

Town of Payson
Parks and Recreation Commission
MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Date and Time: May 13, 2009 5:00pm

Location: Parks, Recreation & Tourism Office – Green Valley Park
1000 W. Country Club Drive, Payson, AZ 85541

The Board Reserves the right to consider any matter out of sequence.

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Mel Sorensen called the meeting to order at 5:03pm

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (if desired)

C. ROLL CALL:

Mel Sorensen, Chair X
Carrie Dick X
Rory Huff X
Gerri Levine X

David Rutter, Vice Chair absent
Rob Ingram X
Jim Grady X(5:35)

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron Davis, Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism; Nelson Beck, Parks Supervisor; Mary McMullen, Recreation Coordinator; Mary Wolf, Office Assistant, Parks, Recreation & Tourism.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Rory Huff, **seconded** by Geri Levine **to approve the March 11th minutes**. The motion carried 5-0. Jim Grady had not yet arrived.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Comments concerning items not on the agenda

Carrie Dick addressed the board that having games that start at 6:45pm for the younger pre-school to second graders is way to late and would like to see the policy for game times reviewed.

Those wishing to address the Parks Commission during this time need not request permission in advance. No discussion regarding Public Comments is permitted. Members of the Commission may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (G), action taken as a result of the Public Comment is limited to (1) asking staff to study the matter, (2) responding to individual criticism, or (3) asking that the matter be placed on a future agenda.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS (if applicable)

None Scheduled

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G. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Mel Sorenson would like to set up a volunteer program to help with officiating, field and gym supervising and clean up of the parks. Mary McMullen presented the Volunteer Application that the department has been using. Mary explained the data base that is now in place. There are over 50 PATS volunteers on the data base. Currently there is not background screening done on the volunteers other than those that are volunteer coaches for the youth sports programs. The cost of doing so at this time is not feasible.

2. Robert Ingram inquiring how to allow the Humane Society can do their pet adoption program at the Town of Payson events. Cameron Davis stated per Tomi Huddleston, Human Resources for the Town of Payson the Town's insurance does not cover live animals outside of the event center. If they were to participate at Town Events they must keep the animals in a confined area with no handling of the animals by the public or work with pictures only. Gerri Levine requested that this be added to the Town's policy and Cameron Davis responded that there is no money to do that. Robert asked that we put this back on the agenda at a future date.

3. Directors Report
 - a. Mary McMullen filling in for Deb Rose with the Status of the Summer Concert Series. The Chamber pitched in \$500 and an anonymous donor gave \$3000. KCMA is donating the sound equipment for all the events. We will have 8 weeks booked including two concerts on July 4th. We will also have two to four vendors at each regular concert selling food items. We are opening up the 4th of July to outside vendors for the first time this year and are charging a flat fee for all vendor spots.
 - b. Aquatics Report for 2009 show that the fees have been increased to \$3 for open swim up from \$2. Passes are now \$20 for 10 entries and pool rentals have a two hour minimum rental time. The pool is closed on Sundays. It will open on May 23 and is scheduled to close July 25.
 - c. Special events
 1. FLW Bass Tournament was a huge success with a financial impact to Payson of \$200,00 and overall \$571,000. Fifteen states were represented in the tournament and over 2500 people were at Walmart for the final weigh in.

2. Diamondback game. All but 15 tickets were sold out of the 500 we had. We should be getting a check back from the D'back for \$2500 in the next six weeks. It was a great marketing and promotional event for the Town of Payson.
 3. Wildlife Fair had over 2000 people in attendance. Very successful and gave us the opportunity to also promote the Sawdust Festival at that event.
- d. Update on Event Center clean-up and parking lot project. Phipps paint will be painting the event center with 60 gallons of donated paint. All the iron will be painted. June 1st & 2nd will be a volunteer cleanup date and the painting will start on June 3-5. We have more parking now, the warm up arena has been repositioned and is now full size thanks to the work by the streets department.
 - e. Tonto Apache Tribe development is in the very early stages of development. Nothing to report on.
 - f. Evaluations from Outdoor Recreation Programs. No changes in fees.
 - g. Budget status update for 2009/10.

Motion made by Rory Huff, **seconded** by Jim Grady to **discuss the Parks Division moving under the Public Works Department and why those numbers are not in the budget for Parks, Recreation & Tourism.** All Favor 6-0.

Cameron Davis announced that the Parks Division of the Parks, Recreation & Tourism will be moving under the Public Works Department effective July 1, 2009. This shift in the division will give Nelson the man power he has been lacking to due a skeleton staff. He will now be reporting to LaRon Garrett and that is why his budget numbers on not in the Proposed Parks, Recreation & Tourism Budget.

This move does not change to roll of the Parks and Recreation Commission, they remain Commission specific to the Town Council.

Cameron Davis went over the proposed Budget numbers.

h. July Parks Commission meeting change or cancellation.

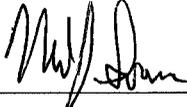
Motion was made by Jim Grady, **seconded** by Carrie Dick to **cancel the July 8 Parks & Recreation meeting**. All Favor 5-0. Rory Huff had excused himself from the meeting.

H. INFORMATION AND UPDATES FOR THE COMMISSION (No discussion permitted).

I. REQUESTS TO STAFF FOR PLACEMENT OF ITEMS ON A FUTURE AGENDA (No Discussion Permitted)

NOTE: THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT A QUORUM OF THE PAYSON COMMON COUNCIL WILL BE PRESENT DURING THIS MEETING. NO COUNCIL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN, NO COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS WILL BE HELD, AND NO COUNCIL BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED.

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Mel Sorensen, Chair

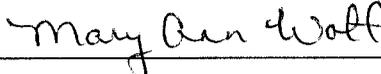
Approved

Date: 6/10/09

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Payson held on the 13th day of May, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 10th day of June, 2009



Mary Ann Wolf, Administrative Assistant, Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism