

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Lake Havasu City Police Council Chambers
2360 McCulloch Blvd N., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

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1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chairperson Pascual called the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Pascual led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Cheri Kowalski conducted a Roll Call of the Board members:

Regular Board Members Present: Chairperson Ashley Pascual, Leo Biasiucci, Jason Keough, Robert Smith, Vice-Chairman Scott Welte, Mark Zieff,

Regular Board Members Excused: Rick Knotts, Chuck Vaughn, Samantha Zilberman

Council Member Present: Michele Lin

Community Services Staff Present: Mike Keane, Cheri Kowalski

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

Chairperson Pascual requested a Call to the Public for any comments and issues to address. Two people from the community in attendance.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Approval of April 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes

- Board Member Biasiucci motioned to approve; Board Member Smith seconded. Unanimously approved.

6. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER REPORT

6.1 Recreation Services Manager Report

Mike Keane provided updates to various items:

- Summer programs underway including Sunshine Camp, Camp Iwannago, Youth Adventure Camp, Swim Lessons, Pirates Summer Swim League, and Junior Lifeguards.
- Received donations from Western Welcome and LHC Properties.
- Basketball Clinic dates June 25 through July 19.

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- Participated in World's Largest Swim Lesson on June 21.
- Open Swim offered seven days a week.
- Our Junior lifeguards will shadow lifeguards at Wet N Wild on July 25.
- Pirate Party at the Community Center July 25.
- Blood Drive at the Community Center July 11 and July 12.
- Work has begun on the loading and unloading zones at London Bridge Beach.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7.1 Proposition 409 Presentation – Jess Knudson, City Manager

- Knudson explained what Permanent Base Adjustment was and gave a background on the creation of the law.
- Major changes of City services and facilities over the last 40 years.
- Election for the Permanent Base Adjustment will be held on August 28, 2018. A Yes vote allows the City to adjust its base limit. A No vote does not allow the City to adjust its base limit.
- Ballot language is not finalized and will have one final review by the Auditor General.
- In 1980 there were four Fire Stations compared to six Stations today. There were 1,432 annual calls in 1980 compared to 8,550 call today.
- Lake Havasu City services provided include Police, Fire, Streets, Code Enforcement, Courts, Water, Special Events, Wastewater, Recreation Programs, Water conservation, Parks and trails, Transit, Airport, Animal Control and many more.
- Lake Havasu City is fiscally responsible by constantly improving how we do business. Taxes and fees are less in Lake Havasu City than other cities and towns. The City is good stewards of the taxpayer's dollar.
- Lake Havasu City has changed significantly since 1979. Permanent Base Adjustment is not a tax increase or decrease.
- *Board Member Keough asked when will the City publicity pamphlet be available.*
- *City Manager Knudson said it will be mailed out to registered voters and posted on the City website approximately 30 days prior to the primary election.*
- *Chairperson Pascual asked when the ballot language was drafted did you have any kind of message testing done.*
- *City Manager Knudson said as a City Official and a City as a whole our role is to educate and not advocate.*
- *Board Member Biasiucci asked with the Permanent Base Adjustment being \$4.7M have we had any issues over the past few years having to spend money and what happens if there are times we need to spend the money and we can't.*
- *City Manager Knudson explained how the City has operated with the spending limitation and how the City will operate if Proposition 409 fails.*
- *Board Member Biasiucci asked about the \$12M we had to borrow to pay for the Public Safety Retirement even though we had the money in the bank.*
- *City Manager Knudson explained due to the spending limitation the City had to borrow the money which was at a cost to the taxpayers.*

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- *Board Member Welte asked how it has turned out for other cities that have had to go through this process.*
- *City Manager Knudson said 85% of cities have addressed this in some form or fashion.*
- *Board Member Keough asked if the voters will have the opportunity to see what the current budget outlay is for expenditures over the next however many years without the passage of Proposition 409 vs. with the passing of Proposition 409.*
- *City Manager Knudson said those are the decisions that would need to take place based on the results of the election. If it did not pass the impact would start to take place July 1, 2019.*
- *Board Member Zieff asked if the City was to divide into districts would it be able to spend money. He gave an example if the Fire Department was a Fire District they would have their own budget and it would not be part of the City Budget.*
- *City Manager Knudson responded you are correct the City is organized with departments and all of the funds come out of the City's budget.*

7.2 Discussion: Direction of Board

- *City Manager Knudson stated the role of the Board is big picture visioning of what to accomplish in regards to parks, activities or additional programs. The responsibility of the Recreation Services Manager is to provide the Board with updates and information to insure the Board is informed with facts, figures, statistics and demographics to have those conversations and provide a better service to the community.*
- *City Manager Knudson discussed the Capital Investment Program (CIP) that is tentatively approved and is 100% funded. Residents, Board members, Council, and others in the community can look at that and expect action to take place because it has been programmed, funded, and discussed extensively.*
- *The Board will have an opportunity in the Fall to identify and recommend projects that are needed. At that point there is a process to prioritize projects and place those projects in the CIP.*
- *Board Member Smith asked in terms of SARA Park he heard the CIP funds for that project went away.*
- *City Manager Knudson said it was originally communicated as a \$20M project and it was never in the CIP, never in the budget and never funded.*
- *Board Member Smith commented that is not what the Board was told; we were told that \$15M was being spent on the project and they were going to start building real soon.*
- *City Manager Knudson said he is new and looked at a CIP that has more projects than it has dollars.*
- *Board Member Smith commented so SARA Park was not on the list.*
- *City Manager Knudson said the CIP that has tentatively been approved by Council includes SARA Park Improvements in the amount of \$2.75M which would include the construction design of a ballfield at SARA Park.*
- *Board Member Smith clarified a single ballfield.*
- *City Manager Knudson responded yes.*
- *Chairperson Pascual commented when we analyzed the assessment of fields and went through a very lengthy process when Mr. Froslic was leading us. There was a phase*

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one and phase two discussion regarding SARA Park. There was also Cypress Park discussion as an interim gap filler so that once SARA Park is developed we would meet all of the fields necessary and identified in the assessment study. Maybe we can have further discussion and revise recommendations based on that.

- *Chairperson Pascual commented that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board could be more involved with filling vacancies in the department if that continues to be a problem with the City. She believes Parks and Recreation is a great tool to use in terms of people looking at City's they would like to move to. They look at the economic possibilities and what their family life would be here.*
- *Board Member Zieff stated he concurred with Pascual; we can get with Mike and do our proposed ideas for the CIP and extend it to the existing budget.*
- *City Manager Knudson stated he would encourage you to collectively as a Board come up with a recommendation rather than one Board Member.*

7.3 Update on FY 18/19 CIP/Budget

- On June 12 City Council adopted the CIP and the tentative Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget.
- On June 26 Council will be asked to adopt the final Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget.
- Recreation Services Manager Keane said the CIP program for next year was put together under several guidelines including staying under the state mandated expenditure limitation.
- SARA Park is not completely off the table we have a few hurdles to get through.
- In the CIP there are projects that do effect the parks including; Piccadilly Point, restrooms at Rotary Park and London Bridge, effluent water for Rotary Park.
- Staff will relook at Teen Break.
- *Council Liaison Lin asked if Proposition 409 passes does that push the SARA Park project further than where we are right now.*
- *City Manager Knudson responded no; if it passes it allows the City to maintain existing service levels. If it does not pass we are looking at a reduction of \$11M to the City's budget.*
- *Board Member Welte asked if SARA Park was going to be built out would we still not have funds to maintain or manpower due to Proposition 409.*
- *City Manager Knudson stated we have to prioritize as it relates to public safety, police cars, roads and transportation all the different things the City provides. We only have a certain amount of resources, dollars and funding for those services.*
- *Chairperson Pascual asked if the CIP budget is determined year to year based on projects that come up or do you have a budget and you see what you can fit in there.*
- *City Manager Knudson said they happen simultaneously; the CIP budget contains projects that require one time dollars.*
- There is a certain amount of money and different projects that have to be identified based on priority but also ones that can fit into the puzzle so we are spending dollars for projects based on the amount of money the City currently has available.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Election of Officers
- Suntan Lotion Dispensers and Lockers at Parks
- Channel Rope Lighting
- Teen Break Discussion

9. FUTURE MEETINGS (fourth Monday of each month)

- July 23, 2018
- August 27, 2018

10. ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm