

Lake Havasu City  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
June 27, 2016  
Lake Havasu City Police Facility Meeting Room  
2360 McCulloch Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

**Summary Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Mark Talley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Logan Johnson, Jennifer Luzzi, Brett Miller, Ashley Pascual, Robert Smith, Mark Talley, Bart Wagner, Scott Welte

**Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of meeting on May 23, 2016; Member Brett Miller moved to approve as written; seconded by Bob Smith and unanimously carried by the Board.

**Call to Public:**  
N/A

**Staff Report:**

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Director, Greg Froslic updated the Board on summer programs that are being offered by the Aquatic/Recreation Division.

Pro BMX rider Corey Bohan visited Patrick Tinnell Memorial Sports Park and his visit will be featured in the June issue of Ride BMX Magazine.

Pickleball courts at Dick Samp Park are progressing. Focusing on completing 4 courts to be ready for our Winter season.

Update on recruitment for Recreation Services Division Manager. Mike Keane has accepted the position and is scheduled to begin on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Keane has an extensive background managing Aquatic and Recreation facilities.

**Fields Needs Assessment**

Field Needs Assessment has been completed. Director, Greg Froslic explained the city is looking at 14 million dollars over 3 years for field development and improvement. Year one has allocated 1.5 million for improvements at Cypress as well as the elementary school grass areas. In addition, City Council has increased that amount by \$500,000 to explore work at SARA Park to accomplish the proposed Sports Complex. City will need to have discussions with current SARA Park users to determine how to move forward with including space for everyone. Director, Greg Froslic anticipates the board will be providing lots of input in the plan moving forward. Chairman Mark Talley inquired when improvements to Cypress would be completed. Director, Greg Froslic indicated

by this time next year. Discussion on plan and design for Cypress, i.e. design include lights. Detail design has yet to be determined. Any improvements that can be accomplished immediately will be completed as soon as possible.

## **Public Hearing:**

### **Presentation by James Grey PED on Vision 20/20**

America's Best Communities is a process that began in late 2014 with over 350 communities across the nation to drive local initiatives to bring economic development to their town. Over the last year Lake Havasu City has been progressing on. Out of 350 communities we are down to 8 finalists; currently vying for top 3 prizes. 1<sup>st</sup> place is 3 million dollars, 2<sup>nd</sup> place is 2 million dollars and 3<sup>rd</sup> place is 1 million dollars. Currently have 8 separate projects in the 11 month strategy plan. Each one has a goal and key metrics that have to be met. Between now and the next 9 months, depending on how we fair in those 8 projects will determine how we will be judged for the final prize.

There is an overarching goal with the plan, built around the concept demographic starvation. People drive communities, major focus of vision 20/20 is geared at how to recapture and obtain 23-44 year olds.

5 pillars for change are: Economic Development, Education, Tourism, Water and Community Engagement. Mr. James Gray explained how they are trying to involve a different demographic and new age of leadership. Discussion of 8 projects and where money is being invested. Mr. James Gray informed the board what EON is. Top 2 goals in Vision 20/20 are to pass funding measures for our K12 system and to obtain teachers. Last year our community lost 20% of our teachers.

### **Maintenance Needs in Dog Parks**

Mark Clark, Maintenance Services Division Manager stated this year we initiated a process where we will close SARA Dog Park for 4 weeks, Avalon Dog Park for 2 weeks. Lions Dog Park for 3 weeks based on use to allow us to do some extensive maintenance. As a result, we have received two complaints regarding that process. We have found we are not able to address all maintenance needs when the parks are open 24/7. Staff has been able to do some turf work and tree trimming during the closure. We will re-evaluate closure period of time after this year.

SARA Dog Park is the only park that currently has split large dog and small dog area. Clark explained a lot of complaints are policy level complaints not maintenance issues, i.e. do we need more dog parks, separate large and small dog areas. Any additions of turf and/or separate areas would be a good thing but there is a shortage of areas available for relocation. Director, Greg Froslic commented that sometimes in order to improve things there need to be closures. We are open to evaluate public suggestions to attempt to accommodate public as best we can.

Carolyn Kunick asked if grass that was removed was transplanted somewhere else. Mark Clark usually we do not however we are doing some improvements to the ballfields and we will be transplanting some of that grass somewhere else. Ms. Kunick asked how staff know that SARA is the busiest Dog Park, are the dogs counted? Director Greg Froslic commented that the dogs are not counted but the level of required maintenance is a good indicator of park traffic. She requested some dirt be put out there to fill some holes. On the new signage, it asks that owners fill in holes their dog may dig but there isn't any dirt to fill holes with.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Overall Staffing Struggles  
Skateboard Clinic Drop In  
ADA Playground Equipment Shading

**Call to the Public:**

N/A

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, member Jennifer Luzzi moved for adjournment 7:00 p.m.; seconded by member Bart Wagner and unanimously carried by the Board.