, November 7th. Aquatics reported staff will be assisting with Boy Scout Merit Badge on November 5th, staff is developing new programs for adult wellness and recreation opportunities in the Spring; One staff member will be traveling to Texas for training with Fire Department on a "Remember When" scholarship; Frozen Beach party on Saturday, November 26th from Noon – 4 p.m.; Dog Swim will be held on Sunday, November 27th from 10 a.m. – Noon; pool will close on November 27th following the dog swim for two weeks for annual maintenance.

True Skate is an official Street League Skateboarding mobile game app. which allows users to play as though they are skating through Tinnell Skatepark at night utilizing just their fingers; Mayor's office is working with high school students to get interest in open student member of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and have received 1 application; October 20th proclaimed Lights on Afterschool Day by Governor Ducey; Elks honoring winners of Elks Student

Drug Awareness; Member Mark Talley advised board that October 23rd Co-Ed Adult Flag Football had season kick off.

Council Member Michele Lin asked if the basketball courts at London Bridge Beach are complete. Mark Clark reported waiting on product and should be open by end of weekend.

Aquatic Center Assessment Update

Recreation Services Manager Mike Keane explained the old marquee has been removed and tree work done to improve visibility to new marquee; an aquatic design company has been in taking measurements for Ozone system and will help with request for quote; Slide design in final engineering stages and set for late January/February install; new sound baffles for Relics and Rods Hall should be delivered this week. Member Mark Talley asked about trees on C.V. Wood sign side and removing them because they hinder new marquee visibility; Mike explained we only received approval from ADOT to remove 4 trees; Mark Talley asked if we could look into removing other trees.

Trails Subcommittee Report – Rhonda Smolek

On October 19th the Trails Subcommittee met to discuss the current status of the group; it was agreed to give new committee some time, a couple months to work out kinks and figure out where they are going. Need a clear understanding of goals and how to accomplish them. Next meeting is November 1st at 2 p.m. Expressed some concerns regarding the homeless.

Public Hearing:

Students Working Against Tobacco – Presentation by Debra Levi

SWAT President, Erica Fischer, explained the organization's mission and goals. SWAT is asking Rotary Park be a Tobacco Free park, which would include Patrick Tinnell Memorial Skatepark, restrooms, ramadas, ballfields and playgrounds. This would reduce butt litter at the park, change the social norm around tobacco use and reduce second hand smoke exposure. Enforcement would include signage and education. Suggesting recommendation approved to be placed on a future City Council agenda. Member Bart Wagner asked if this would include the entire park area or only areas where children are at play. Debra Levi suggested it to include the individual ramadas, playgrounds, ballfields, grass areas and Patrick Tinnell Memorial Skatepark and use the 20 foot state wide rule around the ramadas. Member Bart Wagner clarified the walkways in between would not be included. Member Bart Wagner asked who would provide the signs. Debra Levi explained we would need to explore that. Bart recommended they have the some options thought out before presenting to the City Council. Chairwoman Ashley Pascual asked if their recommendation is an educational campaign bringing awareness or recommending police enforcement. Debra Levi explained laws like this are mostly self-enforcing; the idea is that most people will follow the signage and go elsewhere to smoke. She is not encouraging ticketing adults; it is already illegal for minors to smoke. Council Member Michele Lin asked if they would look at setting aside "smoke friendly areas". Debra Levi explained

that she would not recommend setting aside “smoke friendly areas” because she feels it sends the wrong message. Chairwoman Ashley Pascual asked if there is any updated imaging or verbiage to include e-cigarettes. Debra Levi explained she does have other verbiage to which would include e-cigarettes. Member Brett Miller asked how they measure the effectiveness of the program. The group will do more cigarette butt cleanups and that should show improvement. Jason Keough suggested the additional verbiage including e-cigarettes be included in their presentation to City Council. Evelyn Hunter spoke that she believes moving forward with this would also reduce drug use at the Patrick Tinnell Memorial Sports Park.

Member Brett Miller moved a recommendation be made to place this on the City Council agenda and allow them to present to Council; Member Bart Wagner seconded and unanimously carried by the board.

BMX Track – Presentation by Santone Decol

Santone Decol, track operator at the SARA Park BMX Track, explained they would like to absorb the property formerly leased by the RC Track and build a pump track. Member Bart Wagner asked if this proposal is below or above the current track. Mr. Decol explained it would be above. Member Brett Miller asked if this is being proposed this not be a controlled access area so anyone could come out there. Mr. Decol explained it would have to be a controlled area for insurance reasons. They are looking at putting together a committee to man it and/or offer memberships. Member Brett Miller asked if there are plans to light the facility. Mr. Decol explained lights are already there from the RC Track; may need to install additional poles. Member Mark Talley asked if the pump track would include dirt jumps. Mr. Decol explained a pump track includes dirt jumps and height would be determined in the plans. Member Mark Talley asked how high the jumps would be. Mr. Decol stated he believes they would be 12 feet maximum. Council Member Michele Lin asked how much this would cost and how would it be funded. Mr. Decol explained the cost is estimated to be around \$10,000. SARA Park BMX is planning some fundraising. Member Scott Welte stated he has done some research and has found other communities have had very little liability issues. He feels this would only be beneficial to our community. Member Jason Keogh asked if they have considered the ongoing cost and insurance. Mr. Decol explained once the track is established and built, should be very little to maintain and feels some fundraising could cover costs. Chairwoman Ashley Pascual asked for more information from staff how this will impact the area and how it will work with the sports complex. Mike Keane explained the property was vacated and we feel the pump track is a good fit. That area of the park is away from sports complex development and would not interfere. Member Brett Miller asked if there is parking to support the anticipated use. Mr. Decol explained they haven’t ever had an issue with parking. Member Brett Miller asked what the timeline would be. Mr. Decol stated it could be built within two weeks. Member Brett Miller encouraged them to come back to the board with a concept and re-present. Kassandra Mooneyham asked about the price point for the possible membership. Mr. Decol stated he wants to make it

