Town of Payson

Parks and Recreation Commission

MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Date and Time: Oct 26th, 2011 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: Rob Ingram called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (if desired)

C. ROLL CALL:

Rob Ingram, Chair _X_
Rory Huff, Vice Chair _X_
Gerri Levine- Excused
Todd Braeger- _X_
Sam Arnold- Excused
Hartland Hintze-_X_
Nancy Gartner- _X_

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron Davis, Director Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism,
Janell C Blizzard, Administrative Assistant for Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism,
Deb Rose, Special Events Coordinator for Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism
Kaprice Bachtell, Events Center Coordinator for Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism
Nelson Beck, Parks Supervisor for Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Rob Ingram, **seconded** By Rory Huff **to approve the corrected July 13, 2011 minutes**. The motion carried 4-0. Gerri Levine, Sam Arnold 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.

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F. PUBLIC HEARINGS (if applicable)
None Scheduled

G. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Directors Report

1. Special Events Report and Updates

A. ASA State "B" Softball Tournament

- The ASA Tournament was the largest Softball tournament in Arizona this year. Bringing in 52 teams in the three day event and total gross revenue of $22,000.

B. Monsoon 4 Miler

- Deb Rose reported to the commission the Monsoon 4 Miler had 40 participants and brought in a total of $1,000 in revenue. Approximately 50% local participants. Usually races bring in 80% non local participants.
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C. Northern Gila County Fair

- This year's fair incorporated several more events. Including a dance group and barrel race which added to the event and concluded in an overall success.

D. Demolition Derby

- In the past years there has been an increase in attendance and an overall gain in the event.

E. Fiddlers Festival

- The Old Time Opry was originally added as additional entertainment value to the Fiddler Festival. Over the past 2 years it has drawn more attention to the event. This year the Old Time Opry was a 70-75% sold out show.

2. Payson Events Center Updates

A. August Doins' Rodeo

- Even with the split of management with the Payson Pro Rodeo Committee, The August Doins' Rodeo was still successful, being the biggest turnout since 2009. Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism received 10% of marketing costs from the town plus an additional $1.00 per head for every paying customer, there for bringing Payson Event Center the highest payout received from the Pro Rodeo Committee.

B. AHSRA & AJHSRA

- Arizona High School Rodeo Assn and Arizona Junior High School Rodeo Assn held a season opener in September bringing in 400 participants and $4800.00 in newly received revenue for the Payson Events Center through Stalls, Dry Camp fees and Vendors. AHSRA & AJHSRA was very pleased with this event and in return, booked two events for the year of 2012.

C. Turn 'N' Burn Barrel Series

a. Turn 'N' Burn Barrel Series brought in generated revenue for Payson Event Center in the amount of $2,064.00 for a six night series.

D. National Barrel Horse Assn

a. National Barrel Horse Association brought two events to the Payson Event Center. The First of these was a two day event in August that brought in $1,265.00 in revenue, the second three day event in September, bringing in $2,495.00 in revenue. National Barrel Horse Association, being pleased with the outcome of these events, has booked for 2012.

E. Queen Creek Rodeo

a. Queen Creek Rodeo Association was a two day event bringing in total revenue of $1,360 and agreed to bring the Queen Creek Rodeo Finals to the Payson Event Center.

3. Overview of Past P&R Planning Efforts and Land Use Proposals

- Robert Ingram made the point that the Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism master plan should mesh with the Town of Payson General Plan. A discussion was held on the matter of a new update that is needed every 10 years. The need for this update is in the next year. Mr. Ingram used a map to display the current land uses for Parks according to the last General Plan and recommended that the commission start the process of working with Town Planners and Parks and Rec officials to determine the best possible areas that make sense for future parks.

4. Expiration of Parks and Recreation Commission Members Terms

- Sam Arnold was excused from the Commission for relocation purposes and Gerri Levine for health related issues. The remaining members were informed of the expiring terms and commended on the hard work and efforts put fourth during their terms. Cameron Davis discussed two potential new members that would be a great addition to the board.

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)

1. Discuss Event Center Update and future development planning.
2. Discussion regarding future possible land acquisition for parks and discussion with Planning and Zoning Administrator, Sheila DeSchaaf about same.

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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Approved

Robert Ingram-Chair

Date: 1/11/12

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 26th day of October, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this the _____ day of _____, 2011

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Janell Clair Blizzard, Administrative Assistant, Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism