

Lake Havasu City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday, April 24, 2017
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, Ashley Pascual, Robert Smith, Mark Talley, Chuck Vaughn, Bart Wagner, Scott Welte, Mark Zieff

Excused: Robert Smith

Call to Public: N/A

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of meeting on March 27, 2017; Member Chuck Vaughn moved to approve as written; seconded by Mark Talley and unanimously carried by the Board.

Staff Report:

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Recreation Services Manager, Mike Keane updated the Board; Recreation Division reported we are currently in the recruitment and hiring process for summer camp staff. One position did close in April and we did receive approximately 40 applications and we will reopen that position because we are looking for approximately 60 employees. Staff interviewed and selected 18 summer teen volunteers to help with summer camps. Summer Camp registration will start on Monday, May 15; packets will be available starting May 8. The recreation staff will be participating in Arizona's Children's Association "Play is Learning" Kids Fair held here at the Aquatic Center on April 29 from 10am – 1pm to highlight some of the summer programs and activities.

The Aquatic Division reported the grand opening of the new water slide took place on Friday evening with approximately 150 people in attendance. Kinder-swim is ending the first week of May and this year more than 500 children participated in the program sponsored by LHUSD, Rotary Clubs and Lake Havasu City. Registrations for the summer learn to swim and the recreational swim team will begin on May 15. There will be an Elk's Family Fun Free Open Swim on May 6 from 10am – 2pm. It is limited to the first 400 participants. We are also offering end of the year school swim parties on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in May.

Events going on at the Community Center are the AZ Children's Association Children and Family Fair April 29. Western AZ Council of Government Grant

Training May 11. Little Knights preschool Graduation May 15 and HPA Kindergarten Graduation May 25.

On April 8 and 9 at SARA Park a Triple Crown Tournament was held with 12 teams; 9 of them from out of town. Approximately 144 players and 290 spectators were in attendance. On April 15 the AZ Hammers Brigade Soccer Tournament was held at Rotary with 8 teams; 6 of them from out of town. Approximately 60 players and 120 spectators were in attendance.

Aquatic Center Assessment Update

Keane reported the slide is complete; the fencing was being finished today. The Ozone bid should be out in the next week or two. One of the next projects will be the air handling evaluation.

Trails Subcommittee Report – Mike Keane

Keane reported the trails subcommittee met April 12. The Mohave County Supervisor Steve Moss was scheduled to be the guest speaker and was unable to attend; he sent his secretary in his place and she was a wealth of knowledge. One of the areas the trails sub-committee is looking at proposing a cycling trail on the old Hwy 95 right of way. A couple of members shared information on the Lake Mead Trail and how they would like that trail to be a model for creating the paved trail of the old Hwy 95. Most of that is located in the County so it would not be a City project. Discussions are ongoing regarding the AZ 100 Premier Trails and the possible connection of the Shoreline Trail to the Sunset Trail through Lake Havasu State Parks. State Park is a fee area so we are trying to figure out how we can make that connection. The group is discussing trail signage on existing and proposed trails. The next meeting will be held May 10 at 4pm at the Aquatic Center. Mycahl Gorden has been requested to speak at the next meeting regarding the Havasu Riviera 280 project and the plans for trails through that property.

Public Hearing:

Island Path Maintenance Update – Mark Clark, MSD Division Manager

Mark Clark, MSD, Division Manager updated the Board on the maintenance of the Island Path. Clark explained the different paths in town that they maintain as well as roadways that have been widened for better pedestrian areas. He noted we have approximately 50 miles of sidewalks in town as well. Clark stated they have had to maintain a roadway network that would support a 100,000 people but we support it with a small tax base. The trails are maintained similar to how we maintain a roadway with the exception we do not chip seal the trails. Until four or five years ago there was no dedicated funding within the City budget for maintaining parking lots and trails. Clark stated they started budgeting about 100,000 to take care of the non-roadway projects. There is approximately 35 miles equivalent roadway length in all the parking lots and trails that we have. You are not allowed to use fuel tax on non-roadways. All of those funds have to come out of the general fund. Chairwomen Ashley Pascual asked how do you determine what area you are going to do each year. Clark responded staff evaluates the streets and the parking lots and they do a PCI Pavement condition

index and review those. We do the locations that are in the worse shape. Pascual asked if that evaluation has been done for next year and is the Island Path on the list to be done. Clark stated it is not scheduled for anything major right now because it is in pretty good shape related to pavement it is just the smoothness issue. Clark responded the Island Path is 21,000 sq. yards and to do something that was not a chip seal would be approximately \$60,000 to \$ 70,000. It would use up the funding for all of the parking lots and all of the roadways in the City. Clark stated there is right-of-way issues we are dealing with.

