

Monday, October 29, 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 Welte called the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Welte 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 Scott Welte, Leo Biasiucci, Vice-Chairperson Jason Keough, Rick Knotts, Ashley Pascual, Robert Smith, Chuck Vaughn, Mark Zieff

Council Member Present: Michele Lin

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Mike Keane, Cheri Kowalski

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

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

5. MINUTES

5.1 Approval of September 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes

- Member Keough made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 24, 2018 as written, seconded by member Vaughn and carried by the following vote:

AYE: 8 – Welte, Biasiucci, Keough, Knotts, Pascual, Smith, Vaughn, and Zieff

6. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PARKS & RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

6.1 Parks & Recreation Manager Report

Mike Keane provided updates to various items:

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- Concerts in the Park during October were a huge success with over 500 in attendance each of the Friday evenings. Keane thanked the sponsors of the event; Anderson Auto Group, Mohave State Bank, Delbert Days Rodeo, and Truly Nolen.
- Thanked the administration staff for designing and decorating the Parks and Recreation Float for the London Bridge Days Parade and a thank you to the Lifeguard staff for helping out as participants on the float. The float won 1st place in its division.
- Recreation staff members assisted the Firefighters Charities with both the annual Scarecrow contest and Pumpkin Festival raising over \$10k.
- Youth Winter Break Camp will be held at Smoketree Elementary School December 26, 27, 28 and January 2, 3, 4. Registration will begin November 19.
- The Western Welcome Club donated \$1k to help with scholarship needs for the Youth Winter Break Camp.
- Youth Talent Show took place on October 25 under the London Bridge with 18 participants. Thank you to all the youth that participated and showed off their talents.
- Boys soccer tournament that took place at Cypress Park with 17 teams participating 11 of which were from out of town.
- LHHS Swim Team will be sending eight athletes to Mesa, AZ on November 1 through November 4 for the State Competition.
- Boy Scouts will be using the pool November 3 for their annual swimming and lifesaving merit badges.
- Football and Cheerleading end of season pool party will be on November 10.
- The pool is closed for Veteran's Day on November 12 and November 22 for Thanksgiving Day.
- On November 23 there will be a Who-ville swim party from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- On Sunday, November 25 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon will be open for the Dog Swim.
- Pool closure for annual maintenance will be from Monday, November 26 and will re-open Monday, December 3.
- Events at the Community Center include:
 - Educational Tour Group Women's Expo November 17.
 - Gem & Mineral Show November 10 & 11.
 - Western Welcome Holiday Boutique November 17 & 18.
 - Havasu Art Guild Craft Sale November 24 & 25.
 - Lake Havasu Grand Prix November 1 through November 4 on the Island.
 - Chillin N Swillin on November 3 at London Bridge Beach.
 - Movin for Memory Walk on November 3 at Rotary Park.
 - Great Outdoors Havasu Style on November 3 at the parcel on McCulloch and Querio.
 - Corvettes on the London Bridge November 10 on the London Bridge.
 - Desert Warrior Challenge November 10 at SARA Park Rodeo Grounds.
 - Water Lantern Festival November 10 at Rotary Park.
 - Veterans Day Parade November 11 on Mainstreet and McCulloch
 - 30th annual Turkey Trot November 17 on the Island Walking Path.
 - Youth Court Softball Challenge November 17 at Rotary Park.
 - Annual Swim Across the Channel November 24 in the Bridgewater Channel.
 - Triple Crown Parade of Lights Baseball Tournament November 30 through December 2 at Rotary Park, SARA Park, ASU, and Dick Samp Ballfields.

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- On October 23 City Council approved a Recreation and Public Purpose Lease with the BLM for the Armory Site at SARA Park. Updated the lease terms to remove dates for development as well as making language consistent with the SARA Park Master Plan.
- There is no CIP update as our first set of CIP meetings are scheduled for the week of November 12.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7.1 Presentation and Discussion: Water Conservation and Re-Use Project – Jeremy Abbott, Assistant City Engineer

Assistant City Engineer, Jeremy Abbott presented to the Board an overview of this project that is currently out to bid. The overall effort is to effectively use all of our effluent that we treat and generate from our wastewater treatment plants.

