

Lake Havasu City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

August 22, 2016

Lake Havasu City Police Facility Meeting Room
2360 McCulloch Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Summary Minutes

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

Roll Call: Present: Jason Keough, Ashley Pascual, Robert Smith, Rhonda Smolek, Mark Talley, Bart Wagner, Scott Welte

Excused: Brett Miller

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of meeting on July 25, 2016; Member Bart Wagner moved to approve as written; seconded by Scott Welte and unanimously carried by the Board.

Call to Public:
N/A

Staff Report:

Staff Report

Recreation Services Manager, Mike Keane updated the Board; recreation reported division Fall/Winter brochures have been distributed throughout the community, After School Program registration is up over 10% since this time last year, Flag Football and Cheer registration began Monday, August 22nd, currently using 138 volunteers throughout the year, Busses by the Bridge donated \$2,000 and Lake Havasu Elks Club donated \$500 towards After School Program scholarships. In aquatics, September learn to swim classes are open for registration, staff is finalizing Kinderswim 2017 schedule, LHHS swim team season has begun, Stingray Swim Team has seen dramatic increase in participation, Swan Cooke will be presenting at a Red Cross Training in Denver this September, Open gyms are being offered throughout the month (knockerball, pickleball, table tennis and volleyball). Shade structure for playground in Rotary Park is currently in design and pricing phase within the Operations and Maintenance division. Keane will notify board members of meetings he feels could be relevant for members of the board to attend. He reminded the board to please check the City website calendar section at the bottom of the home page and the newspaper for meeting notifications. Keane discussed the possibility of utilizing seasonal employees with HR. He has been informed that due to pending case laws regarding what is defined as a part time employee or full time employee the City is not willing to take the risk of getting caught up in one of these law suits and will not work part-time employees more than 29 hours a week. Staff is currently working on part time pay study. The

volunteer process has been streamlined to be easier for those interested in volunteering.

Aquatic Center and Field Assessment Update

Recreation Services Manager Mike Keane explained an engineering design contract was approved by City Council on August 9th. The design engineer Shepard Wesnitzer Inc. has begun collecting data and establishing survey control. The contract includes design documents for: Cypress Park, flex fields at SARA Park and conceptual drawings for master planning of SARA Park sports complex. Engineering is optimistic the design document for Cypress Park will be completed by the end of the calendar year with construction beginning shortly after the new year. Fields report also recommended lighting at various elementary school fields and staff will be working with the School District on this. Member Bart Wagner asked about Pickleball courts. Keane received an update at the end of last week that court plans are 90% complete.

Recreation Services Manager Mike Keane indicated several updates to the Relics and Rods Hall are being accomplished: new paint, refinishing stage floor, new garage door, new curtain, new sound baffles and new basketball hoops. Marquee is expected to be completed in approximately a month. New waterslide is in the procurement stage and will hopefully be installed sometime this winter. Chairwoman Ashley Pascual asked how the department determined in what order will the study's recommendations be addressed. Keane explained the study broke the projects down into years i.e. 2, 3 and 5. Board member Bart Wagner asked if the study is posted online. Keane said he will email the link to everyone.

Public Hearing:

Safety Concerns at the Skate Park – Discussion

On Wednesday, August 3rd there was a Tinnell Memorial Sportspark safety meeting was held. Recreation Services Manager Mike Keane said he has been in contact with Chief Dan Doyle regarding safety in the skate park and the possibility of implementing Text 911. Text 911 is not a current option as the City utilizes the state 911 service and they have not opted to include this service as of now. The police department has increased patrol through Rotary Park including the skatepark.

Member Mark Talley stated he has been in contact with TSG helmets; they have agreed to sell him some helmets at wholesale price. Lake Havasu Firefighter Charities will purchase helmets to give away and an event on Friday, September 23rd. Event is in the planning stages but would offer free helmet to children who bring their parent with them to the event. Event would include police department and fire department.

Home Pool Safety Program and Brochure – Discussion

Recreation Services Manager, Mike Keane explained at the last meeting he was provided a hand out from Tucson Fire Department and since Lake Havasu City has so many rental properties it might be a good idea for us to have a brochure

like this. Keane has been in contact with Fire Chief Brian Davis. Fire department has a Water Safety Handout that they've used for about 5 years and are in the process of updating. They are also looking at new avenues to distribute the handout. Member Mark Talley brought up discussion on vacation rentals being commercial use.

Future Agenda Items:

After School Program
SARA Park transition and displacement of group discussion

Future Meetings:

September 26, 2016

Adjournment:

There being no further business, member Bart Wagner moved for adjournment 6:26 p.m.; seconded by member Scott Welte and unanimously carried by the Board.