

Lake Havasu City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday, October 23, 2017
Lake Havasu City Police Facility Meeting Room
2360 McCulloch Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Summary Minutes

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

Roll Call: Present: Leo Biasiucci, Jason Keough, Ashley Pascual, Chuck Vaughn, Scott Welte, Mark Zieff,

Absent: Robert Smith

Call to Public: None

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of meeting on September 25, 2017; Member Scott Welte moved to approve as written; seconded by Chuck Vaughn and unanimously carried by the Board.

Staff Report:

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Recreation Services Manager, Mike Keane updated the Board; Recreation Division reported the first performance of the ASP Performing Arts version of the "Wizard of Oz" was performed by children from the Nautilus ASP on Friday, October 6. Approximately 150 parents and guest attended. The next showing with Jamaica ASP will be on November 17. The 28th Annual Fall Fun Fair was held Saturday, October 14; the event represented 32 non-profit school clubs and agencies. These clubs and agencies provided 86 booths for families and raised just over \$11,000. The ASP Fishing Enrichment has started. Children are taken to Site Six by AZ Fish and Game trained recreation staff. It is a catch and release program and last week the children caught 54 fish, some for the first time ever. The London Bridge Days Recreation Youth Talent Show, sponsored by the Lake Havasu Marina is this Thursday, October 26 under the London Bridge. The show starts at 6pm, please bring your own chairs. Concerts in the Park wraps up this Friday with the local band "Crosscut". This program has been averaging between 400-500 people at each concert. This Saturday morning will be the London Bridge Days Parade. The recreation Youth Flag Football and Jr. Cheerleaders will be participating in the parade as well as volunteer coaches and staff on the themed float during the parade.

The Aquatic Division reported the Stingray's swim team will hold an inner squad meet on November 8. The Boys Scouts will be earning a Merit Badges in the pool on November 11. The Aquatic Center will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Lifeguard Training will be held November 17 thru the 19 for new hires. Currently

there are about 20 applications in the applicant pool. A Mele Kalikimaka Luau swim will be held November 25. The Annual Dog Swim will be held on November 26 and the pool closure will be November 27 thru December 10.

Events going on at the Community Center are the AZ Collectibles and Firearms show October 28 & 29, Havasu Stitchers Quilt Show November 3 & 4, Gem & Mineral Show November 11 & 12, Educational Tour Group Women's Expo November 14, Western Welcome Boutique November 18 & 19, and the Art Guild Holiday Boutique November 25 & 26.

A follow-up to a question asked at our last Board meeting; the Spring Break Camp will take place March 19 thru 23 at Starline Elementary School Site from 7:30am- 5:30pm for children in grades K-6th. The camp will be run very similar to our Winter Break Camp with activities at the school as well as field trips. The cost of the program is \$40 for the first child and \$31 for each additional child. Registration will begin in late February or early March.

Trails Subcommittee Report – Mike Keane

Mike Keane reported the subcommittee did not meet last month. Keane did report he met with Mary Van Rooy to discuss the staging area at SARA Park and we are moving forward creating that as an open space and will start utilizing that area. As additional ideas come up we can bring those forward.

Public Hearing:

Discussion and Possible Recommendation: Boat Parking for Handicap Access to Restrooms at Rotary Park and London Bridge Beach

Mike Keane reported this was a request from Board member Chuck Vaughn from our last meeting. Keane stated he looked into the different areas. On the surface this is a great idea and why would we ever say no to any accessibility parking. In looking into this more something to think about is how much would this be utilized or would the boats rather pull into docks where there would be restrooms available such as Site Six, the LH Marina, any of the hotels. I believe this would be an easier way to get on and off the boat verses the accessibility in Rotary Park; the water there is very shallow and hard to get close to the shoreline.

Member Vaughn stated the one he was pointing towards would be the restrooms at London Bridge Beach. That was the area he was more concerned about rather than Rotary Park. Keane asked if he was referring to the restrooms in the channel. Vaughn stated yes, you could have a ramp down to the 450ft. mark and put up a sign for temporary parking handicap restroom use. Keane responded he wonders if a person with a disability would be better served to go to a dock verses pulling up on a beach and going up on a seawall but that changes it if a ramp is installed.

Chairwomen Pascual asked if there were any requirements for the docks to have any open spots for handicap parking. Keane responded not that he is aware of

but he does not know because boats are not placarded so I don't know how you would monitor that and enforce it.

Member Vaughn stated just like a car unless an officer sees a car parking in that area and a person hop out and run up to the restroom.

Chairwomen Pascual asked if current options provided by the City are at Site Six. Keane responded yes that would be the only place with docks that the City owns. Privately owned areas would include the Marina, and the hotels.

