

REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2013

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CASA GRANDE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013  
AT THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE – ARMADILLO ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Community Services Director William Schwind called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**The following members were present:**

Donna McBride            Nicole Perez  
Garrett Powell           Valyrie Wright  
Michael Reid

**Staff Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Melissa St. Aude, Casa Grande Dispatch

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 7, 2012**

Member Donna McBride made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Member Mike Reid seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Introductions of Board Members

Introductions were made amongst new Board members and City staff.

Election of Officers

Community Services Director William Schwind opened the floor for nominations of Chairperson. Member Garrett Powell made a motion to nominate Member McBride. Member Nicole Perez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The floor was then opened for nominations of Vice-Chairperson. Member McBride made a motion to nominate Member Powell. Member Michael Reid seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### Discussion of Meeting Times

Meeting times for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meetings were discussed and members were in agreement to continue to meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

### Discussion on Homeless Patrons

Community Services Director William Schwind informed members how homeless patrons continue to use Dorothy Powell Senior Center and Casa Grande Public Library restrooms to bathe and sleep. He stated while everyone is welcome to use the public recreation facilities, staff and other patrons with children have found it disturbing to find homeless patrons in restrooms or sleeping while in the buildings. He explained that unless there is a park reservation or a special event at the park, the Peart Park restrooms are currently kept locked due to vandalism and misuse.

Member Valyrie Wright suggested placing port-a-johns between the two facilities. Parks Superintendent, Rod Wood stated at one time they were in place, but a lot of complaints were being reported regarding the port-a-johns being there; however one remains and is placed near the Peart Center.

Member Powell recommended providing information to staff so that they can relay to the homeless patrons on where they can receive help from services aimed at helping the homeless. Other Board members were in agreement.

### Review Alcohol Policy

Community Services Director William Schwind distributed the current alcohol beverage permit for Board members to review and stated the department is looking to update the policy. The way the permit stands now is an alcohol permit is free of charge for citizens and is only required for certain parks (O'Neil, Peart, Elliott, Eastland, and Nutt Parks) with a park reservation. He stated he would like to consider revising the Ordinance making an alcohol permit required for all City parks. This would help with planning, management and the maintenance of park sites and also assist Park Rangers and Police.

Board members suggested adding a fee for alcohol permits and ramada rentals. Mr. Schwind stated that park reservation fees will be addressed in the upcoming budget and fee setting meetings with management staff and City Council.

Chairperson McBride suggested the policy's language changed noting no underage drinking. Board members were in agreement and also suggested charging a fee for an alcohol permit for citizens using the parks.

After further discussion, Board members and staff will continue to review the alcohol policy and bring the item back for a Board recommendation.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Update on Recreation Center

Community Services Director William Schwind gave a brief summary on the community center history. He stated that staff is currently working with City Council and City Manager on drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking and operational partner(s) who could assist with the cost of operating and

maintaining the new facility. An update to the 2009 feasibility study was recently completed which reflects current numbers in the 2013 economy.

Chairperson McBride expressed that she did have some concerns with the bond that citizens voted for. The impression received by many citizens including herself was that this facility would be owned and operated by the City instead of it being turned over to another organization. She stated she sees other developments being funded by the City and she feels our recreation center is just as important.

## **REPORTS BY OFFICERS**

### Report from Recreation Division

Recreation Superintendent Caryl Chase gave a recap on fall programs and told about upcoming spring programs and special events. Ms. Chase also stated job applications are being accepted through March 22 for all summer and aquatic positions.

### Report from Park Maintenance Division

Parks Superintendent, Rod Wood stated crews continue to help with Community events that required assistance from Parks Maintenance staff, some of them being the Farmers Market and Art in the Alley, the youth baseball programs along with other City sponsored special events. Crews also continue to work on the trail builds at Casa Grande Mountain Park along with the daily maintenance duties throughout the parks and civic complexes.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 by the Parks  
and Recreation Advisory Board.

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Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.