

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CASA GRANDE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
HELD JANUARY 6, 2016
AT THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE – ARMADILLO ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Nicole Perez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

Donna McBride Nicole Perez
Michael Reid
Garrett Powell

Members Absent:

Valyrie Wright

Staff Present:

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

Also Present:

Harold Kitching, Casa Grande Dispatch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 2, 2015

Member Michael Reid made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2015. Member Garrett Powell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Elzy Pearson Rifle Range Rules and Policies

Community Services Director William Schwind distributed the rules and policies of the Elzy Pearson Rifle Range and reviewed with the Board per their request due to an incident at the range. He stated City staff in Risk Management, City Attorney and the Parks Maintenance Department reviewed and discussed the rules and policies and found no reason to adjust any of the operational and maintenance practices that are currently employed at the range. He noted the rules and policies are posted at each bay of the rifle range.

Presentation on Peart Park Splash Pad

Community Services Director William Schwind opened the floor to Bruce Spiegel of Phoenix New York Design who then presented a slide show presentation of a potential downtown splash pad at Peart Park. Mr. Spiegel also explained that when it's not in use during the cooler temperatures; the area could be used for other activities such as a small music venue or art exhibition. He also reviewed access points to the splash pad to be able to have control of how patrons are coming in and out of the area. Irrigation was then discussed for the proposed splash pad and canopy shade issues. Mr. Schwind said more feedback will be received and an assessment is to be completed as we move forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Update on Parks Maintenance Projects

Parks Maintenance Superintendent Rod Wood reported crews are in the process of take down of the city Christmas decorations along with the daily maintenance duties and assistance with special events.

Management Analyst Alexis Ramirez reported an AmeriCorp team will be coming in on Friday, January 8 and have projects in line such as maintenance of the trails, and other community events in the City.

Mr. Schwind also provided a report of upcoming park projects for City council decisions. He stated the department is working with a lighting company to enhance the lights at the practice fields at Carr McNatt Park; a 40 acre piece of property off of Isom Road was offered that would serve as a trailhead to assist with some of the use and needs at Casa Grande Mountain Park and awaiting a retail contract to present to City Council as an option to acquire additional land for future park development.

Update on Recreation Division's Programs and Upcoming Events

Community Services Director William Schwind reported the recreation staff continue to work on marketing strategies and preparing for spring activities.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Community Services Director William Schwind reported it is tentatively scheduled for a work study session with City Council at 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 1 for the possible pre-construction design for the community recreation center.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Approved this 3rd day of February, 2016 by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Nicole Perez
Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.