

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
MAGISTRATE COURT
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ORO VALLEY, ARIZONA 85737**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Scheuring called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: John Scheuring, Chair
Sue Bishop, Member
Mary Kay Durfee, Member
John Hickey, Member
Jack Stinnett, Member

ABSENT: Karen Chatterton, Vice Chair

EXCUSED: Clifton Wickstrom, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Ainsley Legner, Parks Recreation Library & Cultural Resources Director
Barry Gillaspie, Town Council Member

CALL TO AUDIENCE - No speakers.

1. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 4, 2011 REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AND NOVEMBER 21, 2011 STUDY SESSION AND REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

MOTION: Member Bishop MOVED to approve the October 4, 2011 regular session minutes as written. Member Durfee SECONDED the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. RECOGNITION OF SUSANNAH MYERSON AND GREG ROBERTS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD – DISCUSSION

Parks Recreation Library & Cultural Resources Director Ainsley Legner expressed appreciation to Susannah Myerson and Greg Roberts for their service on the board.

3. RESIDENT REQUEST FOR DOG PARK AT CDO RIVERFRONT PARK – DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

Resident Howard Guralnick discussed the need for an additional dog park in Oro Valley. He suggested that it include a water feature and that it be a top class facility. He reviewed different kinds of dog parks in the area:

- The Mesa dog park is three fenced acres with grass and trees.
- The dog park in Scottsdale is 2.2 acres fenced with shade and water.
- Payson has an off leash dog park with trees, benches water and clean up amenities. It also includes a separate area for small dogs and it has monitors on duty.

Mr. Guralnick suggested the following:

- A monitor should be on duty.
- Pet etiquette should be posted.
- A membership should be required with yearly fees.
- Sponsorships could be a part of the plan.
- An advisory council could be available to assist people who can not afford membership fees.
- Local sponsorships may include memorials.
- Programs at the location could bring in revenues.
- Community demonstrations could be offered.
- Art shows could be held around the area.
- A spokesperson could promote sustainability.

Ms. Legner stated that there are plans for a dog park at Riverfront Park but the state heritage funding was lost. It would cost approximately \$60,000.

Chair Scheuring stated that the Town of Oro Valley does not have funds for this project but if the funds were available, it would be worth pursuing. He suggested that any interested members of the board work with the group and pursue an opportunity to raise the required funding.

Resident Robert Tibbs stated that the nearby communities do not like the Pima County facility. The idea of volunteers to watch the park would be free and has worked at a facility in Phoenix.

Ms. Legner stated that staff is in favor of the dog park if private funding could be secured. Staff is willing to work with a subcommittee to look into feasibility.

4. GENERAL PROCESS FOR MEMORIALS AT ORO VALLEY PARKS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Ms. Legner reported that this item was removed from the December Town Council agenda and it will now be on the February Town Council agenda.

5. STATUS OF INSTALLATION OF PARK SIGNAGE – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A sign has been installed at Naranja Park. The Town engineers feel that James D. Krieh is more visible and does not require an additional sign. Ms. Legner stated that since the pool renovation has been approved, there may be an opportunity for more signage. Oracle Road is a state road so permission would be required in order to place a sign there. Member Hickey pointed out that the north entrance on Eggleston needs a sign.

6. “TENUOUS REFUGE” ART AT CDO RIVERFRONT PARK – RECOMMENDED CHANGES – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Scheuring reviewed that one side of the art has port holes and other side has handprints. There are eight plaques and seven portholes which focus on features in the Catalina Mountains. Ms. Legner stated that in lieu money would be available for altering the artwork if recommended by Development Infrastructure Services and by this board. The money could only be used for the art itself, not to add any signage. It is estimated that the cost to replace the plaques and the concrete would be approximately two thousand dollars.

Council Member Gillaspie recommended that the board determine priority and secondary options including pricing and present these to DIS Division Manager David Williams.

The board discussed the following:

- Member Durfee stated that it is an artist’s interpretation and not a teaching tool.
- Chair Scheuring recommended that the method be to plug up some of the holes and work with Parks staff to see if trees blocking some views are removable.

- Member Bishop stated that she would be against removing the trees.
- Member Stinnett suggested doing the work at a minimal cost.
- Member Hickey stated that if it is decided to correct the errors, it should be done inexpensively and the repair fund should cover it.

MOTION: Member Durfee MOVED to look into researching the cost. Motion was lost due to lack of a second.

Member Stinnett will work with Ms. Legner to organize researching the cost.

7. UPDATE ON PROPOSED ARCHERY AT NARANJA PARK – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Ms. Legner stated that the Town Council approved development of an archery course at Naranja Park. Phases will begin as soon as funds become available. The fixed range will come first, followed by the walk around course on the east side and then the walk around course on the southwest side. A grant application is currently being submitted to Arizona Game & Fish.

