

**CITY OF SURPRISE  
COMMUNITY AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

August 22, 2016/ 6:00 PM

**Surprise City Hall – Community Room  
16000 North Civic Center Plaza  
SURPRISE, ARIZONA 85374**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Roll Call**

CRS Commission Members: Wayne Turner (Chair), Mark Brown (late), Monique Hernandez, David Sanders and Charlie Woodland.

City Staff: Donna Miller, Paul Frie, Marla Babb

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Current Events Reports**

The following commission members attended Arizona Parks & Recreation Boards and Commission Day on August 10th: Mark Brown, Monique Hernandez, Wayne Turner and Ron Jensen.

Commission members comments:

Monique Hernandez: enjoyed it, motivating, informative and exciting, great main speaker.

Mark Brown: enjoyed seminar with City of Tempe, Logan Simpson and school district on Arroyo Park. The park serves as a park and is also used for educational purposes. This was a cooperative agreement through all the entities and is a great enhancement to Tempe. Mr. Brown would like to have this group come and present to our commission. Mr. Brown felt the conference was positive.

Wayne Turner: enjoyed and connected with keynote speaker Jeff Hoffman, and is interested in getting smart glass board and its technology to Surprise Party event. Great for city, great for technology, perhaps could bring jobs to Surprise. Wayne has discussed this item with Mark Coronado, CRS Director and Bob Wingenroth, City Manager and plans to discuss it with the Mayor. He feels that this item could put Surprise on the map. There may also be money available by Corning and Microsoft just to display the technology glass. Mark Brown also was favorable in regards to this item. Wayne is planning on reaching out to the keynote speaker next week, for contacts.

Wayne, also discussed that Coca Cola is looking to sponsor any events that have to do with empowering females, he suggested doing this through teen events or the teen advisory committee.

## **D. Staff Reports**

Donna Miller, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, city staff is working on the Master Plan “action list.” City is reinvesting in existing parks by replacing playgrounds at 3 Star and Stonebrook Park. A library feasibility study will be released this year. Staff continues to work on opportunities to partner with agencies and developers for new park land and open space. Along with planning staff, CRS has started conversations with Central Arizona Project, Maricopa County and Flood Control for future partnerships. These partnerships could lead to IGA’s which would help to acquire or share land for parks, open space and trails. It is best to be ahead of development, in order for trails and parks to become part of the City of Surprise’s future inventory.

Paul Frie, Recreation Division Manager gave a report on Aquatics. Paul broke it down in 5 categories, members were impressed with the numbers and now understand why another pool is needed; participation in recreation teams and competitive team are growing.

Paul gave an update on the Boys and Girls Club Project and how at this time it will not move forward due to the high stakes (10 million dollars) needed to move forward. The committee that was assisting in Boys and Girls Club project is now the Youth Foundation and is taking an alternative route and will raise funds to help youth.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Andy Cepon (Surprise Resident) ~ Regarding Item – Mr. Cepon wanted to remind city staff and Commission Members that a 1.3% arts component will be involved in the future of all capital improvement projects. It will be for public art and is not linked to one place, it is innovative, flexible and codified. 1/3 of the fee is for administrative costs. This will enhance the Quality of Life.

Also recommended tech board meeting could be skyped so that the public could be involved.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- E.** Approval of items on the Consent Agenda  
No items were identified as consent agenda items.

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING**

**Item 1 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and action approving the January 25, 2016 Community and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 CRS Advisory Commission meeting –Mark Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Monique Hernandez, 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

**Item 2 – CITYWIDE – Discussion and action to appoint a Vice Chairperson for the Community and Recreation Services Advisory Commission for a term ending on June 30, 2017.**

This item has been tabled to the next meeting. David Sanders moved to vote on item 2 at the next meeting, Monique Hernandez, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, 5 yes votes.

**Item 3 – CITYWIDE – Discussion and action to appoint a Chairperson for the Community and Recreation Services Advisory Commission for a term ending on June 30, 2017.**

This item has been tabled to the next meeting. David Sanders moved to vote on item 3 at the next meeting, Monique Hernandez, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, 5 yes votes.

**Item 4 – CITYWIDE – Discussion regarding the parks and recreation bond projects.**

Donna Miller, Assistant Community and Recreation Services Director, gave a brief overview of the upcoming election regarding bond projects. The “Surprise Forward” flyer was handed out, with all the bond information listed. The bond item will be on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot, totaling 63 million and includes two recreation projects. City staff will have booths at upcoming events informing the public on what the bond is proposing as well as will host its own informational meetings. Mrs. Miller also directed them to the city’s web page for more information.

Pickleball Courts expansion was originally recommended to be included in the bond; council removed it and instructed city staff to identify alternative funding through an amendment to the FY 17 budget.

Chairperson Turner stated that this a step in the right direction for the City, it will help all parties, Fire, Police, Recreation, Streets, etc. this will be great for the Surprise and its residents

**Item 5 – CITYWIDE – Consideration and possible action to place items on future agendas.**

Items 2 & 3 were moved forward

Park Rules

Presentation by City of Tempe and Logan Simpson regarding Arroyo Park

Smart Glass update

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No items listed

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Charlie Woodard. 2<sup>nd</sup> by \_Monique Hernandez. 5 yes votes. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

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Donna Miller, Assistant Director

**CERTIFICATION:**

I, Marla Babb, Recreation Manager for the City of Surprise Community and Recreation Services Department, Maricopa County,

Community & Recreation Services

Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the CRS Advisory Commission meeting held on August 22, 2016.

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Marla Babb, Recreation Manager