- The project started off with a reclaimed water management study in 2014 completed with a WIFA Grant that was received by the State.
- Improvements to pump stations have been made.
- Expansion of storage at the Mulberry Effluent Basin.
- The reclaimed water system project will include Rotary Park, London Bridge Beach, Cypress, ASU Fields and Jack Hardie Park.
- Abbott showed a slide of the City displaying lines that interconnect the treatment plants.
- The parks will remain open during this construction.
- A reservoir is planned at Rotary Park in the vicinity of the Butterfly Garden.
- The concrete tank will be partially buried about 6ft will stick up above the existing ground. With that storage we need to be able to pump and pressurize the irrigation system at Rotary Park.
- Many other locations were discussed for this reservoir and this was the best location.
- Cypress Park was built with the anticipation of the use of reclaimed water so the irrigation system and everything that was put in is already purple piped and we will simply make connections outside of the park to transition from domestic potable water to our reclaimed system.
- Connections to all of the parks were discussed.
- A cross connection testing will be performed to insure that we have no chance of connecting a drinking fountain to the reclaimed water system.
- All of the facilities per State Statute and ADEQ requirements will have signs notifying the public not to drink the water. We as a City do produce A+ quality effluent which is the highest grade effluent that can be produced. It is allowable for human contact however it does not meet drinking water standards.
- To give the Board a perspective of the conservation effort. All of these parks and green spaces; the average gallons per day they require in irrigation is the equivalent to approximately 425 residential homes worth of annual domestic water. That is water we are not having to put through our water treatment plant, store in our water tanks, and send through our water distribution system.
- *Board member Zieff asked about wildlife, insects, bees, and birds has it been tested on those types of species if that water is dangerous for them.*
- *Abbot responded the water is disinfected before it leaves the plant it goes through an ultraviolet system any living organisms in the water is completely killed. There is not going to be any adverse effect on the health of any animals.*

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- Board member Pascual asked a question regarding the timeline of this project.
- Abbot replied it is extensive. It is 270 calendar days about 9 months. It is currently out to bid. We anticipate starting the project late December or just after the first of the year. Completion is anticipated September of 2019.
- Board member Pascual stated it looks like Jack Hardie Park is the only park where access may be limited during construction.
- Abbot responded yes during construction there may be some limited access at Jack Hardie Park and we will make sure that access is limited to the construction area. City requirements are that trenches are backfilled nightly, we will not leave any trenches open overnight to create any issues for the public.
- Board member Vaughan asked if Wheeler Park is going to be connected to effluent.
- Abbot responded no it will not be connected. The demand for that park is low on a scale of green spaces verses the cost to get the water there.
- Board member Vaughn asked if there are any plans to put in lines to SARA Park.
- Abbott replied we have looked at it over many years trying to get reclaimed water up there. It has not been cost effective to date. The idea of running a line through the Western Area Power Authority (WAPA) has been brought up. Dr. Wilson is looking into obtaining a grant to study the feasibility of that.
- Board member Vaughn confirmed when you get all of these parks done it will take up all our effluent water.
- Abbott responded correct on average that is correct there will be no excess.
- Board member Vaughn asked if we are still supplying the golf courses.
- Abbott replied all of the golf courses are supplied with effluent with the exception of Queens Bay.
- Board member Pascual asked if staff would consider providing the school fields with effluent in your analysis.
- Abbott responded yes, a lot of the school fields have been considered and they are identified in a management study. Again we prioritize demand verses facilities and what is it going to cost to get the lines there. If we move forward with the WAPA line, we are able to gravity feed most of those school sites coming from that WAPA line. To pump that water up to those fields is very costly and we don't currently have any excess to supply those fields.
- Board member Knott's asked if you have discussed with State Parks regarding Windsor Beach.
- Abbott replied we have not, again with these parks we are going to be using all reclaimed water that we have available. We have been approached by other potential smaller users that have interest of using reclaimed water as well.
- Board member Vaughn asked if they have considered putting a holding tank just for effluent water to pump it up like they do on our other wells and then let it gravity feed down.
- Abbott responded for this scenario we have not.
- Board member Keough asked about a tour of the water treatment and distributions system. Is that standard. Do we know when the next one will come around.
- Abbott replied Brianna our Water Conservation Specialist offers that tour. If you as a Board would like to go through that tour, we can get something set-up.

