

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

Meeting Date and Time: September 9, 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 X
Rory Huff X
Gerri Levine excused

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; Deb Rose, Recreation Coordinator; Nelson Beck, Parks Supervisor and Mary Wolf, Office Assistant

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Robert Ingram, **seconded** by Rory Huff **to approve the June 10th minutes**. The motion carried 5-0. Jim Grady and Gerri Levine were absent.

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. Proposed Tribe Development near the Event Center is not a part of the Event Center 40 Acres. The Town of Payson recently purchased five acres north of the Event Center. One acre will be a lake and the other four acres will be a green belt with park like amenities. The depth of the lake would be about 30 feet and would be recharged from affluent coming from the Tribes water treatment plant. A Grant has been submitted for stimulus monies but was passed over in the first round of awards. The second submittal would happen sometime in 2010-11 time frame. There are still lots of questions to be answered about the recharge and how that would work. The only way this project can go forward is with stimulus monies. The Town is working with the Tribal Lawyer to put this together.
2. How to handle the Parks Master Plan now that Parks is under Public Works. Robert Ingram asked "In lieu of the lack of a current Master Plan how can the Commission become better informed of the Capital improvement needs, alternative, and plans prior to their being presented to the Board. Cameron Davis' response was that the scope and vision of our department is maintenance mode. There is no CIP or plan project that are happening right now and there is no money right now for a Master Plan and until that money comes back in we can't even think that far ahead. Communication to the commission will come about in the monthly commission meetings.
3. Directors Report
 - a. Special Events
Posters are out for Demolition Derby this coming weekend. The Heritage Festival and Fiddle Festival are now Town of Payson events. We have volunteer Committees involved in running those events. Parks, Recreation & Tourism made the decision to combine those events. We are hoping to make both of those events larger and better attended. Trunk or Treat has been moved to Main Street for 2009. We spend about \$6000 on candy alone. South McLane to the Lone Pine Hotel will be blocked off, the Ox Bow Saloon will be used as a Scare House with the Payson High School Drama Dept. in charge of that. Cost will be \$3 for the scare house or \$2 with a can food item, everything else if free. Half of the money raised will go back to Parks, Recreation & Tourism revenue code and the other half will go to benefit the Payson High School Drama Dept.

4. Deb Rose, Recreation Coordinator clarified the aquatic and swimming pool attendance and revenue numbers from 2007 to present. The drop was due to cold and wet weather in May and June and maintenance issues through out the summer. Cost recovery on a pool is about 40 percent. We raise the daily rate to \$3 from previous years \$2. We had more in swim lessons this year than in past years. There is no one specific reason for the numbers to be lower than previous years.

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)

Friends of Payson Parks & Recreation to come in and update us on how much money they have contributed to Parks & Recreation and how they've raised those funds.

Charlene Hunt in November to give us a breakdown on the Event Center-number Of participants, where they live and how much revenue was generated.

Staffing changes for Parks, Recreation & Tourism.

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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David Rutter, Vice-Chair

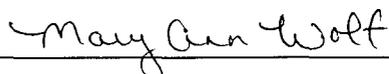
Approved

Date: 11/18/09

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 9th day of September, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 18th day of Nov, 2009



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