

Lake Havasu City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday, February 26, 2018
Lake Havasu City Police Facility Meeting Room
2360 McCulloch Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Summary Minutes

Call to Order: Chairwoman Ashley Pascual called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Leo Biasiucci, Jason Keough, Rick Knotts, Ashley Pascual, Robert Smith, Chuck Vaughn, Scott Welte, Mark Zieff, Samantha Zilberman

Call to Public: Doug Carr with Lake Havasu City Pickleball Association announced they are having their annual Pickleball Tournament next weekend, March 9th thur March 11th. They will have approximately 150 participants. Today alone in Lake Havasu there was probably 120 people playing Pickleball throughout the community. Mr. Carr wanted to thank Mr. Keane, Mr. Porosky and the MSD crew for working with their group and installing a new shade structure up at the park today.

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of meeting on January 22, 2018; Member Scott Welte moved to approve as written; seconded by Robert Smith and unanimously carried by the Board.

Introduction of New Board Members:

Ms. Zilberman introduced herself. She is a Junior at Lake Havasu High School.

Staff Report:

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Recreation Services Manager, Mike Keane updated the Board; Recreation Division reported Youth Spring Break Camp registration began today for grades K-8th. The Oro Grande After School Program participants will perform the "Wizard of Oz" on Friday, March 16. The Youth Basketball League will play their final games on Friday, March 2 and will end the season with a pizza and swim.

The Aquatic Division reported learn to swim lessons are full for March. Kinderswim will be offered all month. Mr. Keane wanted to thank the Rotary Club for their donation and sponsorship of \$7,000 towards that program. The NOVA graduation and swim party will be held on March 2 and Adult Archery classes will be held March 7 and March 14 from noon to 2pm. As a recreation department we received two grants from the NRPA, one is a Walk with Ease program and a Fit and Strong Program. Both of these grants were to train our staff.

Events going on at the Community Center are the NOVA Graduation March 2, Community Town Hall and Water Rights March 5, Art Guild Spring Show March 9-11, Home Show March 16-18, Western Welcome BUNCO March 19, and the AZ Collectibles and Firearms Show March 24 & 25.

Additional Spring Break Activities will be held during the week of Spring Break for Lake Havasu City students March 19-23. Open Swims will be offered at the Aquatic Center from 1-4pm at a discounted rate of \$2.50 per person. On Thursday, March 22 we will have a 6th -8th grade only party that will include games, music and food from 1-4pm. On Friday evening, March 23 a dive in movie showing Pirates of the Caribbean for grades 9th – 12th will be held from 6-9pm. We will also be offering a Fishing Tournament at the Bridge Water Links Golf Course from 3:30-5:30pm on Tuesday, March 20. Wednesday, March 21 we will be offering a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament from 1-4:30pm.

Trails Subcommittee Report – Mike Keane

Mike Keane reported they did not meet this month. A couple members attended the MPO meeting on February 20 where the bicycle and pedestrian implementation plan studies were compiled and given out.

Public Hearing:

Discussion: Rotary Park Signage:

Recreation Services Manager, Mike Keane reported staff took an inventory of signs at Rotary Park. We currently have 32 No Smoking signs throughout Rotary Park. Keane showed a picture of the variety of the different signs. These signs are on all of the Ramada's, the ballfields, playgrounds, and restrooms. Keane is working with the sign shop to get them shifted around so they are better seen at some of the bleachers around the ballfields as well as the larger playground area. There are currently 21 No Dog signs throughout the park focusing on the entrance ways where people would be first noticing they should not have a dog in the park. There are 12 No Dog signs on the sidewalks from all three entrances. In several of the parking lots there are the No Dog signs as well as the signs on the beach.

Member, Mark Zieff stated if staff feels there are enough adequate signs then he agrees.

Member, Jason Keough asked if there is any feedback from the SWAT group yet if the signs have proven beneficial. Keane responded he has not heard directly from the group itself. He has heard from different individuals that they felt the signs did not help as much as he anticipated. We are currently working with the SWAT group to schedule another event where they will be down in the park campaigning.

Member, Rick Knotts asked if there are cigarette butt containers at the entrances to the park for people to get rid of their cigarettes. Keane responded currently there is not however that is something we can look into.