7.2 Discussion and Possible Recommendation: Teen Break

- Mike Keane, Recreation Services Manager announced to the Board Teen Break will run March 12 – 14. It will be a similar all day event that we have ran in the past. Ages will be 6th grade to 12th grade. Staff is meeting with several different schools, clubs and organizations to get their ideas as well and what they would like to see at the event. Staff is currently working on sponsorships and donations for Teen Break.
- *Board member Vaughn asked what type of donations are we looking for; money, food, prizes.*
- *Keane replied all of the above.*
- *Board member Vaughn asked if we were contacting schools to get their ideas. He suggested we do a survey of all the kids in Junior High and High School.*
- *Keane responded that is what the staff will be doing, they will go out and meet with the clubs and organizations in a group setting and have the conversations regarding what ideas they themselves want to see.*
- *Board member Vaughn stated only 50% of the kids belong to a group you are missing 50% of the kids. It would be nice to put a survey out in a homeroom in the high school. That way you are reaching the kids that don't belong to a club.*
- *Keane replied we can look into seeing if the school district would be interested in letting us do that.*
- *Board member Keough asked if the Board members will have an opportunity to sit in on some of those meetings when the staff is reaching out to those groups.*
- *Keane responded he can send an email to the Board as those meetings are set up.*
- *Board member Pascual stated she remembers when we had a teen member on the Board she talked about one of the main reasons the older kids didn't want to attend Teen Break was because everyone was mixed together. Is that being thought about in this planning because there is such a huge range of ages and interest.*
- *Keane replied it is something we are looking at the feasibility of is there a way we can separate them with some of the same activities without having to duplicate or they can do the same activity but at a different time.*
- *Board member Pascual suggested having activities that are more tailored to the older age group that you wouldn't offer to the younger age groups so there is still some novelty to it all. She also asked how many kids can attend.*
- *Keane responded we do not cap that.*
- *Board member Vaughn asked what the cost is to attend.*
- *Keane replied we are still working on it however it will not exceed \$40.00.*
- *Board member Biasiucci asked if in the past there was a lot of attendance by 11th and 12th graders.*
- *Keane responded his understanding that has dwindled over the years. He has only experienced the event once and that age group were definitely smaller.*
- Chairperson Welte opened up to the public. No comments from the public.

7.3 Presentation and Discussion: Amenities at London Bridge Beach and Rotary Park

- Mr. Keane stated we have had different conversations over the last several months regarding amenities at these parks so we lumped them all together to have an open discussion regarding these suggestions that have been brought up by the Board.

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- Concept of lighting in the channel. Keane showed a slide of a picture of the channel looking North. The walking path is lit and you can see the water itself is dark. He did an experiment as requested to put rope lighting on the seawall of the channel. As you can see by the picture it is not very visible at all. This is going to be a much bigger project than originally thought of. He believes it is a very interesting and good concept and thought he is just not sure with it being as big as it is that it should rise to a high priority level of our department at this time.
- *Board member Keough asked if there was anything that would prevent private industry from applying to be able to do this. If one of the businesses were interested in doing this to try and attract more business.*
- *Keane replied he did talk to the resort regarding this as they own the property behind a lot of the seawall and they did look into this to light their docks at night at one point. They stated the cost benefit analyst did not work out. It was not going to attract anymore business. Yes, they could look at in front of their businesses to do that. Would we entertain the idea of a business paying for all of that; it could certainly be something we would look at.*
- *Board member Vaughn stated we have a lot more priorities to put our cap on permits to better use than this right now. This is way down on the wish list for me.*
- *Board member Zieff stated he believes in tourism is a heavy factor. If we did not have the London Bridge here nobody would be coming here. If we don't vamp it up every 50 years and do something new and encouraging and stuff for kids. The lights are the future of entertainment. You see it in the Olympics, he sees it at different City's as he travels. He sees solar commercials; it is huge in Arizona. You can put a battery box up run solar, turn on the lights on and off as you want. We need to generate some kind of action down there because it generates revenue, revenue creates money for taxes. Hundreds of people would come down for the Christmas lights, and the boat parade, and they are all locals. Locals do not go down to the channel without these lights. Kids got nothing to do. You could turn them on and off at will. The lights underneath the bridge are a perfect example of how nice it illuminates the bridge at night. They are square lights set two or three feet apart and they illuminate the bridge. Without those lights you cannot see the bridge. Without the channel lights the boats cannot go through the channel in a safe manner. He has been here three years watching this. I think it is great for tourism, it's great for safety, and it may be way down on a list but tourism is where that list starts. Without the bridge, without the channel there is no need to build a community with parks and schools and everything you guys have done. Let's give something to McCulloch and keep his dream alive, keep building on his dream. Put amusements down there, lights in the channel. I'm going to keep pushing everybody until we get something done. In Chicago I think the City did it and that's the best way is for a City to do it because a City controls it and you don't have private vendors saying I can't afford my electrical bill this month so I'm not going to put my section of lights on. We don't want to go that route. We want people to be able to have safe environment down there at night. I'm very passionate about this channel lights thing because I see a lot of direction the City takes on different projects and stuff and nobody is putting anything into that channel to build tourism. Buses will come from Vegas, Bullhead City; people will come and walk the channel at night to see the illumination run, 15-minute show. It is a proven concept in Vegas they have the water falls at the Bellagio and it lights up every hour on the hour. People visit the boat ferry every hour on the hour; they stand around doing nothing. With that said I hope I can convince some of you guys to get on my side and make a recommendation to the City Council to look into possibly doing this.*

