



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Indian School Park Clubhouse
8055 E. Camelback Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Kristen Parrish, Vice-Chair Teresa Kim Quale, Commissioners Kurt Jones (arrived at 4:06 p.m.), Eric Kurland, Eric Maschhaupt (arrived at 4:05 p.m.), Maryann McAllen, and Susan McGarry

STAFF: Director Nick Molinari; Parks and Recreation Managers Chris Walsh, Denise Clayton, Brett Jackson, Kevin McKee, Kyu-Bin Hyun, Sunny Nakagawa, Stephanie Tippett; City Planner Keith Niederer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parrish called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present as indicated above.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

MINUTES

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2023

VICE-CHAIR QUALE MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 19, 2023 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MCALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR PARRISH, VICE-CHAIR QUALE, COMMISSIONERS JONES, KURLAND, MCALLEN, MASCHHAUPT, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. REPLACEMENT VERIZON WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY AT MCCORMICK-STILLMAN RAILROAD PARK

Sunny Nakagawa gave a brief overview of the Roundhouse project, which is designed to engage the community year-round, including in the summer months. The project will include the

relocation of the Verizon cell tower, currently located in the clock tower at the north end of the Bunkhouse.

Reg Destree, owner of Destree Development LLC, provided a presentation, outlining details of the new Verizon cell tower, which will be located near the park entrance. As part of his presentation, he reviewed the history of Verizon's relationship with McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, dating back 25 years and he described the water tank design details and the various iterations of the design that were considered. He noted that the new location is near the park entrance and southeast of the railroad car, between the car and the roadway. Using the entrance location eliminates the need for a temporary cell tower location and will allow for unincumbered construction of the new Roundhouse. To date, outreach has resulted in no public comments. He asked for the Commission to recommend approval, by the Planning Commission and City Council, of a conditional use permit for a new Type 4 alternative concealment wireless communication facility, concealed within a proposed new artificial water tank at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Keith Niederer, City Planning Department, explained that consideration could be given to including the park logo in the water tank design. Holiday lights could be placed on top of the tower, but could not be included on the tank itself. Director Molinari said that the goal of the project was to create something that works with the character of the park. The cell tower has been in the park location for a long time and staff does not anticipate any negative feedback from neighbors. Mr. Destree said that his company will be responsible for coordinating with utility companies regarding lines located in the construction area.

COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A NEW TYPE 4 ALTERNATIVE CONCEALMENT WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY, CONCEALED WITHIN A PROPOSED NEW ARTIFICIAL WATER TANK AT MCCORMICK-STILLMAN RAILROAD PARK. COMMISSIONER MCALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR PARRISH, VICE-CHAIR QUALE, COMMISSIONERS JONES, KURLAND, MCALLEN, MASCHHAUPT, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. INDIAN SCHOOL PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Director Nick Molinari, Parks and Recreation Director, gave an update on the status of the Indian School Park Master Plan process. Public meetings are currently being held to gather citizen input. He reviewed the results of public meeting number one, which was held in person on April 26, 2023. A virtual version of meeting number one is scheduled for June 14, 2023. Additional meetings are scheduled for public meeting number two, September 13th and virtually September 27th, and public meeting number three November 6th and virtually December 13th. Project information, an interactive map, and citizen survey are available on Indianschoolpark.com and through the City's website. A secondary survey will be launched by the City's Office of Communication. Priority is being given to marketing the project through social media and targeted neighborhood marketing. Director Molinari noted that once approved by City Council, the department will evaluate funding options through the CIP and other sources to prioritize projects outlined in the master plan.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions about information collection, marketing, and what classifies the project as a Municipal Use Master Site Plan (MUMSP). It was suggested that

meeting and survey information be included in the Scottsdale Life activities brochure.

3. PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Director Nick Molinari updated the Commission on the status of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He said that the hope is to engage as many citizens as possible to find out what they would like to see in the Scottsdale Park system over the next 20 years. Parks and Recreation Master Plan efforts are expected to begin within approximately 30 to 45 days and the project will take approximately one year to complete. The project will include a trends analysis looking at the next 20 years and a emphasis will be given to engaging citizens that are 18 to 24 years old.

