

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

Meeting Date and Time: September 30, 2014 5:00 pm

Location: Town of Payson, Council Chambers  
303 N. Beeline Highway, Payson, AZ

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

A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:04 pm

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL:

Rob Ingram, Chair - excused	Nancy Gartner - X
Rory Huff, Vice Chair – X	Todd Braeger
Hartland Hintze – X	Jim Lyon - excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, Kayla Tutay, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Administrative Assistant, Nelson Beck, Parks Supervisor, Kaprice Bachtell, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Special events, and Courtney Spawn, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Recreation Coordinator.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May 14th, 2014 meeting were approved. Member Gartner made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Braeger second the motion. Approved 4-0.

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

None Scheduled

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## G. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

### 1. Special Event Updates

- A. Spring Rodeo
- B. Sprint Triathlon – Kaprice gave highlights for this year Payson had 60 participants in the individual competition and four teams. She also added next year we are in the works of making this a weekend events and attracting people to come up Friday for early check in and a dinner so they are staying in Payson longer.
- C. Mountain High Games – Mud Run- Cameron Davis stated over 600 participants this year and we received a 4 out of 5 stars from mudrun.com review we are expecting that to draw more people to our mud run for next year hoping to get 1000 participants in 2015. We already have people asking the dates and questions about upcoming years mud run.
- D. Concert Series- Cameron Davis noted this year we noticed much more tourist in our area being brought to Payson for this event and having a great attendance at the park.
- E. Arizona High School Rodeo- Kaprice Bachtell reported over 400 people (participants and families) attended this year's event for finals we had an income of \$11,300 and for the season opener we generated \$9380. We are currently in the bidding process to hopefully get a junior high Arizona high school rodeo for 2015. High school rodeos have now been coming to Payson for 6 years and looking forward to coming back next year.
- F. July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration- Cameron Davis reported unfortunately we had poor weather conditions which held fireworks from being launched until later when most of the attendees had already left parks and recreation staff tried to communicate that this is a rain or shine event and to stick around until we can launch due to safety but was unable to reach the majority of people which caused lots of complaints about the event. The day activities went great we had a great attendance to all events and concerts. In the future Parks and Recreation is looking into improving the communication to prevent an event like this from happening again. Member Hart Hintze made suggestion that we partner with KMOG next year to better improve communication with the public on events like this one. Cameron explained he was in the works of this and will continue working on that relationship to see if we can get that for next year. Member Nancy Gartner suggested also putting out the blinking road signs to let people know where to get information and updates on special events.
- G. NBHA- Kaprice Bachtell stated this event is looking to expand in the years to come by adding more events.
- H. August Doins Rodeo- Cameron Davis stated there was a great attendance and event went smoothly.

- I. ASU Football- Cameron Davis explained in order to get this event coming back to the Payson area we need to improve the conditions of fields. It was a great attendance for this event and we are glad to have them coming to Payson.
- J. Southwest Indian Rodeo- Kaprice Bachtell reported this is the fourth year Payson event center has held this event we look forward to having them come back next year they have already reserved the event center for the 2015 festivities. Cameron Davis added the event center is now booked every weekend from March-October.
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- L. Northern Gila County Fair- Kaprice Bachtell reported our department has a limited role in this event but there was no derby this year and they tried to do a ranch rodeo and motocross show in its place.
- M. Southwest Indian Rodeo Assoc Finals- Kaprice Bachtell reported this is a tour rodeo with two performances Saturday and they would like to come twice a year maybe even adding a third visit in the works.
- N. ASA End of Summer Madness Fastpitch Tournament – September 13 & 14, 2014, Courtney Spawn went over some highlights.
  - 32 total teams from all over the state of Arizona
  - +18 teams from 2013 (14 teams in 2013)
  - 78 total games played at Rumsey Park and the High School Softball Field
  - Moved dates this year and ASA is looking to get more dates here in Payson for 2015
- O. Summer Adult Softball
  - Summer League offered Men's and Women's League
    - 11 men's teams allowed us to offer two divisions of play: Recreational (4 teams) & Competitive (7 teams)
    - Women's league- 4 teams
  - Current Fall League – offered both men's and co-ed leagues
    - Total increase of 4 teams from 2013 Fall Leagues
    - Co-Ed – 8 teams
    - Men's – 5 teams
    - We are noticing the same teams coming back to play in fall from summer programs so they are continuing to play all year long.
- P. 3v3 Sand Volleyball Tournament – Saturday, August 30th, Rumsey Park Sand Volleyball Courts
  - First Sand Volleyball Tournament offered by Parks & Recreation. Family friendly event we had several families come out and spend the entire day here setting up their tents and grills and watching the games all day long. This event was a great success and we will look forward to adding to it next year.
  - Tournament followed the conclusion of the Summer Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League, which consisted of 7 teams

