

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CASA GRANDE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
HELD MARCH 4, 2015
AT THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE – ARMADILLO ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Michael Reid called the meeting to order at 6:05 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:

Richard Wood, a Citizen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 7, 2015

Chairman Reid made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2014. Member Powell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Community Garden

Community Services Director William Schwind distributed a request from a non-profit organization that made a presentation to City Council for the potential use of a city lot that is owned by City of Casa Grande west of the Boys and Girls Club for a community garden. The organization has met with City staff in regards to what needs to be addressed prior to moving forward as the site does not have a current working water meter, electricity, parking, etc.

The organization was advised to provide more of a definitive site plan and the potential use and as of yet, Mr. Schwind stated they have not received the revised plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Carr McNatt Park

Community Services Director William Schwind provided an update to the Board on Carr McNatt Park. He reviewed four (4) preliminary plans provided by consultants that were based on feedback and comments by staff and the user groups based on their needs. He stated a lot of the concerns and feedback they received were lighting issues and the condition of the track. Staff has also reviewed the preliminary plans and made a series of notes and comments back to consultants to compile. Board members reported they have received feedback from citizens that parking is currently an issue.

Mr. Schwind stated once comments and feedback is relayed back to the consultants, they then could narrow it down to possibly two (2) preliminary plans to review.

Update on Community Recreation Center

Community Services Director William Schwind distributed a copy of the presentation that was presented to City Council at a Council Retreat in regards to the Community Recreation Center and reviewed with the Board. He stated the Council asked for the department to provide more information as they would like to see a little more details refined by design consultants. A work study is to be scheduled sometime in April or May to determine a decision on whether to move forward with the design phase.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Update on Recreation Division's Programs and Upcoming Events

Recreation Superintendent Caryl Chase distributed a packet that was given to citizens in the Leadership Academy program and told about upcoming programs and special events. Summer recruitment for summer jobs has begun through end of March and aquatic interviews will be conducted during spring break and summer recreation interviews will be held the first part of April. Ms. Chase also reported the department now has a Facebook page for marketing and the department will be transferring to a new software program for program registrations and facility bookings.

Update on Parks Maintenance Projects

Parks Maintenance Superintendent Rod Wood reported crews continue to work on Ivy Park with the grant monies by Gila River Indian Community in which soccer goals and a baseball back stop will be installed; tennis courts being resurfaced with new nets at Burruss Park, along with the daily maintenance duties of the Parks crew.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Richard Wood a citizen in the audience expressed his concerns in regards to not having enough pickleball courts in the city. He summarized on the history of pickleball and the popularity it has become. He noted there are 57 courts that serve Casa Grande at the RV communities, but only serve those who live in the those communities, and only three (3) temporary pickleball courts dedicated for public use at Dave White Park. Mr. Wood then requested the City staff to consider adding this recreation amenity to the city.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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

Approved this 16th day of May, 2015 by the Parks and
Recreation Advisory Board.

Nicole Perez
Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.