



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

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 15, 2023
McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center
15525 N. Thompson Peak Pkwy
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

PRESENT: Chair Kristen Parrish, Vice Chair Teresa Kim Quale, Commissioners Michael Vreeland, Maryann McAllen, Eric Maschhaupt, Susan McGarry

ABSENT: Commissioner Eric Kurland

STAFF: Director Nick Molinari; Parks and Recreation Managers Chris Walsh, Brett Jackson, Kevin McKee, Kyu-Bin Hyun, Stephanie Tippet; Aquatics Maintenance Supervisor Ken Shoup; Community Services Operations Supervisor Kristen Clark

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parrish called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present as indicated above.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2023

COMMISSIONER MCGARRY MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 18, 2023 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. VICE-CHAIR QUALE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR PARRISH, VICE-CHAIR QUALE, COMMISSIONERS VREELAND, MCALLEN,

MASCHHAUPT, AND MCGARRY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. AQUATICS MAINTENANCE OVERVIEW

Ken Shoup, Aquatics Maintenance Supervisor, provided a presentation of the aquatic maintenance functions, brief overview of the future of pool technology, and water conservation. His presentation included an overview of the department's maintenance responsibilities, which include eight pools and 13 public decorative fountains and water features. He explained that aquatic centers are regulated and inspected by Maricopa County Health Department Environmental Services and processes follow science provided by the CDC to deter exposure to recreation water illnesses. Aquatic technicians are on-call 24/7 to respond to public health, safety, and chemical emergencies. Mr. Shoup gave an overview of systems and equipment maintained at the aquatic facilities and fountains and water features and reviewed the conversion project that took place from 2017 to 2020. He talked about water conservation efforts and ongoing bond-funded upgrades being made to Scottsdale's aquatic facilities.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Shoup explained that Cactus and Chaparral pools meet criteria for swim certification, which is two meters in depth. Mr. Hyun added that the pools could qualify for short, 75-yard meets. Director Molinari said that \$32 million was allocated to complete the Cactus Aquatic Facility as part of Bond 2019. Construction costs are currently estimated at \$52 million. Staff is working with the master plan consultant to consider site modifications, primarily focused on moving the ingress and egress off of Scottsdale Road.

2. PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Nick Molinari, Community Services Assistant Executive Director, provided an update on the progress of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Process – Shape Scottsdale Parks. The presentation included process overview, engagement efforts, response statistics, and next steps for the master plan. He gave a recap of the community outreach efforts, including in-person workshops and popup events. Ms. Tippet noted that cards with the QR code were distributed at the SUSD sports festival. Director Molinari reviewed statistics resulting from the online questionnaire and gathered at outreach events, distinguishing those efforts from the statistically valid survey. He noted that the statistically valid survey will be available online and the results will be kept separate from other responses gathered through outreach efforts.

Director Molinari said that he hopes to give a presentation on preliminary Master Plan recommendations to City Council sometime in the Spring, possibly during a work-study session, and to bring to Council for approval closer to summer of 2024.

3. PARKS AND RECREATION ACCREDITATION

Kristen Clark, Community Services Operations Supervisor, provided a presentation about the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). Her presentation included a review of what CAPRA accreditation is, the accreditation process and requirements, and the benefits of accreditation to the community and to the organization. City of Scottsdale has been accredited for approximately 30 years and is one of 11 accredited organizations in

Arizona. The cost to the City to complete the accreditation process is approximately \$55,000 which includes approximately 1,504 staff hours.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of CAPRA certification, and whether there could be a more beneficial use for the \$55,000 it costs to recertify. Suggestions were made that there could be a way to replace CAPRA certification with other certifications that would benefit more citizens.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Molinari said that the 52nd annual Fall Festival was held on October 28, 2023, at Chaparral Park. There were approximately 3,000 attendees.

Scottsdale Bobcats Special Olympics Golf team competed on November 4th in the Four Peaks Area Competition and brought home nine gold medals, three silver medals, and four bronze medals. That evening the adaptive services team hosted a formal at the Community Design Studio. Staff have been using a variety of different areas to provide new and different experiences for the adaptive services program.

Dreamy Draw Music Festival was held November 3rd and 4th, 2023. The event was the first time that Civic Center had full activation, with approximately 1,800 attendees on Friday night and 4,500 on Saturday.

Bell94 and Civic Center were recently recognized by the Engineering News Record (ENR) Southwest Region Awards. Bell94 was a best project award merit winner in the sports entertainment category. Civic Center was awarded for landscape and urban development

Director Molinari shared a photograph of a recent Scottsdale Road median enhancement.

Civic Center events include the recent Scottsdale Arts Galla and Date Night, which is scheduled for November 16th.

5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner McAllen said that she enjoyed her time on the Paths and Trails Subcommittee. Although she did not attend the Fall Festival, she happened to walk past the event and it looked like there were a lot of attendees.

Commissioner Quale commented on her involvement with the Master Plan. She told an anecdotal story that was shared with her by Paul Messenger.

Commissioner Maschhaupt attended had a good time attending the Fall Festival. He commended the Parks and Recreation team for continually impressing him.

Commissioner Vreeland commented that holding the Fall Festival at Chaparral Park was good.

Chair Parrish congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department on the multiple awards that they have received and on events at Civic Center.

6. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future meeting agenda items could include:

- Civic Center programming
- CAPRA reaccreditation

7. ADJOURNMENT

VICE-CHAIR QUALE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER MCGARRY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR PARRISH, VICE-CHAIR QUALE, COMMISSIONERS VREELAND, 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.