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- Board member Keough asked if we have a mechanism in place that we could cast a vote on the concurrence of going ahead as a Board on this matter.
- Keane responded yes I believe you could either vote to make a recommendation to the City Manager and Council to move forward or not to move forward. He stated he does believe it is an interesting project it is something that we can always keep in our hip pocket when financial resources aren't as tight or we have a plethora it could be sitting as a project that we then discuss.
- Chairperson Welte state he agrees with Mr. Zieff he thinks the lights are important but is it as important as what his passion is. He sees where he is going with it and I think it is a great idea but again with Mr. Keane I think we need to wait until the time is right.
- Board member Vaughn stated Mr. Zieff said to put amusement down there. There is no room to put amusement down there. It is all privately owned. When the maze and shooting gallery was down there it was all lit up. There was a lot of people that came there but once that was gone and the only thing you have there is private land that they want to build a hotel on there is really nothing that you can put down there. If the City had bought the property maybe but as far as he can see you can't force these private people to put stuff in. He understands you want the City to pay for it and be in charge of it but right now building at SARA Park and bringing in tournaments that brings in a lot of value too. If we had an excellent sports complex here. If we had the drag strip here that would have brought in people from all over the area. He sees money spent in other areas to bring in large tournaments or races.
- Board member Biasiucci asked Mr. Zieff if he was looking for lighting so it is just lit up or are you looking for a show. Which direction are you looking to go.
- Board member Zieff replied the lighting under the sidewalk in the channel so it illuminates the water for boating safety and the casino ferry. There are all kinds of action on that end of the channel and the south end of the channel. If it costs a lot and you didn't want to run it all the time you could end up using it as a show. You can have it on dim at night for certain times and certain events. He is thinking more of drawing attractions so people will come down and shop. Businesses that are opening a restaurant down there that are going to be looking for people to walk around at night. The ferry is open until 11:00 p.m. at night and sometimes 2:00 a.m. It is a dark channel walk and I thought lighting the channel the water illuminating the water like Chicago River. Families could come down and sit down and watch the lights do what they do. I think the best route would be to get a survey from the people of Lake Havasu.
- Board member Biasiucci asked how far the sidewalk lighting goes right now.
- Keane responded the sidewalks are lighted all of the way.
- Board member Zieff described what he is looking for with the lights. He is looking for a glow effect on the water. He would like the lights to go all along the sidewalk under the rim and the lights cannot be seen by the eye, you just see the illumination the glow of the light reflecting on that sandy area where there is no light and then the water. It will not be a disturbance to the condos across the way, it won't be a disturbance to anyone. For example, if you are sitting at night at the basketball courts at London Bridge Beach and you look across at Kokomo's and it is beautiful all reflective colors and lights reflective on the water. I want to expand that feeling and essence through the channel water on both sides. However, you put your system in and have engineers do it. We are looking for reasons to bring people down and stuff to do and stay out of trouble and people shopping. That will bring people down there, people will come down and watch these lights.