affordable; however he doesn't have any set amounts. Previous discussion with the committee has put it around the \$40.00 mark. Chairwoman Ashley Pascual asked the proposed membership fees be included in the second presentation. Mike Keane explained we wanted to get the board's support before staff moved forward. He explained this is not an item that has to go to council for approval. Chairwoman Ashley Pascual clarified the board is saying proceed but would like to be kept updated.

Capital Improvement Projects – Greg Froslic, Community Investment Director

Community Investment Director Greg Froslic provided the board an update on City park projects.

Greg Froslic explained detailed design for pickleball is completed, advertised for bids and 4 bids were returned for construction. Lowest bid was from Elite Sports Builders and their bid came in at \$171,542 which was \$20,000 over budget. City has the money and he is optimistic City Council will approve the construction contract. Design plan was shown. Member Bart Wagner asked if courts will be lighted. Courts will not have lights. Member Mark Talley asked if the plan included a dog park. Greg Froslic explained this plan specifically focused on the pickleball courts but there is room for possible dog park addition in the future.

Cypress Park site plan was shown which includes 4 fields, bleachers, restroom, concession stand, concrete walking path, parking lot, and lighting on one field. Estimated 4-5 month construction schedule. Member Brett Miller asked if money was found and neighborhood supported could additional lights be added. Greg Froslic indicated he would need to speak with members of the public before committing to additional lighting. Member Brett Miller asked if the plan for Cypress Park is to move soccer from ASU fields. Greg Froslic explained the plan for Cypress Park is to plan for the future. Member Brett Miller asked if there plan to build storage facilities in order for groups to store equipment. Plan does not include storage, has not been discussed but that is a good comment. Some board members expressed concern that all fields don't include lights. Bart Wagner asked if there is still a plan to light the elementary school fields. Mr. Froslic explained that they are still included in the CIP project. So far, lack of support from soccer groups. Council Member Michele Lin asked if there is a cost for lights. Design contract will be complete in December so there isn't anything concrete yet. As the design process continues, Mr. Froslic will be back with updates for the board for further discussion.

SARA Park Sports Complex contract is to develop various concept designs for what a sports complex might look like. Will provide the board with several options and cost summaries at a later date for discussion. Member Bart Wagner asked for further discussion and clarification on flex fields. Member Mark Talley asked if this includes the upper fields as well. Upper field are not part of this project. Member Brett Miller asked if there is a plan to move on improvements

around the City that were suggested by the fields needs assessment. City Council wanted to move forward with Cypress Park and SARA Sports Complex. Brooke Vedder commented that there are not enough fields with lights throughout the City. Need for lighting isn't to annoy neighbors, it's a necessity to make the fields more usable. Dan Aston commented that the Athletic Alliance has met with Mr. Froslic. As a whole excited about the entire project, but want to make sure all athletic needs are going to be met.

SARA Trailhead restroom project includes parking and sidewalks. Bids hit over \$200,000 for just the restroom. Bid has not been awarded because too expensive. Looking at other less expensive options, like pre-fabricated models. Member Mark Talley stated he doesn't remember seeing any plans for the restroom. He is wondering why it is so expensive. Greg Froslic explained staff is currently evaluating cost of concrete vandal proof bathrooms and modular vandal proof bathrooms. Member Mark Talley asked what happened to grant awarded. Greg Froslic explained we couldn't meet the grant time limit and a request for extension was denied so they had to return the funds.

Piccadilly Point land is owned by AZ State Lands and Lake Havasu City has a lease agreement with them. The lease agreement states Lake Havasu City must provide written notice to AZ State Lands and they must review and approve before any improvements can be made. This step was missed under previous management. City met with contractor who agreed to provide work free of charge and they were upset with the insurance requirements. Greg Froslic stated he is hoping to receive approval from the State by end of this year. Member Rhonda Smolek asked what was proposed to the State. He explained it was a drawing that was created with the Trails committee. She asked where the water trails and bike routes stand. Chairwoman Ashley Pascual indicated that is something that could be a future agenda item. Jeff Smolek asked for clarification on what the Trails subcommittee goal is. Member Bart Wagner stated he thought a meeting with the Trails subcommittee is in need.

Future Agenda Items:

Lighting of School Fields
Meeting with Trails Subcommittee

Future Meetings:

November 28th

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Member Scott Welte moved for adjournment 7:55 p.m.; seconded by member Bart Wagner and unanimously carried by the Board.