

Parks and Rec Commission
Meeting Minutes March 4, 2011
Williams Recreation Center

Roll Call.

Present: Commissioner Glassburn , Commissioner Redfeather, Commissioner Williams, ,
Commissioner Patricca, Commissioner Winbourn, Commissioner Rodriguez, Director Newbold

Absent: Commissioner D'Arpa

Guests: Sue Atkinson, Laura Duncan, AJ Minor, Mark Worden Mike Dulay

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Glassburn at 10:00am

Agenda: Motion was mad by Commissioner Winbourn to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Patricca and unanimously approved.

Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Winbourn to accept the minutes from the February meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Redfeather and unanimously approved.

Renaissance Faire. Mark Worden

Mark apologized for not being able to present at the last meeting. Mark gave an overview of the events stating that their event includes stage shows, music, meet the queen, story tellers and summer marketplace. It started in Williams many years ago and the exit poll resulted in 85% to 87% said it was great for a first year event. It was moved to Flagstaff the second year because there was no location here in Williams.

He went on to say that he needed to find a place to grow this event. I know Cataract Lake Park is not available for 2011 but we want it to be the location for 2012.

Renaissance is big business with over 275,000 people attending the show in Phoenix.

Minnesota has the biggest show with over 300,000 people attending that show.

The Grand Canyon Renaissance is small but growing. We attracted over 5,000 people when we were in Flagstaff.

Mark reviewed his proposal (on file) asking for a five year agreement with an option on another five years. All we are asking for is good rental rates at the beginning. Cataract Lake

Park is a great for a permanent location. We figure that there is enough parking for at least 200 people to park.

We are considering a June event. We don't want to compete with the BBQ contest on the 4th of July.

Commissioner Glassburn reminded Mark of the agreement between the County and the City and that it expires Sept. 30th of this year at that time the County will take the park back over. We're looking at major renovations at the park and I don't know how that would affect you and your event. She is in support of the event but without knowing what the county will do and what the future plans will be I don't think we could commit to your proposal, at this time. We do have the Park on our agenda today and will be discussing it further later in this meeting. Mark responded that he needs to get a commitment from the City to do this event somewhere in the City. We could work together to find another location and I would like a multi-year contract. It doesn't need to be five years.

Director Newbold suggested re-looking at Buckskinner Park because it is City owned. We could commit to that unlike Cataract Park where our agreement will be expiring this year. Mark stated he has not attended any Coconino County Parks and Rec. meeting and Commissioner Glassburn felt that this might not be a good time to talk to them with everything going on right now.

Director Newbold asked Mark if he had a back-up plan if the fire danger was high. Mark stated he runs a dry camp and there are no campfires allowed, he could arrange for an onsite water truck. We could start at Buckskinner and eventually move to Cataract. Moving within the City rather than to another City is obviously better.

Whitehorse Lake isn't an option as it is too far removed from town.

Monument Park.

Commissioner Glassburn reported that the retaining wall at Monument Park is deteriorated and a safety hazard. The City is willing to do some work down there to fix the problem.

Director Newbold had a prior quote updated at a price of \$19,000 to reinforce the wall with concrete and rebar with a brick or stone overlay and we need to come up with a plan.

Commissioner Winbourn will be drawing up a plan to remove the wall and possibly using boulders in lieu of the wall to reduce the costs.

Commissioner Winbourn added that there are boulders already at the Park that could be used. His idea was to remove the hill all together and relocate the Bill Williams statue. He was unclear of the "history" of the existing trees on the hill as his plan included removing some of

them. Director Newbold stated that as she is aware of some community backlash when they were pruned one year in the past. Commissioner Winbourn has had discussions with City Building Inspector Tim Pettit who agreed with Commissioner Winbourn that the trees are the probable cause of the damage to the wall and was unsure how you could “replace” the wall with boulders and not disturb the trees.

Commissioner Winbourn will draw a plan and submit to the Commission for review next week then have public input on the situation.

Hog Rally.

Commissioner Glassburn stated that Mayor Moore at last year’s HOG Rally presentation assured the Rally that the City would take care of the parking lot gravel issues at the Rodeo Grounds.

