



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, February 16, 2022  
Meeting Held Electronically**

**PRESENT:** Chair Kurt Jones, Vice-Chair Eric Kurland, Commissioners Steve Masear, Susan McGarry, Teresa Kim Quale

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Maryann McAllen

**STAFF:** Director Nick Molinari; Managers Brett Jackson, Denise Clayton, Sunny Nakagawa, Chris Walsh, Kevin McKee, Stephanie Tippet; and Kyu-Bin Hyun, Brian Sheets Recreation Supervisor; Operations Supervisor Kristen Clark; Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present as indicated above.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were submitted

**MINUTES**

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes – January 19, 2022

COMMISSIONER MCGARRY MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 19, 2022 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER QUALE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR JONES, VICE-CHAIR KURLAND, COMMISSIONERS MASEAR, MCGARRY AND QUALE SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**1. APPROVAL OF THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

Director Molinari noted that it was determined that the suggested edit to add information regarding the hiring of a new director does not fall under the functions of the Parks and

Recreation Commission. The document being presented today is identical to the one presented during the January meeting.

COMMISSIONER QUALE MOVED TO APPROVE THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2021 ANNUAL REPORT. COMMISSIONER MCGARRY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR JONES, VICE-CHAIR KURLAND, COMMISSIONERS MASEAR, MCGARRY AND QUALE SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## **2. MUNICIPAL USE MASTER SITE PLAN (MUMSP) OVERVIEW**

Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, provided a presentation outlining the land use purpose and planning process for a Municipal Use Master Site Plan (MUMSP) that is used for City municipal projects, including park capital and bond projects, on sites larger than one acre. His presentation included a history of the MUMSP (Section 1.500 of the Zoning Ordinance), which was established as through a City initiative in 1979.

Mr. Curtis explained the difference between a municipal use and a MUMSP. A municipal use is defined as any use provided to the general public that is operated by the city or a contractor for the city. Municipal use includes all city buildings and facilities as well as parks and trailheads and is allowed in most zoning districts. A MUMSP is a municipal use on sites that are larger than one acre. MUMSPs can only be initiated by the Planning Commission or City Council, typically as part of the capital projects process. The MUMSP process includes public notifications, open houses, incorporation of public input, and review and recommendations by the associated commissions (such as Parks and Recreation Commission), prior to being scheduled for review by the Development Review Board (DRB) and Planning Commission. The process includes review of findings as outlined in City Code, followed by detailed construction documents and ultimately issuance of construction permits.

Director Molinari noted that the planning process for Ashler Hills park recently began and is currently in the public input process.

Chair Jones suggested that at least one of the open houses for Ashler Hills be held in person. He noted that he requested the presentation so that Commissioners would have an understanding of the process when reviewing projects such as Ashler Hills and the WestWorld Sports Complex.

## **3. NAMING PROPOSAL – BELL ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX**

Brian Sheets, Recreation Leader Sr., provided a presentation and solicited feedback from the Commission recommending naming of the Bell Road Sports Complex to Bell94. He noted that the temporary name for the project, which was approved as part of the 2019 bond project, was Bell Road Sports Complex. Due to the location of the proximity to Scottsdale Sports Complex, it was decided to explore a new name. With the assistance of the outside marketing group, leadership staff selected the name “Bell94 Sports Complex” as their recommendation.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Director Molinari explained that the City does not have a standard policy for the naming of new facilities and many new facilities are

named based on location. The scope of the Bell Road Sports Complex project and the desire to associate it with the Scottsdale Sports Complex under one umbrella, required a different strategy.

COMMISSIONER MCGARRY MOVED TO APPROVE NAMING THE NEW SPORTS COMPLEX "BELL94 SPORTS COMPLEX." COMMISSIONER KURLAND SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR JONES, VICE-CHAIR KURLAND, COMMISSIONERS MASEAR, MCGARRY AND QUALE SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Jones complimented the lighting plan and its low impact on the surrounding neighborhoods.

#### **4. AQUATICS UPDATE**

Kristen Clark, Community Services Operations Supervisor, provided an overview of Aquatics staffing, upcoming programming, and the department's Junior Lifeguard Program. She reviewed attendance statistics for classes over the past few years, which were impacted by COVID restrictions, but are slowly showing increased numbers. She announced that the Junior Lifeguard program is returning this summer and will be available for volunteers ages 13 to 15. Participants who are at least 15 years old will be eligible to become certified lifeguards at the end of the summer.