4. PROTECT AND PRESERVE SCOTTSDALE TASK FORCE DISCUSSION

Director Nick Molinari presented the Parks and Recreation Department priorities for the Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force's consideration in executing its work plan. He reiterated that the purpose of the task force is to, with a focus on the Preserve and the parks system, evaluate options that could replace, extend, or modify the current Preserve two percent sales tax that will be expiring in 2024. Director Molinari noted that on February 27th he provided the task force with an overview of the parks and recreation department, including parks, facilities, programs, medians and right of ways, sports complexes, the stadium, spring training, and PAC-12. On March 29th, the group was taken on a tour of Indian Bend Wash, followed by a meeting during which task force members were given an opportunity to ask questions. The task force requested that the parks and recreation department present a list of unfunded priorities. Director Molinari reviewed in detail the list of unfunded priorities that have been identified with the assistance of department managers and staff. Unfunded priorities in no particular order include:

- Indian Bend Wash lakes and irrigation bond project completion
- Park security, roving, and enforcement
- Maintenance and operation resources
- Indian Bend Wash Master Plan improvements
- Pickleball courts and sport courts
- Off-leash areas and dog parks
- Indian School Park Master Plan improvements
- Life cycle replacements
- Amenity Improvements
- Irrigation and landscaping improvements

Director Molinari noted that areas that he did not include in his priority list, because they were not determined to fit within the task force workplan, included programs which would include after school and summer programs, adaptive services, and senior programs; aquatics facilities and systems maintenance; or Scottsdale Stadium. He noted that projects would be prioritized through the citizen-driven master planning process.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Director Molinari explained that the Indian Bend Wash bond project was originally funded at \$23 million, and that City Council recently added an additional \$10 million, but the amount is not expected to be enough to compete the project over the next six to seven years. Discussion ensued regarding what the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendations to the task force would include and whether aquatics should be included as a priority. It was suggested that the other entities such as police and fire be engaged to discuss how parks and the Preserve can be included in the public safety process. Chair Parrish noted that she has begun drafting a memo on behalf of the Commission that will outline specific recommendations to the task force. Director Molinari said

that staff will be presenting to the task force again in June and will be including cost estimates for proposed projects. He plans to explain to the task force that the estimates are based on current costs and will likely increase over the next 20 years.

Commissioners will review the draft memo to the Protect and Preserve Task Force and have further discussion and possible action regarding the Commission's recommendations during the June meeting.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Nick Molinari announced that City Council tentatively approved the Parks and Recreation Department FY 2023/24 budget last night and will consider final adoption on June 13, 2023. He noted that the proposed budget includes \$4.7 million to Ashler Hills Neighborhood Park; an additional approximately \$10 million to Indian Bend Wash Lakes and Irrigation project; \$1.5 million to Thompson Peak Dog Park; \$3.2 million to Pima Park pickleball courts; \$1.75 million for playground replacement; 1.2 million to WestWorld polo tents; and approximately \$4 million to the McCormick Stillman Railroad Park Roundhouse project.

Director Molinari reviewed recent and upcoming events.

- The Arbor Day event was held at Chaparral Park on April 28, 2023. The City of Scottsdale was recognized as a Tree City USA recipient for the 41st year.
- Bash on the Wash family event was held on May 6, 2023.
- Eldorado Park will host a dive-in movie on May 20, 2023.
- Toss on the Wash, disc golf event, is scheduled for May 25, 2023.
- McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park will continue hosting Sunday evening concerts through June 25th.
- McDowell Mountain Ranch will host Glow Up family swim party on June 17, 2023.
- PAC-12 tournament is scheduled for May 23rd through the 27th. Tickets are available for Commissioners who wish to attend.

6. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner McAllen said she has been going to the Summer Concert series. She had positive comments about the HAWK light that has been installed on Indian Bend.

Commissioner McGarry spoke about her recent visit to Thompson Peak Park.

Commissioner Quale mentioned that she visited Prospect Park on a recent visit to Brooklyn.

7. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Possible future agenda items include:

- Review of proposed memo to the Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force
- Thompson Peak dog park and off-leash area maintenance
- Experience Scottsdale strategic plan presentation

8. ADJOURNMENT

VICE-CHAIR QUALE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR PARRISH, VICE-CHAIR QUALE, COMMISSIONERS JONES, KURLAND, MCALLEN, MASCHHAUPT, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.