8. ALCOHOL AT ORO VALLEY PARKS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Scheuring reviewed that resident Ben Baker had attended the last board meeting and had advocated for allowing alcohol at the parks.

The following discussion ensued:

- Ms. Legner stated that currently, the town code does not allow alcohol in town parks.
- Member Durfee stated that it is reasonable at a special event with a fee.
- Member Stinnett stated that parks are for kids and families and there may be more of a downside than an upside.
- Council Member Gillaspie stated that in previous years, this issue was not supported by the majority of the Town Council.
- Ms. Legner stated that it could be done at Steam Pump Ranch because it is not a park.
- Member Hickey stated that it could be allowed under certain conditions including a deposit and clean up fee and restrict it to beer and wine.
- Member Stinnett stated that in general, patrons accept the restriction and it would be difficult to control if it was allowed.

MOITON: Member Hickey MOVED not to pursue this issue any further. Member Durfee SECONDED the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

9. GREEN SPACE OPPORTUNITIES – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Member Durfee explained that this item relates to the limited amount of green space. There is a need for more fields. There is a great plan at Naranja Park but it would require funding. She would like to start a non-profit for fields specifically for two green spaces and parking at Naranja Park to create an opportunity for tournaments. This item was tabled.

10. NATURE WALKS FOR 2012 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Member Scheuring stated that for the last two years there have been regular nature walks at West Lambert Lane Park and Bird walk at James D. Kriegh Park. The bird walks were well attended but not the nature walks. He works with Tohono Chul docents and this year will be the best wild flower season of our lifetimes. At West Lambert Lane Park, all nature walks will be in March and it will be called “Marvelous March” each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Sundays will be bird walks at James D. Kriegh. He invited the board to join as guides.

Member Scheuring stated that one challenge is to inform people. Member Hickey suggested an insert in the water bill. Member Durfee suggested contacting the high school hiking clubs. Member Hickey suggested that this be on the Town calendar of events.

11. UPDATE ON CURRENT PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. AQUATICS CENTER ENHANCEMENTS

Ms. Legner reported that the construction schedule and details are not yet determined but they hope to break ground by May 1st. She stated that funding came from impact fee funds which had a narrow use and another half million dollars will be used from bed tax funds and the balance will be bonded which would be paid back with bed tax funds.

b. KEG GRANT PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION

Once the weather is better, the tot-turf can be installed to go under the equipment. This will be done later in the spring at the James D. Kriegh Park.

c. POTENTIAL FOR RESTROOMS ON THE CDO LINEAR TRAIL AT STEAM PUMP RANCH

Ms. Legner reported that staff is creating a proposal to take to the Town Council to install a restroom at Steam Pump Ranch near the CDO Linear Trail. The hours that the facility will be open are still undetermined.

d. GREEN FIELD RENOVATION BY DIAMONDBACKS AND DODGERS

Ms. Legner stated that staff submitted the priority list received from the little league to the teams in the end of November but they have not yet received a formal response.

12. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Legner thanked Chair Scheuring for leading the bird walks at the BEYOND event.
- At the last Town Council meeting, the Town Council approved the transfer of Honey Bee Park to the Town of Oro Valley effective July 1, 2012. The Council would like this board to work with the Historic Preservation Commission to create a special event celebrating this transfer.
- The Eagle Scout project was completed at West Lambert Lane Park.

Chair Scheuring re-opened agenda item 1.

1. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 4, 2011 REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AND NOVEMBER 21, 2011 STUDY SESSION AND REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

MOTION: Member Bishop MOVED to approve the November 21, 2011 study session and regular session minutes as written. Member Stinnett SECONDED the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Monuments and memorials as a potential funding source.
- Green space.
- Review of small areas of land owned by the Town.
- Donation made by Wal-Mart.
- Naranja Park partnerships for using other facilities.
- Exploring funding sources.

14. ADOPT A TRAIL CLEAN UP DATE – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

The board decided to hold this clean up on January 25, 2012. They will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation office. No staff will be available to participate.

15. TOWN PARKS TOUR FOR PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

The board decided to hold the tour on February 1, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. They will meet at town hall.

16. SCHEDULING NEXT PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING TENTATIVELY FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012 WITH A TRAINING SESSION TO BEGIN AT 5:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN AT OR AFTER 6:30 P.M. – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

The next meeting will be on April 17th at 6:30 p.m. with a study session to begin at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT AT 8:32 PM

MOTION: Member Hickey MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Member Durfee SECONDED the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Prepared by:

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Senior Office Specialist

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of Oro Valley, Arizona held on the 10th day of January, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.