- Tournament - Round robin play, followed by a double elimination tournament
- Family fun tournament. Teams and spectators set up their tents and spent the day at the park/courts (8am-6pm)

Q. Youth Flag Football, Rumsey 1 Ball Field

- Games ending this week, after an 8 week season (8 games per team)
- Age divisions: 5-6 years old, 7-8 years old, 9-12 years old.
- Each age division saw an increase in participation from 2013
  - Total increase of participants was 130 versus 99 in 2013 (+31)

R. Youth Soccer, North Soccer Field

- Game began on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>
- 4 age divisions: PreK-K, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Total increase in participants from 2013
  - 222 versus 211
- Season will go through the end of November

S. Men's Senior Softball Classic – September 15-17, Kiwanis East & West Fields

- 7 teams total participated (+3 from 2013 tournament of 4 teams)
  - 5 teams classified as 65+, 2 teams classified as 70+
  - 2 local teams participated - Payson Cougars (65+), Payson Buffaloes (70+)
  - Other teams from Mesa, Tucson, Oro Valley, Gilbert, & Sun City West (Phoenix)

2. Discussion Green Valley Lakes and shoreline improvements- Nelson Beck explained we hold a support role in this and the Water Department has received a grant for this, they are sending a crew when they have enough members with time to do this so far it has not been top priority on their part. Parks are hoping to reseed this year. Concrete barriers are being put where cat tails are removed. Nancy Gartner also voiced concern of the willow trees on dam getting bigger and causing damage Nelson said at this point they are fine these trees were not planted by the Parks crew.
3. Discussion concerning Granite Dells - Voted and this item was moved until next meeting. Hart Hintze motioned and Nancy Gartner second the motion, motion passed 4-0.
4. Update on pickle ball court and placement at Rumsey Park- Nelson Beck explained there used to be a fee collected called impact fees that the town has since stopped collecting but the monies in this account must be spent as soon as possible. The monies in this account by law also state the money must be spent on new development. We have around \$4,300 in this account. Pickle ball courts are being designed and bid on to put at Rumsey park the first bids we received were over the budget we have so Parks are now working on a different design and get another set of bids to get this completed. Location selected is at Rumsey at the shelf by the tennis courts where an office used to be. Existing pads needs replaced and expanded

about 10-15 feet to accommodate. Rory Huff asked if this is the best way to spend this money. Suggesting this is a fad sport and no one will use in the future? Nelson responded per his research it is the fastest growing sport in 2014. Hart Hintze asked if lights from tennis courts would light this area, Nelson explained no it would not. Parking will be brought up as a challenge as well.

H. REQUESTS TO STAFF FOR THE PLACEMENT OF ITEMS ON A FUTURE AGENDA

1. Granite dells
2. FRIENDS
3. Goat Camp Ruins

- I. ADJOURNMENT Member Nancy Gartner motioned to adjourn meeting. Hart Hintze seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 pm. Motion carried 4-0

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