Board member Zieff stated they have the emergency red areas along the channel for the police to pull in there. He suggested maybe you could put a handicap sign there for a boat to pull up and use the restroom.

Chairwomen Pascual asked if we have any beach access options for individuals that need wheelchair access to a restroom. Keane asked if she meant from the boat or an actual beach. Pascual responded either. Keane responded we do have several places where the concrete comes down near the water. He said a chair with balloon tires or a wheelchair that is designed to be out on the beach could come up. Getting from the boat to the beach is his concern. He is not sure exactly how that transition takes place again maybe better utilization of some dock areas.

Board member Zieff stated maybe if this is something that did move forward like the non-motorized watercraft area that he was discussing. If those two ideas did move forward you could implement handicap parking there because that is right there in front of the bathrooms at London Bridge Beach near the swimming area. Board member Welte responded that would be his issue is having motorized boats close to the swim area causing possible issues.

Chairwomen Pascual asked the Board members if they had any opinion or direction on this topic. Board member Zieff stated like Mike said there is plenty of spaces if you implement all of the private areas they all have places you can pull up and unload on to the concrete. Pascual stated the Visitors Guide provides maps to different options where there is dining available by boat. Pascual suggested could we do something as the City to also include options where there is accessibility by dock for citizens and visitors to know where to go when utilizing the lake as to where they can use the restrooms. Keane responded that is a possibility and we can discuss with the Convention and Visitors Bureau about adding that to their guide.

Capital Improvement Projects Update:

a. Cypress Park

Mike Keane reported construction is moving forward on schedule. Masonry work is being done both on the retaining walls as well as the restroom facility. There are portions of the walking path is being poured where they are sure they will

not be driving trucks for other construction. The next big portion of the project will be the trenching for the irrigation is set to begin at the end of the month.

Chairwomen Pascual stated she knows the estimated completion date is March or April. Keane responded yes that is the guide that he has been given. Pascual asked when will groups be able to start reserving the fields; she knows there is already a tournament planning on using those fields in April. Keane responded we can start taking request at any point. He believes Leslie already has that tournament booked in the calendar and we did explain to the applicant that any delays in the project they may not be able to use the fields.

Board Member Leo Biasiucci asked if there are times the fields will be open. Keane responded it will be the same as our other parks sun-up to 11pm. While the park is open until 11pm there might be some changes to how long we schedule events with the lights on because of the park being in a neighborhood.

Board member Vaughn asked if the walk ways will be concrete. Keane responded yes. Vaughn asked if they are building masonry restrooms. Keane responded yes. Vaughn asked if those were cost out because other restrooms that they have discussed within the City were very expensive; and are they vandal proof. Keane responded they will be vandal proof as much as possible. It was cost out as far as the whole package and yes they are very expensive. Vaughn asked how many stalls are they. Mark Clark with MSD stated they are 4 or 5 stalls on each side. Member Vaughn asked if someone has to go lock those every night. Keane responded most of the restrooms are on automatic locks which are programmable.

Chairwomen Pascual stated the last time we talked about lights it was still being worked out if the lights were going to be some type of programmable switch or if someone was going to have to shut them off. Keane responded they are programmable; he believes the question still was whether or not we can give a card to the coach and that would turn them on or off otherwise they are programmable through a staff member's cell phone. Pascual asked how do you think the decision will be made the length of the hours that the lights need to be turned off. Keane believes that will be City Councils decision. Pascual stated most of the events there will be youth events so there shouldn't be an issue but when there is an issue will it come up when it comes up. Keane said we will go with a guideline and see how that works out; if there needs to be a hard decision then that will happen at that time.

Member Vaughn asked on the lighting issue are you going to give the neighbors a phone number they can call in case the lights are left on. Vaughn also asked if there is going to be picnic benches and cabanas and are you going to have any low level lights for people that aren't going to be out there practicing soccer but that want to sit out there and relax in the evening. Keane responded yes there are lights around a couple of the cabanas and the walking path around the park. To answer your question regarding a phone number to call it might end up

having to be dispatch. We can look at a way to look at an opportunity if there happens to be a malfunction there is a way to be able to get them turned off.

Chairwomen Pascual asked if we will be having a ribbon cutting or some type of special event. Keane stated yes it is a very exciting project and yes there will definitely be a big ceremony to get that park open and kicked off.

Future Agenda Items:

Update on Piccadilly Point – Overview of project
Under walkway Channel Lights North side of Channel

Future Meetings:

November 27, 2017 at the PD Meeting Room
December 25, 2017 Canceled

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Member Leo Biasiucci moved for adjournment 6:35 p.m.; seconded by Member Chuck Vaughn and unanimously carried by the Board.