

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

Meeting Date and Time: August 19, 2009 5:00pm

Location: Town of Payson – Council Chambers
303 N. Beeline Highway, 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 excused
Rory Huff X
Gerri Levine X (5:05p)

David Rutter, Vice Chair X
Rob Ingram X
Jim Grady absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron Davis, Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism; La Ron Garrett, Director of Public Works; Mary McMullen, Recreation Coordinator; Nelson Beck, Parks Supervisor and Mary Wolf, Office Assistant

- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by David Rutter, **seconded** by Rory Huff **to approve the June 10th minutes**. The motion carried 4-0. Jim Grady and Carrie Dick were absent and Gerri Levine 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. A general discussion with LaRon Garrett, Public Works Director and Nelson Beck, Parks Supervisor regarding the transfer of the Parks Department to the Public Works Department. The transfer was prompted by budget and staffing issues. Public works has staff but lacks in budget and materials. The Parks Division has money but is operating on minimal staff and with the growth of parks and field maintenance are having trouble keeping up. This was seen as a good move for both departments. They are still working through a few glitches and training the Public Works staff has slowed some projects for Parks.

Parks has let go all the temporary part-time help.

Rob Ingram asked if this was a permanent change or when the budget allows will Parks go back to Recreation and Tourism. LaRon Garrett responded that at this time there has been no discussion of that happening. LaRon also stated that neither department has more power that it is a collaborative effort.

Cameron Davis reminded that Commission that this change does not affect Parks, Recreation and Tourism on how we operate.

2. Evaluations
No questions or discussion

3. Directors Report
Special Events

Rodeo was a huge success. Profit loss numbers are not yet finalized but it appears they will be in the black. The Rock Band Competition put on by Parks & Recreation had a good turn-out and everyone who competed and watched had fun.

Concert Series was once again very successful. Attendance numbers were up even with poor weather. The vendors in the park were very pleased. Swimming Pool numbers were down this year with the rainy weather and some maintenance problems. The daily rate went up to \$3 vs \$2 in past years. Success of a pool is based on no drownings, so the pool had a very successful year, we had no drownings nor near drownings.

4. Detail of Budgeted Expenditures 2009/10.
The Budget was approved has presented at the last commission meeting.

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

1. Proposed Tribe Development near the Event Center.
Cameron Davis has not been able to gather any certain data on that Proposed development and asks that the Commission put this on a future agenda when there is more available information.

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

Proposed Tribe Development near Event Center.
LaRon Garrett to contribute to this discussion as well as Cameron Davis.

How to handle Parks Master Plan now that Parks is under Public Works.

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

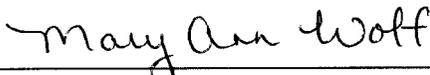
Approved

Date: 9-9-09

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 19th day of August, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 9th day of September, 2009



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