Lifeguard Certification Classes are being offered in both in-person and hybrid options. Attendees who complete the class and take a position as a lifeguard with the City will receive tuition reimbursement after their first three months of work.

As part of the Lifeguard Recruitment program, a seasonal pay increase from \$12.90 per hour to \$14.50 per hour is being offered for the period of May 22, 2022 through August 27, 2022. A marketing plan to reach out to teens and their parents is currently being developed.

Ms. Clark reviewed ongoing and recently completed Aquatics Capital Improvement Projects, which are as follows:

- Cactus and McDowell Mountain Ranch new thermal covers
- Eldorado Pool deck and Polysplash was resealed and recolored
- McDowell Mountain Ranch Pool leisure pool and lazy river replacement and replastering. The facility is expected to reopen in early March.

Future projects include:

- Installation of UV system in McDowell Mountain Ranch river and competition pool in April
- McDowell Mountain Ranch and Eldorado Pool waterslide refinish and coloring
- McDowell Mountain Ranch lazy river bridge refinishing

## **5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Molinari announced that the new Parks and Recreation managers were selected. He reviewed each of their backgrounds. Kevin McKee will oversee Youth Development, the Adapted Services programming, and Special events teams and special projects. Stephanie Tippet will be overseeing maintenance areas.

Matt Lehman, facilitator for Social Prosperity Partners, gave an overview of the strategic plan efforts. He said that so far he has individually interviewed Mayor and Council members, most of the City's top management staff, and three Parks and Recreation Commissioners. The process will include three virtual and three in-person community meetings. Director Molinari added that surveys are being sent to part-time staff and community surveys will also be sent out.

Director Molinari said that the City and Scottsdale Stadium on standby and are ready to go once a decision has been made regarding the major league baseball lockout.

Director Molinari gave an overview of the 2022 Triple Crown Sports Spring Championship Tournament economic impacts that will be enjoyed by the City. He noted that sessions one, two, four, and five will be playing at Scottsdale facilities. Session three is being hosted in Gilbert.

Youth Development recently hosted the Fourth Annual Parents Night Out. The event was held at Horizon Park and was open to children ages 6 to 12. Participants enjoyed supervised Valentines themed recreation activities.

Spring Break Camps will be available at Mountain View Community Center, Horizon Community Center, and Hohokam Elementary School during the week of March 14th through March 18th.

Director Molinari reviewed ongoing CIP Projects, which are as follows:

Ashler Hills Neighborhood Park project is preparing to hold the second open house. Changes have been made to the initial site plan, including ingress and egress to the parking lot, lighting, and shade for the pickleball courts. Recruitment for a project contractor is currently under way.

Bell Road Sports Complex (Bell94) is nearing completion. Turf has been established on all six playing fields. The facility was used for staff and volunteer parking during the Phoenix Open. DC Ranch neighborhood feedback regarding lighting has been positive. Director Molinari anticipates the certificate of occupancy for the maintenance building to be issued by the end of February. Chestnut Park parking expansion is currently under way. Replacement of sand with synthetic wood chips and instillation of the new splash pad were recently completed.

Irrigation and landscaping is under way at DC Ranch Neighborhood Park and the pump station is operational. Landscaping will continue for the next several months.

An architect has been selected for the Thompson Peak Park Off Leash Area and an RFQ for construction services is being prepared. Initial concept designs should be completed by April.

Construction fences have been put up for the WestWorld Sports Complex project. The project is part of the Bond 2019 package. The contractor is currently working on grading and native tree salvage.

## **6. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Quale gave a brief report about the February 1, 2022 Paths and Trails Subcommittee meeting. She mentioned that the City has recently been received funding from MAG for a path along the Arizona Canal.

## **7. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Possible future agenda items include:

- Discussion about the possibility of moving meeting times

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

COMMISSIONER KURLAND MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER MCGARRY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR JONES, VICE-CHAIR KURLAND, COMMISSIONERS MASEAR, MCGARRY AND QUALE SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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