Jason Henderson a citizen addressed the Board and stated the trail has been neglected for a long time and the method of maintenance that is being used is for roadways and not bike path or pedestrians. If you have any limitations at all to raise your feet over 3 or 4 inches ridges it is a danger. To use roadway techniques on a bike path you are going to get a roadway. It is not practical; it has been neglected for a while. He stated it has been passed over and it's a shame so much money is being poured into SARA Park and we can't even get \$60,000 to take care of the bike path that is part of our history of the community.

Member Chuck Vaughn asked how wide the Island Path is. Clark stated 10ft. wide. Vaughn asked if the pavement on the outside of the road is State Lands. Clark stated the road is on State Lands. Vaughn asked if anything inside is privately owned. Clark responded about half of it in the inside is State Lands also. Vaughn asked who actually owns the land the path is on. Clark responded it is an easement on State Lands.

Clark suggested this group prioritize what is important to them and relay that to the Council.

A discussion took place regarding paths within our City and groups wanting to bring in events however we do not have safe areas for them to ride.

Member Jason Keough asked if this is a maintenance concern or is it something we should be looking at as a CIP project. Clark responded if it is in a CIP budget than it will be competing with all the other CIP projects.

Member Chuck Vaughn asked what the price difference is on regular topping verses rubberized asphalt and does rubberized asphalt last longer. Clark responded chip seal is approximately a \$1.50 a sq. yard; slurry seal is \$2.00 a sq. ft., micro sealing which is the next level of value is about \$4.00 a sq. yard. Rubber asphalt adds about \$.50 per sq. yard to whatever you are doing. When you start talking about paving you are at about \$10.00 – \$15.00 per sq. yard.

Member Wagner asked if there is a 5 year plan to spend the 100,000 a year. Clark stated each year you look at the condition and if something has gotten worse then you take care of it. You have a long range idea that you need to do something major but each year you look at everything and try and keep it all

glued together. Wagner asked is there a way to get this in that process. Clark stated the CIP is really the way to go to get it into the process.

City Asset Management and Budgeting Discussion:

Recreation Services Manager, Mike Keane explained to the Board the way we budget for our asset maintenance currently according to priority. The City has purchased a software program and is in the process of putting data into that system. It will be able to determine the life expediency of equipment; hopefully in the future this program will help us in those budget discussions. Member Jason Keough asked if is by department. Keane responded yes it is in the recording phase and it will take some time to get all the data entered into the system.

National Park Lands Day Discussion:

Member Mark Zieff stated there needed to be a correction on the agenda item; it should have read National Public Lands Day. Zieff stated after reading it and studying it is something more for federal/public lands or state parks. He doesn't feel it is within the City jurisdictions. Zieff explained you put your program into the data base and it is nationwide sponsored by Toyota, it is the 30th of September. Chairwomen Ashley Pascual asked what the process is if we wanted to promote something like this. Keane responded currently you would have to have the volunteers go through our Volunteer process so we couldn't have just 1000 people show up. Member Talley asked if we can address staff and see if there is any way we can do this.

Memorial Tree and Bench Program Discussion:

Mark Clark, MSD Division Manager explained to the Board what the tree and bench program was. It has been in effect for 20 plus years. Originally it was a Keep Havasu Beautiful Program and it is not a fundraising process. Member Zieff wanted this as a talking point discussion because we can get funds from a bench sale to fix the bike path. Clark stated if you want amenities constructed on City parks and things the CIP process would be the way to go. We do not make any money on benches and we do not want to there. Different service clubs over the years have made donations to park areas. Clark stated you need to decide what does the island jogging path need. Member Mark Talley asked what is the current process to get a tree or bench. Clark responded it is online and quoted the prices for the benches and trees.

Capital Improvement Projects Update:

a. Cypress Park

Keane reported Cypress Park will go out for advertising April 28. The advertising will be open for 6 weeks. June 16 will be the bid opening and will be awarded by City Council in July. Construction is expected to begin in July as well. Member Vaughn asked what is the bid going for. Keane responded the entire park.

b. Sports Complex

Keane reported they are working on a design contract for both phases. We saw the conceptual drawings and now they will go to a firm and get those turned into designs and bring those back with some true cost. Chairwomen Pascual asked if there was any consideration of switching fields that were in phase-one to phase-two or flipping them. Keane responded it is how they were presented is how they are moving forward.

Future Agenda Items:

- Condition of Benches in City Parks
- Update on CIP Projects
- Revenue Generating Ideas
- Budget Overview

Future Meetings:

May 22, 2017 at the PD Meeting Room

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Member Mark Talley moved for adjournment 8:10 p.m.; seconded by Member Bart Wagner and unanimously carried by the Board.