Director Newbold has attended meetings that the dollar amount to put down AB in the parking lot was quite high. AJ mentioned that his uncle has AB that was delivered for a job but was the wrong size and he might be able to donate it to use. Commissioner Glassburn asked AJ to research that possibility and let her know.

Commissioner Winbourn added that this is a situation where we need to come together as a group and if its manpower and money we need to help figure out a way to make sure this gets taken care of.

Director Newbold will continue to work on this issue but will take it off the agenda.

Santa Fe Dam Signs.

Commissioner Glassburn distributed the sign plan (on file) that was approved by the City.

Director Newbold received a quote for five signs for \$650. The purchase order has gone to the City and she will be ordering the signs and posts on Monday. Laura suggested putting in for signs at Buckskinner too and maybe get the same great deal.

Director Newbold thanked the Commission for their hard work and expressed her excitement that there will be signs installed by the summer.

The City Entry sign drawings (on file) were distributed. There is no funding to implement this project but at least there is a plan in place. Director Newbold also included the design plan for the Rec Center as an FYI. There are only three areas left to complete. The Center has spent quite

a few years dealing with mud. The three remaining issues are a concrete safety issue around the playground, stamped concrete around the Ramada and 5200 square feet of rubberized mulch (\$6,000 quoted price) for around the playground area. Completion of these items will cost around \$15,000. Director Newbold asked the Commission to recommend to the City that as money does become available to do work on it and complete the Rec Center Park. Commissioner Glassburn asked to keep this item on the agenda and discuss how we can get momentum under us to get this done.

Cataract Park Day Use.

Commissioner Glassburn attended the County Parks & Rec meeting last night. City officials met with the new Coconino County Parks & Recreation Director, construction specialist and maintenance foreman on March 1st.

In 2002 a bond was passed with the intent of raising \$700,000 to create a community park at the Cataract Lake site. The County is ready to get started and the City has made the Commission responsible to deal with the County Parks & Rec. This will be a long term process, at least a year of planning. At the first part of the week there was \$400,000 in available funds for the project and by last night they have re-distributed funds toward the project in the amount on 1.4 million. This will be for a park only. Not a campground. Volleyball courts, Ramada's, restrooms, horseshoe pits, trails, information Kiosks and play equipment have all been discussed.

Glen Cornwell is looking into mapping of the park. The County lakeside property is very minimal and the City owns three little "chunks" around the lake. The Forest Service will have substantial input on their portion of the park. The entire park is only 15 acres.

The next meeting between the City and County is April 8th and the Commission needs to be involved in this planning. The Commission will probably be called into special session to start the planning process so when things are ready to go we will be ready too. Commissioner Glassburn cautioned that she did not know why there was so much money re-distributed to the park and that it can be re-distributed away from the park too at any time. The funds expire in 2014 but will also be up for renewal then too.

This issue does not affect anything we have planned for this current year (temporary camping). We still do not have permission from the County to allow the temporary camping yet but the letter is out there. There was an ad placed for a camp host.

Director Newbolds report: (on file)

The new air hockey and basketball shoot are in!

There is \$775 in the skate park fund right now. The Grand Canyon Railway has been billed for their \$500 donation. We are close to \$1,500 being raised so far.

Commissioner Glassburn has asked the City to match the funds but has not received an answer. She has received a \$300 commitment from Rotary.

Director Newbold reported that Amanda Orozco from Amanda's Beauty Box held a cut-a-thon at her shop and raised \$375!

AJ felt he was getting closer to talking to Rob Dierdek.

Commissioner Redfeather added that he had an idea of doing a benefit shoot "ham shoot" around Easter time to benefit the Skate Park. He was still trying to figure out a date.

Friends of the Aquatic Center:

Mike Dulay reported that they are setting up their ex-officio director positions on the Board.

Commissioner Glassburn and Sherry, certified pool operator, have been asked.

There is currently \$5,000 in the account and we are looking for someone to help with the engineering problem at the pool, the excessive humidity in the building.

Director Newbold added that they were looking at extending the summer swim season until Labor Day using the Friends money to extend the dates. Right now we are scheduled to open May 28th to August 6th.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Commissioner Winbourn made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Winbourn and all approved.

Next meeting set for April 1st at 10am at the Rec Center.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23am.

