

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CASA GRANDE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
HELD JANUARY 7, 2015
AT THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE – ARMADILLO ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Michael Reid called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

Donna McBride Michael Reid (Chairman)
Garrett Powell Valyrie Wright
Nicole Perez

Staff Present:

William Schwind, Community Services Director
Rod Wood, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Caryl Chase, Recreation Superintendent
Alexis Ramirez, Management Analyst
Lydia Cordova, Administrative Assistant

Also Present:

Tom Bagnall, Pinal County Veterans Memorial Foundation
Matt Bagnall, Pinal County Veterans Memorial Foundation
Bob Souza, Pinal County Veterans Memorial Foundation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 3, 2014

Chairman Reid made a motion to approve the minutes December 3, 2014. Member McBride seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Development

Community Services Director William Schwind provided an update on budget development for the upcoming fiscal year of 2015-16. Line item budget requests will be submitted including Capital Improvement requests. He noted there hasn't been a significant increase in revenue for the General Fund line item operations for Parks, Recreation, Library and Golf and doesn't anticipate coming up with a lot of new items operationally.

Community Services Director stated he will review budget requests with the Board at the February meeting prior to submitting to Finance Department.

Update on AmeriCorp Team Arrival

Management Analyst Alexis Ramirez provided an update on the AmeriCorp Team who will arrive on January 9 and reported on the variety of community projects and events they will be assigned to.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Veteran's Memorial Site

Tom Bagnall of the Veteran's Memorial Foundation distributed a proposed site for a Veteran's memorial at Ed Hooper Park and provided a brief summary to the Board of the intention of the memorial. He stated they are working to get a land use agreement with the City so they may proceed with the project. If the lease is approved by the City, a drawing could be produced of what they want to do and can then look for corporate donors.

Mr. Bagnall did note that the Veteran's Memorial Group would be responsible for maintaining the memorial.

After further discussion, Board members made a recommendation for City Council that they are in support of the memorial site land use agreement for up to 1.5 acres be approved at Ed Hooper Park.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Update on Parks Maintenance Projects

Parks Maintenance Superintendent Rod Wood reported crews continue to work on daily maintenance duties and are currently working on prepping Little League fields for the upcoming season.

Update on Recreation Division's Programs and Upcoming Events

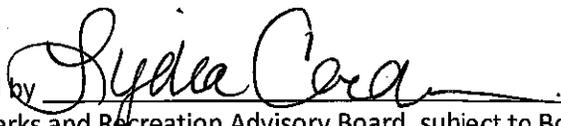
Recreation Superintendent Caryl Chase reported the Electric Light Parade was a great success and had approximately 50,000 in attendance. She also reported the Recreation staff continues working on getting data prepared for a new software program for on-line registrations and facility bookings with a soft opening anticipated for the end of March 2015.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by 
Secretary of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, subject to Board approval.

Approved this 4th day of March, 2015 by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Michael Reid
/s/Michael Reid
Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.