

Lake Havasu City  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
Monday, July 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: Leo Biasiucci, Jason Keough, Ashley Pascual, , Chuck Vaughn, Scott Welte, Mark Zieff

Absent: Robert Smith

**Call to Public:** N/A

**Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of meeting on May 22, 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 all summer camps ended last week. Last Thursday the Sunshine Camps went to ASU ballfields for Mega Water Day. Thanked the Lake Havasu Elks Cub for donating ice cream for the kids that day. Camp I wanna go kids attended a field trip to Sunsplash Water Park in Mesa, AZ. Attendance numbers for our 2017 summer was approximately 16, 800 this is up from 2016 which was approximately 15,500. Registration for the After School Program started today; the program will begin on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Aquatic Division reported the summer swim league and Jr. Guard programs also ended last week and the last session of swim lessons will end on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lake Havasu High School swim team begins practice on August 7<sup>th</sup>. There is a free open swim for the first 400 guests on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 4pm sponsored by the Havasu Health Foundation and Elks Club. The Fall program guide is in the works; new programs offered will be Moonlight Madness Open Swims, High Intensity Water Exercise Classes, Pet First Aid and Chair Exercise Classes.

Events going on at the Community Center are the Havasu Stick'em event August 5<sup>th</sup>, Animal Vaccination Clinic August 12<sup>th</sup>, Pop Warner Football Weigh-ins August 19<sup>th</sup>, and two private parties August 25<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Chairwomen Pascual welcomed new Board member Leo Biasiucci. Leo addressed the board and is excited to be appointed to this board. It is exciting to be able to give back to the community and to the Parks and Recreation Department. Leo is a former employee of the Parks and Recreation Department for four years.

### **Election of Officers**

Member Chuck Vaughn nominated Ashley Pascual as Chairman seconded by Jason Keough and unanimously carried by the board. Member Chuck Vaughn nominated Scott Welte as Vice Chair seconded by Jason Keough and unanimously carried by the board.

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

The subcommittee did not meet in July, nothing to report.

### **Public Hearing:**

#### **Discouraging Smoking in Rotary Park Update:**

Recreation Manager, Mike Keane updated the board. He has met with Debra Levi, with Mohave County Community Health Educator and Tobacco Control and Chronic Disease. She also oversees Students Working Against Tobacco. The plan includes a couple of educational awareness days which will take place in November and March. It will provide an opportunity to educate the public by setting up education booths in Rotary Community Park which will provide information to the public about the dangers of smoking and effects of second hand smoke exposure. They will also provide some quitting smoking resources. We are looking to place information on the website for Rotary Community Park. We will also be hanging some signs around Rotary Park. Keane showed the board a couple of different signs he had as examples. The sign that reads "Young Lungs at Work" will be hung at the playgrounds, ramada's and ballfields. The sign that reads "This Park is Smoke free" will be hung at the park entrances and down by the skatepark. Staff will be asking City Council to approve a Resolution to discourage smoking in Rotary Community Park and we are looking to bring that to City Council in September.

Chairwomen Pascual clarified where the second sign was being placed. Pascual asked is the park smoke free. Keane stated we are discouraging use of smoking products in Rotary Park. Council did not want to make it an ordinance which would be enforceable. That was the direction we were given moving forward. Pascual was just asking if there was any backing behind the signs since one state "The Park is Smoke free". Keane replied there is not. Member Biasiucci asked if we can legally state that on a sign without it being an ordinance. Keane stated yes we can.

Member Chuck Vaughn stated he believes the only difference between an ordinance and a policy is the ordinance you can fine someone where a policy you cannot. Keane stated a lot of research he has read as well as speaking to Debra Levi is a lot of these policies are self-enforcing.

Chairwomen Pascual asked what a Resolution means. Keane responded it is a public statement of their support that they discourage smoking in Rotary Park.

Member Jason Keough asked how many signs will be going up. Keane responded he estimated hanging twenty five. Keough asked when will the signs go up. Keane stated we are working with our sign shop to produce them and they will go up shortly after that.

Chairwomen Pascual opened this item up to the public. Debra Levi asked for clarification regarding the word discouraging. She doesn't believe that is the word the Council used. She asked when staff is writing the Resolution to go back and see what they wanted. Her understanding was it will be an administrative policy saying no smoking in the parks. In addition she would like to know if that includes e-cigarettes in terms of the definition. She stated she knows there was some confusion of which areas specifically; is this the whole park or just certain areas. Keane responded it will be the whole park. She would like to see a different word than discouraging because her understanding is that it would be an administrative policy and it would be a smoke free park. Keane responded it would include e-cigarettes as well. Levi asked if the signs have been printed yet and if not she stated there is a no smoking signs that has says e-cigarette also. Keane stated he will look into that.

Chairwomen Pascual asked Keane to look into the word discouraging. Keane responded he would. Member Zieff wanted to be clear this is not an ordinance, it's not law or subject to fine. Keane responded yes that was the Councils directive. Pascual asked what meeting this will be presented at. Keane stated he is looking at the first meeting in September.

### **Capital Improvement Project Update:**

#### **a. Cypress Park**

Recreation Services Manager, Mike Keane stated the Council will be asked tomorrow night to award the bid for Cypress Park to T.R. Orr Inc. for approximately three million dollars. This will include four multi-use lit fields, an eight stall restroom facility, playground, shade structures, parking for approximately 150 vehicles, a walking path, bleachers, benches and landscaping. Member Mark Zieff asked if it includes any areas for dogs. Keane responded there are four or five dog resting stations which he believes are fire hydrants. Chairwomen Pascual stated in the plans we reviewed before there was paved parking and there was dirt overflow parking. Keane responded the 150 spaces are paved and there will be the dirt overflow parking across the street. Member Vaughn asked on the walking paths can they fence off an area for a dog park. He also asked will they have trash cans and post that have the doggie bags for people to pick-up their messes. Keane stated he will be sure there are appropriate measures for that yes. Chairwomen Pascual asked what is the timeline for the project. Keane responded the contract is a 180 day contract so

once Council approves it will then need to be signed and then he would assume the project would be complete around March or April.

**b. SARA Park Trailhead**

Recreation Services Manager, Mike Keane reported to the Board we are working on the SARA Park Trailhead dedication and improvement to that area. That will be taking place during National Public Lands Day. The Havasu Youth Advisory Council and BLM are working together on that project. During that day we will set-up some education booths with different agencies to display information regarding hiking, BLM will be out with some maps. We will be adding some improvements to the kiosk, plant some native plants, shovel rock, move and place oversized rock, and shovel and form decomposed granite trails and at the end a ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening the trailhead. National Public Lands Day is September 30<sup>th</sup> and the event is planned from 7am – 10am. Member Vaughn asked if they installed the new drinking fountain. Keane responded yes it is installed. A discussion took place regarding the entrance to the trail.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Summer Camp Survey  
Verbiage of Smoking Policy  
Adding Small Dog Park in Current Parks

**Future Meetings:**

August 28, 2017 at the PD Meeting Room

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Member Jason Keough moved for adjournment 6:40 p.m.; seconded by Member Chuck Vaughn and unanimously carried by the Board.