

Lake Havasu City  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
Monday, November 27, 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: Jason Keough, Ashley Pascual, Chuck Vaughn, Scott Welte, Mark Zieff,
- Absent:** Robert Smith
- Excused:** Leo Biasiucci
- Call to Public:** None
- Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of meeting on October 23, 2017; Member Jason Keough moved to approve as written; seconded by Scott Welte and unanimously carried by the Board.

**Staff Report:**

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Recreation Services Manager, Mike Keane updated the Board; Recreation Division reported registration for Youth Basketball ages 5-12 begins December 4, Free Children's Celebration is Saturday, December 9 at Rotary Park from 10am-2pm. Community is asked to bring unperishable food items or an unwrapped toy as a donation. The free Community dinner is Friday, December 15; in order to accommodate the large numbers served last year there will be two seating's and servings one at 4pm and another at 6pm. Additional volunteers are needed; you must be a registered City Volunteer.

The Aquatic Division reported the pool is closed for its annual maintenance and will re-open on December 11. Eleven new lifeguards started with the Aquatic Division last week. The pool will be open during Winter Break on December 26 thru 29 and January 2 thru 5 from 1-4pm. Special holiday parties for kids are schedule for November 30 which will be a craft project and December 7 which will be cookie decorating.

Events going on at the Community Center are the Community Dinner December 15, AZ Collectibles and Firearms December 30, 31, and January 1, Blood Drive January 9 thru 11, Educational Tour Group Fundraiser Dinner January 20 and Vaccination clinic January 27.

### **Trails Subcommittee Report – Mike Keane**

Mike Keane reported the subcommittee did not have an official meeting this month. There will be a meeting with the BLM on December 11 to discuss the Old Hwy 95 Right of Way and the possibility of using that as a trail. This property is outside of the City jurisdiction. The trails subcommittee will have a representative at the MPO meeting on November 28. They are working on scheduling a meeting and tour with the Desert Land Group regarding the trails through the new Riviera Project and hope to get that scheduled in January or February.

### **Public Hearing:**

#### **Discussion and Possible Recommendation: Under walkway Channel Lights North side of Channel**

Mike Keane showed a few examples of what we were referring to regarding lighting of a channel one being of the San Antonio River-walk and the other being Chicago. We would need to look into the infrastructure down in the channel; is there enough actual electricity flowing through there. Discussion would also need to take place with the different businesses in the channel as well as the condominiums. This item was put on the agenda by Board member Zieff. Zieff stated the picture of the Chicago river was exactly what his idea as a visual is. He believes it would be a great attraction for people to come down at night; year around you would be able to turn it on or off depending on the holidays. Zieff suggested you could solar power them for energy savings. Zieff stated one of the main things is safety because of the casino boat coming through it doesn't have any lights on the side of the channel at night. Zieff suggested a test area on the North side of the channel from the casino boat to the condos. Keane agrees that it would be a great project however there is a lot of stakeholders that need to get involved. We have residential in that area as well as businesses. Keane would also question priority of the amount of money and resources that would go into this project is that what we should be doing right now.

Member Welte agreed that checking with the people that have a vested interest in the channel; do they want something like this before we even hash it out. His other concern is putting money into something that is really needed verses what we want. Is it something that is really going to pay off. Keane stated if some of the stakeholders that own the shops and restaurants next to the bridge would they be better served paying for it rather than the City.

Zieff stated once the budget does get approved and we have extra funds he doesn't believe if we did a little section that it would be that expensive. Maybe the south end of the channel along the park under the concrete where everyone hangs out anyway. He would like to just bring it in to discussion even if we talk about it for the next year or two.

Chairwomen Pascual believes it is a great idea especially the areas where there is not a beach or docking for the boats. The areas that are being described North of the Bridge you already have the beautiful reflection of the lights from the

Bridge and then that would continue that look. The residents in the area and the business owners would welcome that as an enhancement. Pascual also agrees with the other comments and consideration. It seems like a simple project but just like you experienced with the Marquee there is always another prospective that we can't all think of at one time. She also loves the idea of solar power. This is not something you would have to rely on so if you did not get the energy to power up it wouldn't mean anything.