Member, Chuck Vaughn asked if Keane is including the signs that say Young Lungs at Work in the count of the No Smoking signs. Keane responded he combined the two of them together. There are 7 strictly with the No Smoking and there are 25 of the Youth at Play Thank you for not smoking. Member Vaughn asked if they are at the three entrances. Keane responded the No Smoking with the circle and the line through them are aggressive at the entrances and the other ones are throughout the park to be a little more polite. Member Vaughn asked the approximate size of those signs. Keane responded there are a few different sizes. They are the same size as the handicap parking signs. Member Vaughn stated it sounds like you have a handle on the signs more now because the ones we have thought about were the ones going into the big playground and the one going into the skate park. Keane responded the skate park in one of the areas we will do an adjustment of signs as where you are entering. Member Vaughn asked if there are No Alcohol signs. Keane responded there are as you enter as part of the rules sign as well as down at the beach.

Chairwoman Pascual asked if there is a Camp Host at Rotary Park. Keane responded yes we do have them regularly at the park in the winter and surprisingly throughout the summer as well. One of the givebacks of being a Camp Host is that they give 20hrs of work to the City. One of their duties is remind people that dogs are not allowed.

Member Vaughn asked if the Camp Host have pamphlets to hand out to visitors showing the park rules. Keane responded they do not pass anything out and they do wear a City vest so they look like a City employee and they do have the non-emergency contact number if they needed to contact an officer. Keane stated if they gave them a pamphlet to hand out it would probably end up on the ground.

Member Zieff stated he does see the host there and the maintenance crew of Operations pick up the trash throughout the day so there is always someone there that can help with the Camp Host. They are definitely not shy in telling people No Dogs. Every time he sees a dog over there they are on top of it. He believes adding more signs is not necessary because they have a good control on the park.

Project Updates:

a. Cypress Park

Mike Keane reported Cypress Park is coming along very nicely, getting close to the end. The asphalt placement is 33% complete; parking lot "C" was paved today, tree installation is 95% complete, curb and gutter is 95% complete, sidewalks are 95% complete, restroom building is 95% complete, retaining walls are complete, sod installation is complete, sports field and pathway lighting is complete. The project overall is 95% complete and everything is on track and will be ready for the ribbon cutting ceremony on March 14. That will lead into our first Soccer Tournament scheduled for the weekend of April 6.

Member Biasiucci commented he stopped by there last week and that grass looks amazing. They have done a great job.

Council Member Michelle Lin asked if the restrooms will be locked at a certain time. Keane stated they are in the rest of our parks and I will go with the assumption of yes. Lin asked if a staff will go there in the evenings and lock them. Keane responded we have the other restrooms on a timer.

Member Zilberman commented she lives in the area and stated the people she has talked with have been very impressed on how the park is turning out and how the construction has gone by.

Member Vaughn asked how many acres is the park. Keane responded slightly over 3 acres. Member Vaughn asked how many trees per acre were put in and doesn't the City have their own tree farm. Keane responded he cannot answer that question; these trees were provided by the general contractor. Member Vaughn asked if they left room to put in Memorial Trees or Benches. Keane responded we will definitely have plenty of room for Memorial Benches he is not sure how the trees are going to work.

Council Member Michelle Lin asked if the lights have been turned on yet. Keane responded he is not sure if the Engineering Firm has turned the lights on yet or not. He received an email the other day of how the program that we are going to utilize and the training we are going to go through. We are selves have not turned them on; he is not sure if Musco has tested them.

Member Vaughn asked if we have plenty of trash cans and post for dog bags for people walking their dogs. Keane responded yes they are provided along the walkway.

b. SARA Park

Keane reported as a City we received the 90% design drawing from SWI Engineering and staff is currently in the process of reviewing those documents. There are over 200 pages of architectural drawings. Keane showed one of the original drawings of what the park will look like when completed. Couple things to note that during staff discussions they have changed the baseball field the orientation of that field is looking directly into the sun in the afternoon and evening so home plate will now be located in a different area. Staff has been working with Desert Hawks RC Club to try and cut out their area from the grading during phase one so they will not have to move the Air Park and the RC Car Track that they just built in that first phase. Keane describe through the picture they were looking at where phase one was. The final design review is due back from SWI in May. We use the word final but that is not true it is really what they offer as the design of the park then staff will go through when it goes out to bid and really see what everything will cost and what we can afford and what we cannot afford.

