

Parks and Rec Commission
Meeting Minutes June 3, 2011
Williams Recreation Center

Roll Call.

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

Absent: Commissioner D'Arpa, Commissioner Winbourn,

Guests: Sue Atkinson, Mike Dulay

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Glassburn at 10:03am

Agenda: Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Redfeather and unanimously approved.

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

Signs at Buckskinner Park

Rose went to the sign company to put Buckskinner name on the signs. Three 30x24 standard size signs, u-posts installed was quoted at \$411. This would replace the old sign on the road, sign on the Ramada and by the lake. Future plans include a sign by the water dept and a kiosk by the Ramada. The 5th sign at Santa Fe Dam is not installed because the location was too rocky. We're trying to determine a new location. Commissioner Glassburn was glad to see that the sign plan in place and that we're just waiting on additional funds to continue.

Rodeo Grounds

Commissioner Glassburn asked the Commission to go look at the grounds and see the great job the City did in preparing for HOG Rally. Plans for the shade cover to be put up have been postponed until next week because of the high winds. The arena has been rolled for the bike games.

Cowpunchers are still coming. The arena has been closed for the last few weeks due to the virus.

Commissioner Williams concern was not for Cowpunchers but their horses. What will happen with our horses already corralled at the grounds? Director Newbold stated that there have been no active cases in the last two weeks. The City acreage north of I-40 has been reserved for overflow parking for the rodeo to keep the area clear around the stalls. The Mayor was going to contact the owners at the stables to say if they are uncomfortable they can move their horses to his stables.

Director Newbold went on to say that the health Dept. only placed travel restrictions, there was never a quarantine issued.

Monument Park

Commissioner Glassburn apologized to the Commission for not having the proposal ready yet. There is a public input issue of the trees that have to come down. She asked the Commission if they should contact a tree specialist or someone from the Forest Service or NAU Forestry for their opinion. Everyone agreed that that would just be a reinforcement of Commissioner Winbourn's findings. Commissioner Patricca added we should get an opinion from someone outside of Williams.

Commissioner Glassburn went on to say that she felt like they were missing a few "key pieces" of information and just wanted to make sure the Commission did their homework before proceeding, worried about the consequences of taking out trees without proper consultation. This does basically come down to a safety issue and there aren't really a lot of options.

Skate Park

Director Newbold reported that Commissioner D'Arpa walked the Skate Park with his construction foreman and has plans for a week after HOG Rally getting a team in here to start the work. It is now June and summer rec will be starting so we need to get this done as soon as possible. We will only use the GCR construction team right now. Eighteen sheets of Skate Lite have been purchased. This is enough to completely recover the half pipe and the fun box. The rest of the ramps are in better condition and can wait until we complete more fundraising. Eventually all the ramps will be recovered and will probably cost another \$2,000 to complete.

Master Plan for Recreation Center

The new Rec Center sign will be done in a week or two. There was a miscommunication with Mike at GCR and he made the Skate Park sign first instead of the Rec Center sign.

Director Newbold passed around a sample of fake grass. The biggest issue in doing this is the cost. The large area around the play equipment is \$37,000 and just around the Ramada,

\$15,000. Another quote obtained for stamped concrete around Ramada and recycled rubber mulch around the play area is \$15,000. Director Newbold went on to say that if we did the “L” around the playground and stamped concrete around the Ramada it would “finish “ the area and would look really nice.

Suggestions for “sponsor a yard of astro turf” were mentioned to help raise money.

Commissioner Glassburn stated that the artificial grass sounds like a project for Williams Needs an Angel.

Director Newbold said she has looked into pavers too. She has obtained lots of quotes for many different options. The Ramada area is about 1680 square feet and the “L” shape around the play area is 4,245 square feet.

Cataract Park long term planning

Commissioner Glassburn attended the County Parks & Rec meeting last night.

The County Board of Supervisors will review the budget figures this month and will have numbers by the July meeting. There is a meeting scheduled at City hall June 22nd at 10am. The County Parks and Rec Commission would like to come to Williams for their next meeting and a tour. There will probably be about 10 people. Commissioner Glassburn would like to secure a van to drive them around, maybe from the Railway or Jeep Tours. It would be about a four hour tour then they would hold their meeting afterwards. Rodeo Grounds, Buckskinner Park, Rec Center, Golf Course, Cataract lake, Cureton Park and the schools were all suggested.

Commissioner Glassburn stated that they are looking at our maintenance policy too. If they are going to give us 2 million dollars for upgrades they want to see that we are going to maintain it. I think they are using Williams as a “model” community. Commissioner Glassburn will be calling upon the Commission for assignments to gather information. The meeting will possibly be in July.

Sportsman’s Club

Commissioner Redfeather reported that they are open on a pretty regular basis, weekends mostly, for practice. Evidently there was a soil specialist that went out there in a Forest Service truck and the RSO out there told him that the range is open to the public. This is NOT TRUE. You have to be a member of the Sportsman’s Club to shoot at the range.

The grazing permit is back in affect so the gate has to be opened and closed. Director Newbold is trying to get the cattle guard repaired. Joe at the City is trying to get this accomplished also. Commissioner Redfeather presented Director Newbold with a check for \$166 that was raised for Skate Park improvements by the Club.

Commissioner Glassburn asked that if we are going to pursue the fundraising for grass at the Rec Center maybe the Sportsman's Club could start with the first \$100.

Commissioner Redfeather looked at the drill pipe being offered by the city to the club for the shade structures with Gene from the City but the material is very heavy! They need a lighter material for the uprights. He felt if they looked around the City more they might come up with more materials like angle iron and corrugated metal.

The club is still waiting on money from the Williams Police department and Sheriff for the soil analysis. They did get money from the other three groups. Evidently the standard has been lowered to 800ppm on lead instead of 2000ppm. NEPA says there's not an issue. Director Newbold is giving the Forest Service some space right now as they are very busy over there. They are not talking about closing the range at this time. This test has to be done every two years and it is very hard to find qualified people to come and do the testing. There were three "hot spots" at the range that were mitigated in 2009. The soil ph and the ground water being at 3000+ feet should be taken into consideration for this analysis.

Director Newbolds report (on file)

WYCP is still accepting donations. The Skate Park is ready to go.

May events were very hectic. Run for the Wall, Memorial Day, pool opening and grad night. The pool did open on time!! Our pool has been open for eleven years and has never had a Health Dept. complaint so they waived the pre-opening inspection.

The new HVAC unit has been installed. The yellow vent pipe will be painted white and there will be blue slates placed in the chain link fence surrounding the unit.

The 2011 events calendar is always changing. The community calendar is on the City website and the Chamber site. Summer Rec Starts soon.

The Renaissance Faire was tabled at City council for the moment. Fire Danger is the biggest issue.

There haven't been a lot of campers at Cataract Lake so far.

There are six large planters at the swimming pool that match what we have downtown.

Commissioner Winbourn is looking for a more permanent placement for them around town.

Commissioner Glassburn asked if two can be placed at the Police Station. They will discuss it further at the next Clean and Beautiful meeting.

Old Business: none

New Business: Sue reported that there are plans for fireworks this 4th of July. The Chamber is putting together a “barn dance” at the rodeo grounds with other service clubs from 5pm to 8pm prior to the start of the fireworks. The parade time has been moved to 4pm. The Friends of the Aquatic Center Golf Tournament and BBQ is tomorrow. The Habitat for Humanity Yard sale is this weekend.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:17am

Next meeting set for July 8th at CITY HALL.