Member Vaughn asked if you were talking about putting the lights on the water side of the seawall. Board member Zieff responded yes that was his original idea. He stated there is a lip underneath the concrete and that is where you would put the lighting. Vaughn said so the basic idea is to have it on the water side so it reflects onto the water. Zieff responded yes that is correct. Vaughn stated the problem he sees is you have such break up on the one side of the channel. Vaughn also stated the solar part of it unless you have battery backup to absorb you are talking about running these at night. You would have to have some type of battery system where you collected the energy and then that would run the lights at night. Keane responded that is correct we would have to have a storage system for that energy.

Keane stated he will check in with a couple of the stakeholders down there and see if there is even interest in something like that. Pascual stated they may welcome it and support it and will want to support it financially. Welte suggested maybe doing a small trial area where the businesses are and if it is a hit and people want more and they will contribute then do more.

## **Capital Improvement Projects Update:**

### **a. Cypress Park**

Mike Keane reported construction is going very well and they are on schedule. The mass grading is complete, the fine grading is occurring in the parking lot areas currently, the sidewalks are approximately 60% complete around the property. The retaining walls are approximately 90% complete. The restroom building is 65% complete, the storm drains are 90% complete, the irrigation line placement is approximately 70% complete, the fence placement has just begun and is 10% complete. The project is approximately 50% complete overall. Construction is expected to be substantially complete late February with an anticipating opening in March.

Chairwomen Pascual asked when will the lights begin to go up. Keane replied he does not have an exact date; they have been delivered though. Member Welte asked if that is a fence that will be going along the Daytona side along the walkway. Keane responded yes. Chairwomen Pascual asked if there has been any reaction from residents in the area. Keane responded everything he has heard has been very positive. He believes it helped clearing out some of the vegetation area and everyone is really excited about the view that has opened up.

Chairwomen Pascual asked if there is anything on the plan that is not being included in the final construction. She remembers some of the potential groups that use that area were interested in fundraising or supporting additional pieces of this project. Keane responded the one piece is the concession area; that is where we would be looking for a user group to build and take over that space.

Board Member Zieff asked if there is a map or a visual of the plan to view. Keane responded he can email it out or it is on the City Website under the bid documents.

Member Vaughn asked if this will be a dog friendly park. Keane responded yes there are several dog stations around the park. Vaughn asked if they will have a post with dog waste pickup bags. Keane believes they will be installed even if they weren't on the plans.

### **b. Piccadilly Point**

Mike Keane reminded the Board it is in the Capital Improvement Projects to purchase the land FY 18/19. One of the reasons we need to purchase the property is part of the skate park sits on this land. We are in a lease agreement with State Lands on this piece of property. We need to purchase this land as this lease expires. Keane showed an overview of an initial design concept that was in discussion with the trails group. We will not go any further in designing until we own the land. There is an aggregate base trail going out to the point where there is an overlook real close to where the lighthouse is now. There are benches all throughout, with a couple of Ramada's and an event area. One of the concepts would be to rent that for weddings. Zieff asked if in July you will know more than. Keane responded negotiations will start with the state at that time. Zieff asked if we can have it on an agenda at a later date when he knows more. There is no money currently in the budget to develop it; it is purchase funds that are in the budget.

Member Vaughn clarified what area they were talking about. Mike explained it is going to be an extension of Rotary Park. Vaughn confirmed it will still be a no dog park.

### **Future Agenda Items:**

- Add more NO DOG SIGNS in Rotary Park
- Non-motorized Launch Ramp at LBB
- Update on SARA Park Timeline
- Update on Study of Aquatic Center Improvements
- Update on Field Needs Assessment

### **Future Meetings:**

- December 25, 2017 Canceled
- January 22, 2018 PD Meeting Room

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Member Chuck Vaughn moved for adjournment 6:45 p.m.; seconded by Member Jason Keough and unanimously carried by the Board.