Council Member Michelle Lin confirmed we are just in the design phase correct. With the Expenditure Limitation going on the ballot in our coming election is there anything else being done construction wise or are we waiting to see how that vote comes out. Keane responded the Community Investment Division will be bringing this up as a CIP item during the work session to get a direction as to when construction could be started based off the Permanent Base Adjustment and how that vote goes. We have the funds to build the park that is not a question; if the Permanent Base Adjustment does not change we are not sure if we have the funds to maintain the park. Chairwoman Pascual asked if that discussion will include fees to support the maintenance or will it be a comprehensive look at possibilities or will it mainly be focused on the Permanent Base Adjustment. Keane responded he is not sure how the Community Investment Department is going to present that if that is more just what the cost are and then is it a matter of how can we recoup them or is it just the fact of spending. Even if we recoup the cost it still counts against the number that we are spending.

Member Scott Welte asked if there has been a decision on how it will affect 928 Mini and where they will be going. Keane responded there has not been a decision on that we are still in discussions with them.

Chairwoman Pascual asked Mr. Keane to remind the Board of what conversations occurred with those entities that are already out there including Desert Hawks prior to this decision being made. Keane responded he cannot since it was before his time. The decision was made to put the park in he is not sure what conversations had been happening with those two groups that are going to be impacted. He does know they have been working with both of the groups intently for over the past year to work through concerns and possibilities of spaces they could move to. It has always been in the master plan that the Desert Hawks would be across the street that has always been in the plan. The 928 MX track was an afterthought to put it there. His understandings from the very beginning was that that would be a temporary location. Chairwoman Pascual asked what do you mean across the street. Keane showed Pascual on an overview picture of the location he was speaking of.

c. Aquatic Center Improvements

Keane reported the study was completed in June of 2016; it is a fairly comprehensive study which is a living document for staff. We are still utilizing it on a project by project basis to complete everything that is in it including our latest projects. The replacement of the Ozone system did go out to bid; the bids did come in at double the engineer's estimates and we only received one bid. We did not feel real confident in accepting that bid. The MSD staff has done some prep work in hopes of reducing the cost of the project coming forward. During our annual shut down we did complete a rebuild of the bulkhead which is another item suggested in assessment of the facility. One of the other studies that we had done as a recommendation of this was the HVAC system throughout the pool area those numbers came back very high because there is not much to

the HVAC system there. There is no dehumidification, no air conditioning at all just straight heat so in the summer months there is not a lot of true ventilation through there besides opening the doors and turning the fans on. It is still a document that we use on a regular basis; it was done very well.

d. Field Needs Assessment Study

Keane reported the study was completed in May of 2016; it was used as a basis to build Cypress Park and SARA Park ball field expansions. The study showed that we had a deficiency in our soccer fields and that should be our number one priority in building fields; then followed by softball and baseball. They used comparison numbers of nearby communities such as Avondale, Mesquite NV, Kingman, Bullhead City and Goodyear. Once Cypress and both phases of SARA Park are completed we will be very close to the recommended numbers from the study.

Member Mark Zieff asked when was the last time that was the assessment taken. Keane responded that study was completed in May of 2016. Member Zieff asked if we have plans to do a refresh study before the Expenditure Limitation vote Keane responded no we do not.

Chairwoman Pascual asked if our department is keeping tabs on those communities that were used in the comparison study in terms of for example she saw in the Bullhead City Newspaper that the recent soccer tournament brought in millions of dollars to the community. Are you keeping tabs on that to show the economic possibilities? Keane responded yes, he prefers to use the numbers nationally communities based off of population the numbers that of parks and parks space you should have. NRPA does a really good job of producing that data but definitely for the impact of the local towns.

Member Chuck Vaughn asked if the study had anything in there about Pickleball Courts. Keane responded the field study did not.

Doug Carr, citizen asked if all of these are going to be softball fields and one soccer field in phase one. Keane responded these can be used as multi-use fields for the youth kids.

Future Agenda Items:

- Discussion on bringing Teen Break back
- Update on Channel Lights
- Survey for LBB Non-Motorized Launch Ramp
- Update on Bike and Pedestrian Plan
- Update on any changes to the upcoming Budget for CSD

Future Meetings:

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Adjournment: There being no further business, Member Chuck Vaughn moved for adjournment 6:50 p.m.; seconded by Member Jason Keough and unanimously carried by the Board.