

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

Meeting Date and Time: June 10, 2009 5:00pm

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

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

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Mel Sorensen called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (if desired)

C. ROLL CALL:

Mel Sorensen, Chair X
Carrie Dick X (5:15pm)
Rory Huff X
Gerri Levine X

David Rutter, Vice Chair X
Rob Ingram X
Jim Grady X (5:20)

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron Davis, Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism; Mary McMullen, Recreation Coordinator; Deb Rose, Recreation Coordinator and Mary Wolf, Office Assistant, Parks, Recreation & Tourism.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Rory Huff, **seconded** by Geri Levine **to approve the May 13th minutes**. The motion carried 5-0. Jim Grady and Carrie Dick had not yet arrived.

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

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

G. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Payson Area Trails System. Mary McMullen explained the goals and purpose of the trails system – To get a network of trails around town for use by Payson residents and out of town visitors. The interest by locals and out of town visitors is the second highest hits to the PaysonRimCountry.com website. People come in the office specifically asking for the PATS maps. The local campgrounds, library, and NFS call on a regular basis for us to replenish their supply of PATS maps. Robert Ingram would like to see more detailed information on the maps regarding the average length of time to hike the trail, degree of difficulty etc. Rory Huff is concerned that the Town doesn't have the budget or financing to keep PATS going. Can we justify why the trails are so important in these economic times.

The Commission would like to pursue more funding from outside sources like Star Valley and Gila County to keep the PATS trails going. Dan Basinski has been talking to the Star Valley Mayor about a non-motorized park.

The Commission would like Parks, Recreation & Tourism to start charging \$1 for the PATS Maps to help fund the printing of them.

2. Evaluations
Circle the Peak Trail Run was very successful for a first year event. The trails offer a great venue for special events.
Youth Soccer would like to add a Clinic and gain more officials help in putting on the program.
3. Directors Report
The Sawdust Festival was a fantastic show. We had 30 contestants. Stihl Chainsaws were awesome and would like to return next year. Cost to put on the event was about \$22,000. We offered \$12,000 in prize monies. The Town of Payson netted about \$3000 in profit. It took lots of volunteers to put this event off. There is talk about moving it away from Memorial Day Weekend to early June.

Concert Series is set to go. The first Saturday concert was very good. We charged vendors \$300 which they were happy to pay for the entire seven concert season or \$50 per concert. They were pleased with their proceeds from the first concert.

The Event Center painting and general improvements has finished up. Professional painters were hired to do the job and it was well worth the money to go that route. Over 110 gallons of paint was donated so there were no costs to the town for this project. On Thursday volunteers have been invited to the Council Chambers for a thank you for work done.

4. Proposed budget for 2009/10.
We still have not received the final okay on our budget. CAAG through a Stimulus grant will have two high school age kids to help out this summer in Parks & Recreation doing whatever we need help with. CAAG will be paying their salaries.
5. Revenue Report
The flow chart & graphs show collected revenues for Parks, Recreation, Aquatics, Outdoor Recreation and the Event Center. We will have a new fee schedule starting July 1, 2009.
6. Can we form a subcommittee to go to Planning and Zoning to see about future land exchanges so we can get a percentage of those exchanges either for money or land so it can be zoned for Parks & Recreation use. We would like to send a member of our Commission to the Planning and Zoning Meetings or have Ray Erlandson come to our meetings and update us on what is going on with his department.

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

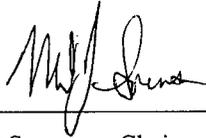
I. REQUESTS TO STAFF FOR PLACEMENT OF ITEMS ON A FUTURE AGENDA
(No Discussion Permitted)

Evaluations from the Winter Adults Sports programs.

August meeting to be changed to August 19 due to the Rodeo on the regularly scheduled meeting date.

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

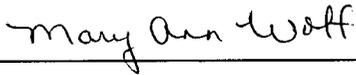
Approved

Date: 8-19-09

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 10th day of June, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 19 day of Aug, 2009



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