

Lake Havasu City  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
March 28, 2016  
Lake Havasu City Community Center, Room 155/156  
100 Park Avenue  
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

**Summary Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Jim Rosensweet called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Jennifer Luzzi, Brett Miller, Ashley Pascual, Jim Rosensweet, Robert Smith, Bart Wagner

Excused: Logan Johnson, Mark Talley

Absent: Scott Welte

**Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of meeting on February 29, 2016; Member Bart Wagner moved to approve as written; seconded by Jennifer Luzzi and unanimously carried by the Board.

**Call to Public:**  
N/A

**Staff Report:**

**Recreation Division Manger**

City has been actively recruiting for new Recreation Division Manager. Human Resources is completing an initial review of applications. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully there is a good selection of candidates.

**Field Needs Assessment**

Community Services Director, Greg Froslic explained we received a completed Field Needs Assessment study. He was able to quickly review and make some notes. It is a very comprehensive study that will need further review. The study indicates that Lake Havasu City is right for tournament play given the current hotel accommodations. The study indicates we are short in all fields. It recommends a full sports complex to be placed south of the airport. Cost is estimated to be just over 8 million dollars. The sports complex recommends: 6-7 soccer fields, 4-5 baseball fields, parking for 612 vehicles, concessions and park area. Greg Froslic did explain the proposed property is the last large commercial industrial property the City owns and this plan has not been discussed with any of our elected officials. The Drag Strip lease was cancelled and currently there is no conflict with the proposed area. Board Member, Luzzi inquired on what the proposed acreage is for the sports complex? Greg Froslic responded he guesses 20 but will have to review the document and provide that answer at a later date.

The study also recommended building out Cypress Park with 2 full size soccer fields and one youth size field. It also recommends improvements to SARA Park fields to include movable fencing and mounds to make fields more versatile and to add lighting to other existing field throughout the City. Comprehensive study will be posted online for review. City is including in the Capital improvement budget: 1 million in improvements to Cypress Park, over \$100,000 in improvements to SARA Park and adding lighting to existing fields that are used but do not have lighting and will be presenting it to council. Board Member Luzzi asked what existing fields don't have lights. Greg Froslic responded current school fields. Vice-Chairman Rosensweet asked if the study shows impact to the community. Greg Froslic answered it does include the economic impact, economic feasibility and rate of return. In addition to other reasons stated, Greg has heard from other meetings the complaint of the airport is way out there and SARA Park is already developed. SARA Park has some other groups out there that would interfere with building a sport complex there. The study hasn't been finalized and presented to council yet. Froslic requested the Board Members review the study and provide any feedback prior to the next meeting.

Vice-Chairman Rosensweet suggested a special meeting be held to discuss.

Member Luzzi moved for the next meeting be scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> in place of the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting; seconded by member Ashley Pascual and unanimously carried.

## **Public Hearing:**

### **Architekton Contract for Aquatic Center**

Project Manager, Ryan Molhoek explained Architekton has been hired to complete an evaluation of the Aquatic/Community Center. They will be looking at the entire facility to make recommendations of replacements and repairs as well as complete a market analysis. They will get an idea of the different programs that are offered and the fees associate with those programs and how the facility is currently being used. Architekton will be here April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to complete a facility tour. In approximately 4 weeks they will return a report. Vice-Chairman Rosensweet asked how much this study will cost. It will cost just under \$79,000. This study is being completed due to some needed operational repairs. Board Member Luzzi asked what happens if they come back and say we have outgrown this facility. Staff would propose for 2016-2017 budget include funds to make necessary improvements. Board Member Luzzi expressed concern that we don't have much in this City for basketball courts and volleyball courts, would this study include this area. Ryan feels it would fall under the facility use portion of the study. Cheri explained the floor for this facility has recently been replaced. Company was chosen by going through a panel of people and a huge request of qualifications. They have done work for aquatic center, community centers and universities all over Arizona. Architekton will be bringing to the table ideas that other areas are using. Vice-Chairman Rosensweet expressed concern with spending money on these studies when the funds to make the repairs are not available.

Operations Manager, Mark Clark stated the consultant's analysis trends that are in the Phoenix and Tucson area that are trending and it is not staff repeating this is what we are doing because we have always done it this way. They will bring ideas and things that are happening in other places. Wager stated bringing ideas from outside sources really has value. Vice-Chairman Rosensweet is concerned with so many studies being done and nothing happens with them. Froslic explained to Rosensweet this study is already under contract. Rosensweet stated we need a long term plan. Engineering Manager, Jeremy Abbott explained the information from this report is also the asset management component. Member Brett Miller stated he understands the need to bring in a firm for something like this however I find interfacing with other communities is a lot more value when working with counter-parts. Miller asked is there any way in the future can staff work more closely with other municipalities to do research instead of paying all this money for a consultant. Abbot explained City staff can contact other municipalities however the consultants have the expertise. Froslic stated we routinely reach out to a professional Aquatics Community that runs similar facilities and we use that resource often. Froslic stated this project is significant in size and we did a professional based qualification selection and hope to get a true long term plan for this facility.

### **Piccadilly Point Trail Spur**

Director Froslic stated this project is moving along; a construction contract agreement is with our legal department for review and as soon as that is executed we can schedule the work with Dub Campbell. Volunteer packets were handed out at the last Trails Advisory Committee for those interested in helping with clean up after Dub's crew is finished building the trail. The trail will include the placement and compaction of aggregate base 12 ft. wide to create the trail to the end of Piccadilly Point and back up. Dub Campbell is volunteering his time and materials for this project.

### **SARA Park Trailhead Project**

Froslic stated the Engineering Division has this project under contract. Project Manager Ryan Molhoek advised the board this project will include an expanded parking lot, and new restrooms. We are currently under contract with a consultant for design and grading of the parking lot and restroom. The plans are under review with our Building and Engineering Department and once those are finalized they will be included with the bid packet. Construction is expected to begin in July and end in late September or early October. Froslic stated this project was motivated by a grant opportunity to pay for the design and construction of a restroom.

### **Trails Committee 100 Best AZ Trails**

Froslic explained this is a reoccurring topic from our Trails Advisory Committee. Vice-Chairman Rosensweet explained this is something the Trails Advisory Committee is working on to get our local trails listed as one of 100 Best Trails in Arizona. Rosensweet stated it also helps with grant funding potential.

## **Pickleball Court Project**

Director Froslic reported the Engineering Division contracted with another design firm to layout and design Pickleball Courts at Dick Samp Park. Ryan Molhoek stated the scope of work will include schematics for a 16 court layout with related amenities. The 16 court would be tournament ready should we decide to go that route in the future. In addition to that a schematic layout they will be doing actual planning specifications to build 4 courts to start with. Staff is proposing construction funds in the FY16/17 budget to add to the existing funds to get those courts built. Once the design is complete from this consultant then it will be sent out to bid. Vice Chairman Rosensweet asked if they are taking in to consideration building more ballfields out at Dick Samp Park. Molhoek stated they will lay it out with that in mind. Froslic responded because that site is a former landfill there is only certain areas that turf area can be placed.

## **Parks and Recreation Current Master Plan**

Froslic explained we currently have several individual master plans. He stated Member Rosensweet inquired previously about doing an overall Parks Master Plan. Froslic asked Rosensweet if that is something he would like him to include in the recommendation to the City Manager or to the City Council. Vice Chairman Rosensweet responded we need a Master Plan for the entire City and he believes we can do a lot of it ourselves. Rosensweet stated Bullhead City just did one and they did it themselves. He feels recreation is going to be the economic driver here. We need to look at recreation as an industry and get a lot more ball tournaments, and races and then we will get more hotels. A discussion took place regarding utilizing more of our school sites. Wagner thinks looking at what community needs are out there and he believes shoreline development is another need that has to be addressed or looked at. Member Luzzi responded another community need is bike trails. Director Froslic stated he will get the individual Master Plans on the City Website for the Board to review. The Board will come prepared next meeting to discuss the current Master Plans the City already has.

## **Future Agenda Items:**

- Field Needs Assessment
- Raising City Bed Tax
- Parks & Recreation Current Master Plan

## **Call to the Public:**

N/A

## **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, member Jennifer Luzzi moved for adjournment 6:55p.m.; seconded by member Bart Wagner and unanimously carried by the Board.