

## **SHOW LOW PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023, AT 4:00 P.M. AT SHOW LOW CITY HALL 180 N. 9<sup>TH</sup> ST. SHOW LOW, AZ 85901.**

### **1. Call to Order**

Chairman Steve Hair called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
Steve Hair, Dawn Hall, Joel Weeks, Connie Kakavas

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**  
Becky Clark, Ken VanWhinkle

**STAFF PRESENT:** Morgan Brown, Jay Brimhall, Bill Kopp, Terri Nikolaus

**GUESTS:** Dave Jakus, Anita Hunter, Larry Waterworth

### **Consideration of Minutes.**

Joel moved to approve; Connie 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously

### **3. Public Call**

Patrons of the aquatic center had concerns.

Anita Hunter stated that this group represented 19 patrons of the pool. She explained that the 3 present would address issues and a letter was submitted by Gordan Terracina.

David Jakus spoke first stated the has been going to the pool for 6 months. He is upset that they came to a meeting three months ago and he has not noticed any changes. He also stated that he got no response from the previous meeting. He feels a total lack of respect from the Pool Manager, he feels she should say "Hello and good morning" he feels she growls and does not speak to customers.

Anita Hunter read a letter submitted by Gordan Terracina. His letter states he is a long standing member of the pool. When he goes to the pool manager for issues, he states she calls him a troublemaker, he also states she has told members of the public he is a troublemaker.

Larry Waterworth stated that he was asked from a female guard if he took a shower before entering the pool, he stated no, and she told him he had to. He asked her

if everyone else had and he feels she did not make them. He believes he is targeted because he complained. He also stated he asked a guard in the chair what time he had to get out of the pool and said the pool manager told him he cannot talk to guards while in the chair yet he sees people talking to them all the time. He asked if the pool manager is allowed to make up rules as she goes. He feels the pool manager does not like anyone who complains.

Anita Hunter stated that this is the 5<sup>th</sup> time they have come forward, in those times nothing has been done, she stated no notice was given from the last meeting, she even met with the new City Manager and Attorney. Also stated a patron alleges injuries with a basketball, that patron gave suggestions such as softer balls feels ignored, stated that 3 adults and 1 child have been injured with basketballs. She stated they attended a City Council meeting, and that today was the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with the same issues and concerns, they have contacted OSHA, Attorney General and still nothing is being done. They have submitted a letter to the White Mountain Independent and want to go public stating the Pool Manager has no concern for public safety and they feel the pool manager and community services director should be replaced.

Morgan Brown reminded her that she is not allowed to speak about individuals.

#### **4. New Business:**

##### **Bill Kopp, Public Works Director**

##### **Wet weather delayed most park improvement projects. Still impacting projects.**

- BMX track upgrades: Finishing drainage improvements, start light install next week
- Frontier Field: concrete access sidewalks to ramadas done. PA system bids opened last week. Trying to get the install completed by end of April. Should start final paving next week. Tentative soft open for splash pad first week in May right before BBQ throwdown. Still may need to work out some kinks. We have only run it for about 20 minutes. Plans for an official opening later – Memorial Weekend?
- City Campus: Removed trees and brush on the west side. New fence along 6<sup>th</sup> starts next week. We will also be planting trees along fence.
- City Park: Construction of new restroom at volleyball courts started last week Tennis court final surfacing April 17. Working on a lighting project. Re-bid remodel of restrooms have contractor hired will be complete August.
- Due to rising prices, we have budgeted 2 ramadas at Archibequa and City Park.
- Nikolaus Park basketball fencing will be installed starting next week.
- Repairing flood damage at Meadow Trail. Asphalt was fine but some of the shoulder material needs to be replaced.
- Received grant funding for 8 more pickleball courts and 2 ramadas restroom are in proposed budget. Grant funds will be available in September.

April/May 2023

- Spring/summer season started with Hare Raising Candy Scramble
- The MLK Jr. Day of Service on April 29. Starts at 9AM. Meet at City Hall. From there, we'll break you out to your project site. Please be back to City Hall at 12PM for a provided lunch! Please dress appropriately for providing service!
- May 5 & 6 is the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ Throwdown.
  - The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary burger burn will go from 5-7pm for the first 400 guests. May 5.
  - May 6 is the competition.
- May 27-29 is the Annual Memorial Day Softball Tournament

June

- Cruzin' The Rim Car Show on Frontier Field. June 3.
- June 3, Mountain Man Events Deuces Wild Triathlon @ Fool Hollow Lake
- June 2-3, Gun Show at the City Campus Gym
- June 8-9, Show Low Days, Frontier Field

First part of July

- July 4, 2023, Tuesday, we will hold all the Independence Day events. Parade, 9AM. Wetzone (Frontier Field) after the parade (1030-11AM until 2PM).
- Freedom Fest starts at 3PM at SLUSD Football field. Fireworks will start promptly at 9pm on Tuesday July 4, 2023.
- The backdrop of the Show Mobile will be ready for most Spring/Summer events.

**5. Scheduling of Meetings**

Next meeting will be July 11, 2023 at 4:00pm.

Connie Kakavas asked about the sign for the Timothy McKay Memorial Park, Bill stated the sign would be moved to the correct location.

Connie Kakavas reminded members there are a lot of projects on the CIP list, suggested have a training on the strategic plan and how it works with this group.

**6. Summary of Current Events**

- Morgan Brown let everyone know a tree fell at the city park near basketball court

**7. Adjournment**

Chairman Hair moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:06pm


*Stephen Hair*  
1/25/24

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Show Low Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee held on April 4, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

Approved:

  
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