

Lake Havasu City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
September 26, 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 August 22, 2016; Member Mark Talley moved to approve as written; seconded by Bart Wagner 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 they are currently recruiting part time recreation staff mainly for After School program and there have been 22 applicants so far; Currently accepting applications for Fall Fun Fair booths, the event is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th from 3-8 p.m. at Rotary Park. Aquatics reported they have submitted a grant request through State Farm for \$25,000 and has no matching requirements by the City, if awarded to us the funds would be used for our Learn to Swim Program; limited space is still available for October swim lessons; 2 members of the Fire Department and our Aquatic Supervisor won a scholarship and will be attending and implementing a City wide "Remember When" program which is a fire and fall prevention for older adults, convention is in San Antonio November 14th-16th. Upcoming events include: Havasu Community Health Foundation Health Fair at the Community Center on October 1st, Chamber of Commerce Consumer Marketplace at the Community Center on October 5th, Concerts in the Park every Friday in October beginning October 7th at London Bridge Beach, Blood Drive at the Community Center October 11th, 12th & 13th, Pumpkin Festival on October 22nd & 23rd. Pro-BMX Freestyle rider, Mike "Hucker" Clark rode the Patrick Tinnell Sportspark on September 5th.

Aquatic Center and Field Assessment Update

Recreation Services Manager Mike Keane explained several projects for the Aquatic Center improvements are moving forward including: slide replacement,

ozone and HVAC. New marquee has been installed; the old sign and some tree work will be completed soon, we are waiting on permit from ADOT.

Recreation Services Manager Mike Keane showed the board a 1st rendering (map) of Cypress Park improvements. Map included: walking/jogging path, 4 fields of different sizes for different age groups, concessions, restrooms, plenty of parking with no parking signs being placed on Cypress Dr., and a large overflow parking lot if budget permits, 2 ramadas with additional areas to add shade at a later date. Looking at lighting fields if budget permits. Engineering staff to go before City Council in November and hopefully work will begin in January. Goal would be to be completed by Spring if possible. Member Brett Miller asked when the lighting decision would be made. Mike explained once they receive bids back and cost is determined. Member Bob Smith inquired why the retention area is so large. Mark Clark explained that 2-3 years ago the City developed draining retention and detention plans. This area will mitigate flood damage and wash issues. Will help to improve the water quality of lake. Member Rhonda Smolek asked if consideration for neighbors has been taken. Mike stated that he has spoken with some of the neighbors and they seem to be in favor especially because of the restroom facilities and parking lots.

Chairwoman Ashley Pascual asked how the Helmet Safety day went. Recreation Services Manager indicated it went well. There were about 50 people in attendance. Member Mark Talley said there was good attendance, movie lasted about an hour, 50 helmets were given away, and PD spoke about safety in the park.

Public Hearing:

Park Lighting - Presentation by Tabatha Miller, Administrative Services Director

Administrative Services Director Tabitha Miller gave a power point presentation regarding replacement of 18 lights along the channel walkway in London Bridge Beach and possible future replacement. There isn't a current standard, parks consist of a mixture of lights. This will be an opportunity to provide WiFi connectivity for public safety and electric to the CO2 monitors that are currently being operated by battery. Presented a number of lighting options to City staff. Board members were provided examples of light idea. Member Mark Talley asked if the lights could keep the "old style" and not be as contemporary. Member Brett Miller commented he liked the new proposed style and feels they make the London Bridge more of a focal point. Member Rhonda Smolek suggested incorporating the London Bridge theme on the lights closer to the bridge. Tabatha responded anything is possible, could look at transitioning the lighting to a more contemporary look so that the contrast isn't so stark. Member Bart Wagner asked if the bulb is standard. Tabatha answered it is a pretty standard LED light with some amenities i.e. motion censored, wirelessly controlled. The final decision will be up to the City Council.

After School Program Report – Presentation by Donna Best Carlton

Recreation Supervisor Donna Best Carlton gave board members a history of the After School Program i.e. when and where it started. She explained where the After School Program is currently being held, how many children are currently registered and program cost. She explained different field trips and enrichment opportunities being offered.

SARA Park Sport Complex – Discussion

Recreation Service Manager, Mike Keane explained that at the last meeting it was discussed to have discussion on transition plans for groups that may be displaced due to the plan. The conceptual designs are in the planning phases. We do not have a concrete answer to any questions. Trying best we can to not have to relocate any of the current groups. Additional fields would be phased in, not built at once. Member Bart Wagner asked if any of the field users would be consulted in the design approval. Mike said he believes the Engineering Department has plans to do so. Conceptual drawings will be available around January. At least still a year or year and half away from building new fields. Member Brett Miller asked when the plan changed from being completed all at once to phasing updates in. Mike explained he is guessing it was a financial decision. Mike stated when he started with the City that was the direction he was given. Member Mark Talley stated it was his understanding the work would be completed all at once. Mike will do some more research and will report back to the board at the next meeting.

At call to the public, Brooke Vetter expressed her concerns to the board with the plan to make the improvements in phases. In the spring, field users were told it would be completed all at once. She is concerned with how they will fit the amount of fields out at SARA Park without any group displacement. Mike explained he couldn't respond without seeing the final conceptual design. Mrs. Vetter stated this was discussed at "Coffee with the Mayor" and was told this project is important to City Council and they are planning to go full boar to see this project completed. Member Brett Miller heard the same "full boar" terminology from City Council and now to hear it's going to be phased in is concerning. Mike stated he understands the concerns and will get better clarification to report to the board. Member Bart Wagner had some safety concerns with the RC Flying area being left in the same location.

Mike will ask someone from the Engineering Department to come to the next meeting to provide further information. Chairwoman Ashley Pascual requested the board give input on the conceptual designs before they are finalized. She also asked if the board can make a recommendation to City Council regarding the timeline and phasing of the project. Mike will relay that all board members are against the phasing of project. Member Brett Miller is worried of a pattern of projects slipping through without board input.

Transitioning Trails Advisory Committee to Subcommittee of PRAB – Discussion and Possible Action

Recreation Services Manager Mike Keane recommended the Trails Advisory Committee to become a citizens subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. This would be an informal subcommittee and would allow them to be more effective, productive and less restricted. Member Bart Wagner moved to change Trails Advisory Committee to a citizens subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Member Mark Talley seconded; unanimously carried by the board. Rhonda Smolek volunteered to be the subcommittee's liaison.

At call to the public, Mary Van Rooy addressed the board. She believes the subcommittee will be able to do so much more with this restructure. Jeff Smolek asked that the subcommittee still focus on Picadilly Point improvements.

Future Agenda Items:

- Outreach Plan for Teen Board Member
- SWAT Presentation
- Picadilly Point
- Engineering Staff SARA Park Discussion
- Rotary Shade Structure

Future Meetings:

October 24, 2016

Adjournment:

There being no further business, member Mark Talley moved for adjournment 7:20 p.m.; seconded by member Brett Miller and unanimously carried by the Board.