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- *Board member Smith stated he just came back from Oklahoma City and they have what you call a river walk there. It is illuminated like you said. There is people there until midnight. There are restaurants open, probably 30 restaurants along the river walk. People are out jogging at night because they can see. They can see the water like you are talking about and the whole thing is illuminated. It is a great place with hotels around there that cater to people that walk the river walk. There is a lot of opportunity for that kind of business to reach out to the people that are walking it. The hotel just opened last month and we already have people walking down there. It would be nice to make a showcase out of it and attract more people.*
- *Board member Zieff requested to hear from the other two Board members as to what their opinions are.*
- *Board member Pascual stated to get an opinion from each Board member there should be a motion made to do it the right way otherwise we may be doing a little straw polling and she doesn't want to get involved in that.*
- *Chairperson Welte agreed.*
- *Keane stated our next amenity for London Bridge Beach and Rotary Park is the lockers. Board member Knotts had made mention of turning that over to a bid process and turning that over to a private company. Keane stated he has not received any calls or comments in support of the lockers; he has however heard comments and onions in the paper that we should not be discussing such a matter as trivial as lockers.*
- *Board member Zieff stated he was talking to the City Manager about leasing a section of the park could possibly be done to a private party or a private company for lockers. I think that would be an approach to put a bid out to somebody to say hey do you want to have this area. There is a lot of areas that he knows that he could lease some land from the City park. He doesn't know the laws regarding that but then a private enterprise could set their lockers up; bike lockers, kayak lockers, whatever they got like Redondo Beach, Huntington Beach. An example for a lot of locals that come over here and a lot of tourist that come over here from California they ask where are your lockers. Well maybe the City can lease some land. I don't know how to approach that but if I need to make a recommendation to see if the Parks and Recreation would be willing to lease land from the City parks to a private enterprise for lockers.*
- *Board member Biasiucci stated he agrees with the idea that the thought of doing this would have to be a private thing. It is not something the City needs to be involved in. The last thing we want is the police being tied up and the issue of renting these lockers when people lose their keys. He doesn't feel the City should have anything to do with this at all.*
- *Council Member Lin asked who manages the soda machines at the park.*
- *Keane replied those are part of the Business Enterprise Program that provides employment opportunities for the legally blind which include vending on government property. That is a State Law so we do not have anything to do with any of those machines.*
- *Board member Keough asked if that business would have the opportunity to bring in lockers if they chose to as part of their agreement with the City.*
- *Keane responded he believes that is the State that has that and yes they would. Traditionally in this process we would be approached by a business that would be interested in the concept of putting them in.*
- *Board member Zieff asked who asked to put in the Coke machines and Pepsi machines in.*
- *Keane replied again that is the Business Enterprise Program it is a State Law.*

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- Board member Zieff stated so they have to put those in your parks.
- Keane responded yes it is a State Law.
- Board member Zieff asked if there is any way you can reach out to them and see if they have lockers. Can you put some of your lockers next to your vending machines for us. Is there a program they offer; maybe they do and we are just not aware of it.
- Keane replied it is something we can explore.
- Board member Vaughn asked what parks have vending machines in them.
- Keane responded there are soda machines in both Rotary Park and London Bridge Beach near the restrooms.
- Board member Vaughn stated he knows the County had a problem finding somebody to take over the vending machines because the other guy had passed away. They got a guy from Phoenix then he subs it out to a guy in the area that goes out and services all the vending machines for the County. Everyone is having a hard time with something like that. It works good in big areas, facilities like the County that has several machines in there where people are in and out. You have to find somebody first to put the money up to build what they need. It is going to have to be engineered I'm sure for the City's safety and approved. You have to find someone with some money to be able to put into it.
- Board member Keough asked if it would be feasible to ask Mike and his team reach out to that State entity to see if they are interested in having lockers for their vending component and report back to us at the next meeting.
- Keane replied yes I can do that. It is not necessarily one company there are several companies that participate in this program so we will see if they have any companies that do vending with lockers.
- Chairperson Welte stated it doesn't hurt to look into it and see if it is available and go from there.
- Keane discussed the third amenities that has been brought forward for discussion in the parks which is supplying sunscreen at London Bridge Beach and Rotary Park. In doing some research he came up with three different ways entities around the country provide sunscreen. One was through a traditional vending machine. The first right of refusal would have to go through the Business Enterprise Program. The second is very similar but is a spray on machine where you pay your money and coat yourself with sunscreen and the third way is just simply dispensers that would be put along the walkway or beach area that dispense sunscreen that you would put on. In reading some of the Cities that have done this they apply for a grant; the problem is once the grant runs out is then finding another sponsor to pay for the sunscreen or the City having to take on that cost. There are some concerns in our environment with the product being in the sun and heat. Sunscreen breaks down in a fairly low temperature. There are definitely some concerns with the idea of just putting them out in the park themselves. There are some businesses down both sides of the channel that do sell sunscreen; I'm not sure if then we would be interfering with their business as well which would be another concern. The least of our concerns it would be a liability; someone could have a reaction to the product and the City is providing that and it would be a liability on the City.
- Board member Zieff commented thank you for looking into that; I was really curious.
- Board member Keough made a motion that we forego any further discussion or consideration of sunscreen at any of the public park, seconded by Leo Biasiucci and carried by the following vote:

AYE: 7 - Biasiucci, Keough, Knotts, Smith, Vaughn, Welte, Zieff

NAY: 1 - Pascual

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- CIP Update
- Concept of Lifeguarding Swim Areas
- Field Needs Assessment- how far along are we to complete this plan
- Teen Break
- Water Field Trip
- Advisory Board Work session

9. FUTURE MEETINGS (fourth Monday of each month)

- November 26, 2018
- December 24, 2018

10. ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm