

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CASA GRANDE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012
AT THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE – ARMADILLO ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kent Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

Kent Taylor Ernie Mason
Donna McBride

Staff Present:

William Schwind, Community Services Director
Rod Wood, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Larry Rains, Deputy City Manager
Caryl Chase, Recreation Superintendent
Lydia Cordova, Secretary

Others Present:

Melissa St. Aude, Casa Grande Dispatch
Tim Alai, Grande Sports World

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 7, 2012

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

NEW BUSINESS

Report on Performance Institute Financial Information

Larry Rains summarized on how the Performance Institute came abroad and how it has become the home to a soccer training academy and also used by the Casa Grande community. He then provided a financial report from a three year time frame on the Performance Institute (Grande Sports World). He reported the rental payments to the City are \$268, 214 lower than expected for fiscal year 2012 and in 2011 they were \$26,404 higher. Revenues paid to the City are expected to cover the facility's bond payment. Target rent payments are to increase each year during the next 10 years and by 2020 are expected to total about \$1.6 million a year. Target rent payment for 2011 were set at \$69,000, and Grande Sports World (now marketed as Grande Sports World)

paid \$95,404. In the year ending June 30, the operation continued to ramp up and build its business, target rental payments were projected at \$413,000. Grande Sports World paid the City \$118,382. The gap was covered by the City knowing there is a \$7 million guarantee that occurs at end of 10 years and the gap is budgeted for a component of the annual budget. The City will be reimbursed for the cumulative shortfalls that occur over that period of time. There is a protection clause written in the agreement between the City and Francisco Grande who will provide for a payment of any shortfall to be made at the end of 10 years.

He also reported the deal provided the community with use of professional quality athletic fields for soccer, football and other sports while the institute pays for field maintenance. Larry stated it has been a benefit for global economy and a plus to the City that maintenance is provided through Grande Sports World.

Tim Alai, of Grande Sports World then provided a presentation on the academy and uses of Grande Sports World facility and how the youth training program is growing and helps students obtain scholarships. They do hope to add youth golf training in the near future.

Report on Casa Grande Mountain Ranch Agreement

Larry Rains reported the agreement with Casa Grande Mountain Ranch extended its agreement with the Casa Grande Mountain Ranch Development through 2020.

Chairperson Taylor expressed that the development owner has done very much to help the trail building project and suggested if it might be time for the 30 year old agreement be looked at and stated the agreement should have been opened up for some community discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Report from Recreation Division

Caryl Chase distributed the fall brochure and told about programs old and new. She reported the Halloween Carnival had another great success and staff is gearing up for the Electric Light Parade on December 1 and have approximately 90 entries.

Report from Park Maintenance Division

Rod Wood reported crews completed overseeding at Peart Park and Civic Complex; provided assistance to outside community events; did improvements of all four fields including new anchors on home plate batters boxes and re-level with a top off of new infield mix.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Kent Taylor asked about the status of the recreation center. Mr. Schwind stated we are working on updating a 2009 recreation center feasibility study and will provide an updated report at the December Board meeting. He noted City staff are still seeking potential partners for the recreation center project.

Board members expressed their concerns of monies being drawn away from the Community Services Department and decisions being made without discussion or advice from the Advisory Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2012 by the
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.