

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

Meeting Date and Time: July 25th, 2012 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 5:05pm

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (if desired)

C. ROLL CALL:

Rob Ingram, Chair	<u> X </u>	Roger Donahoo	- <u> X </u>
Rory Huff, Vice Chair	- Excused	Hartland Hintze	- <u> X </u>
Jim Lyon	- <u> X </u>	Nancy Gartner	- <u> X </u>
Todd Braeger	- <u> X </u>		

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron Davis, Director Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism,
Janell C Blizzard, Administrative Assistant for Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism,
Kaprice Bachtell, Payson Events Center Coordinator
Guest Speaker: Jeff Stokes, Arizona In Action

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Rob Ingram, seconded by Hart Hintze to approve the **January 11th, 2012 minutes**. The motion carried 5-0. Rory Huff and Jim Lyon 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

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G. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

DIRECTORS REPORT

1. Special Event Reports and Updates

A. Mountain High Games

- Cameron Davis summed up the event with a total estimated amount of 400 contestants. Being a participant driven event, adding the Trucks Only Demolition Durby brought in several spectators.

B. Sprint Triathlon

- Cameron Davis mentioned the Sprint Triathlon as one of Parks and Recs top events. Bringing in nearly 200 entries and \$7,500 in revenue.

C. July 4th Celebration

- Cameron Davis stated his complete satisfaction of this well attended Special Event. Being held on a Wednesday, spectator numbers were considerably high, reaching an estimated 10-12 thousand, with nearly 300 participants in the games. The 35 minute fireworks display was a Showcase Event.

2. Youth and Adult Programs

A. Adult Co-ed Softball

- Cameron Davis informed the commission on the increased Men's League, of two additional teams. There was a decrease in Women's league of two teams.

B. Youth T-ball

- Cameron Davis discussed the Youth Tball and Coach Pitch numbers being down this year, Tball down about 30 kid's, and coach pitch down only slightly, but near average. There are concerns that Little League starting a month earlier may have drawn some of Parks and Rec participants.

C. Youth Summer Recreation Program

- Cameron Davis commented on the success of the program agreeing that the change in registration added participants. Registration this year was a week by week basis and also included lunch. Participation numbers were up averaging 16-24 kids per week and are believed to grow.

3. Payson Event Center Updates

B. Queen Creek JR Rodeo

- Kaprice Bachtell noted that the Queen Creek Jr Rodeo is a continuing success and they want to bring more JR Rodeos to town. Average revenue brought in for this event totaled in \$6,370.

C. Gary Hart Memorial

- Kaprice Bachtell proudly discussed that The Gary Hart Memorial Rodeo is a widely attended event. Spectator numbers were estimated between 1,200 – 1,500 and bringing revenue in the amount of \$2,005.

D. Arizona High School Rodeo

- Kaprice Bachtell mentioned a TV Station regularly comes to this event, RFD TV brings much wanted recognition to Payson and the events held at Payson Event Center. The Arizona High School Rodeo brought a total of \$7,493.

4. Parks Updates

A. Update on Arizona In Action

- As well as providing all commission members and Parks and Rec employees with an informational packet on Arizona in Action, guest speaker Jeff Stokes informed all attendees of Arizona in Action. This is a program to promote healthy living and an active lifestyle. Combined with some of the Parks and Rec events, there was discussion for possibility of an annual event day, or a Payson in Action Event.

B. Review of Draft Letters to Forest Service

- Cameron Davis noted the meeting with the Stakeholders as well as the submission of the letter stating the wish to no longer allow motorized vehicles on the Cypress Boulders Loop Trail.

5. Parks and Recreation Commission Future Planning

A. Input on Park needs for 2013 General Plan and P&R Commission Future Participation in General Plan

- The commission agreed to review the existing Parks portion of the general plan and supply feedback at the next work study meeting scheduled for August 22nd. This meeting will start at 4 PM. We will need to book the town van so that we can take the commission around and review the existing park sites throughout the community.

B. P&R Commission Future Participation in General Plan

- The meeting scheduled August 22, will help the commission to understand what exists today so they can be instrumental in helping the committee who will be developing the new General plan as it relates to parks initiatives.

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. FRIENDS, fundraising for large and small projects on the Parks Master Plan
- 2.

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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Robert Ingram-Chair

Approved

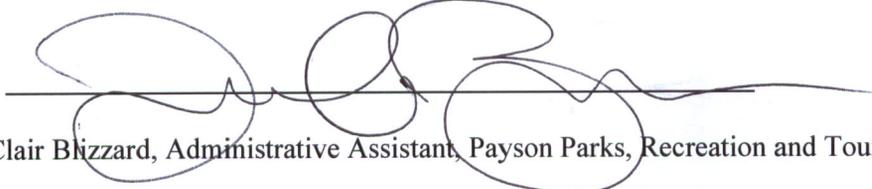
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Certification

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 25th day of July, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this the 10 day of 10, 2012


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