

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CASA GRANDE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
HELD DECEMBER 2, 2015
AT THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE – ARMADILLO ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Garrett Powell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Chairperson Nicole Perez's absence.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

Donna McBride Valyrie Wright
Michael Reid
Garrett Powell

Members Absent:

Nicole Perez

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
Kevin Reagan, Casa Grande Dispatch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 7, 2015

Member Michael Reid made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2015. Member Valyrie Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Report on Department's Email Inquiries

Community Services Director William Schwind provided a report of citizen inquiries through the Department's ParksRecReg email and reviewed with the Board. Some of what comes through are service requests, submissions of forms that are required for recreation programs and questions about events and programs.

Board members stated they would like to see reports on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page and to be able to see what kind of feedback the department receives.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Community Recreation Center

Community Services Director William Schwind summarized on the public hearings/meetings that were held for the community recreation center. He also stated all data is being compiled by the architect Joe Salvatore and he is working with us on putting together the survey and results from the outreach meetings. He is still in the process of comparing with the data received back in 2012 as well as back in 2006 with the bond election to see what has changed over the course of a decade relative to needs, wants and desires of the community. The final report will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at January's Board meeting and the plan is to have that information submitted to City Council possibly at the second Council meeting in January.

Member McBride stated she would like to have a work study with the City Council before the Council meeting. Mr. Schwind stated work study sessions are open to the public but would look into it with City Council.

Update on Carr McNatt Park

Community Services Director William Scwhind summarized on the phase development plan the department would like to implement. He stated they will be proposing to enhance the lighting and amount of field space for soccer and football.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Update on Recreation Division's Programs and Upcoming Events

Community Services Director William Schwind provided an update on programs and events including the Electric Light Parade and Youth Basketball League. Luminaries will go on sale beginning Monday, December 7 and will be sold at the Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center and average count that is sold is about 900 dozen.

Mr. Schwind also reported the renovation of the kitchen at Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center is now completed. He also reported the recreation staff is working on a different direction in marketing and activities will be highlighted in the City Beat and the department is gearing more towards marketing electronically.

Update on Parks Maintenance Projects

Community Services Director William Schwind provided an update in Rod Wood's absence. He reported crews are working on the Christmas tree and decorations and preparing for the Electric Light Parade. They are also prepping Little League fields for their season that will begin in January, along with the daily maintenance duties.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Citizen Kent Taylor voiced his concerns on the community recreation center and stated it would be a great enhancement to the community and urged the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to be actively

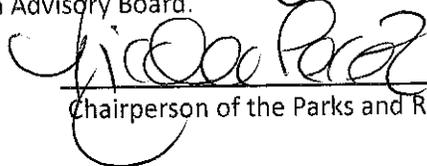
involved in this process as the Board is a valued opinion to the City Council. He then reported on research that has been done back in 2006, 2009, and 2012. He stated the community center will provide services for toddlers, seniors and everyone in between.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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

Approved this 10th day of January, 2016 by the Parks and
Recreation Advisory Board.


Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.