

Parks and Rec Commission
Meeting Minutes August 5, 2011
Williams Recreation Center

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Commissioner D'Arpa, Commissioner Winbourn, Commissioner Redfeather,

Guests: Sue Atkinson, Laura Duncan

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 Patricca and unanimously approved.

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

Coconino County Juvenile Work Crew

Commissioner Glassburn reported that Williams will be getting the Coconino county Juvenile work crew every Monday until school starts. County Supervisor Matt Ryan set up the program. After a month absence, the Coconino County inmate crew is back. They will be in Williams every Thursday. This past week they did work at the cemetery.

Public Participation

None

Sign update, Buckskinner Park

Laura suggested placement of the signs, one right before the trailhead and one before the public parking area, one at the entrance at 6th Street and one at the Ramada. Commissioner Glassburn asked that this item now be taken off the agenda.

Skate Park

Director Newbold reported that Commissioner D'Arpa has been in contact with her. His schedule is full right now and is not able to get to the updates. This item will be kept on the agenda.

Monument Park

No update.

Cataract Park long term planning

September 14th there will be a joint meeting with the Coconino County Parks & Rec commission. A tour is planned for 2pm and then the joint meeting will be held at 5:30pm.

Commissioner Glassburn will try and arrange a bus or van to do the tour. The tour will include the Rodeo Grounds, Rec Center, Cureton Park, Buckskinner Park, the Country Club area and end up at Cataract Lake Park. There will be refreshments on the van and at the meeting.

Commissioner Glassburn will contact the absent Commissioners from this meeting to confirm their attendance.

There was no regular scheduled Coconino County Parks & Rec meeting September 4th due to a paperwork error but they will meet with City officials and the other stakeholders identified for the Cataract Lake improvement issue on August 17th. Plans to begin the public input meetings will be made at the meeting on the 17th.

Director Newbold has not received confirmations of the August 17th meeting from APS or Game & Fish.

The Forest Service wanted to include their portion of the Park in the process. They wanted to close the campground and turn the area into an interpretive site. They figured it would cost them \$10,000 to do the NEPA. Commissioner Glassburn felt that the Forest Service would opt out of the Cataract Park Plans due to that cost. That would leave just the City & County.

This meeting on September 14th and will be the 1st meeting to start the public input process. We need a quorum at this meeting. Commissioner Patricca made the motion to discuss only Cataract park issues at the meeting. All other local issues will be tabled until the October meeting. If there is something of an urgent nature a special meeting will be called. It was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and unanimously approved.

Dorris Woods from the County will be taking minutes at the public meetings so Sue does not need to attend.

Sportsman's Club

Director Newbold reported that there will be an event next weekend at the range. It will be a fundraising match to raise money for the club's insurance needs. Commissioner Rodriguez asked where people might get more information on the Range. Director Newbold stated the police department or the website www.williamssportmansclub.org

Director Newbolds report (on file)

Director Newbold reported that the new mesh cover for the Rodeo grandstands is in. Gene will get it up soon. When Commissioner Winbourn is in attendance we can discuss taking it up and down. It will probably be on a Thursday when the County work crews are here. He has donated two large bags to store the mesh covers in.

July was a very busy month. She was very proud that Relay for Life event made \$12,000. She has had nothing but positive feedback on the location and Leah & Tim worked really hard on the event. Commissioner Williams commented on the course was harder being on concrete and the gravel area was hard to walk on. Director Newbold reminded her that once the improvements were done to the Rec Center it won't be an issue next year.

The National Barrel Races hopes to build into a regional event.

She thanked Kiwanis for helping with the Hamfest. They (Hamfest) think Williams is the best town!

The pool is going great! Friends of the Aquatic Center came through with a great donation to extend the pool season to September 10th. There will be a free swim all day August 13th and the same day the American Legion will be doing a fundraising BBQ at the Rec Center from 11am to 3pm.

Commissioner Patricca commented that the recent Grand Canyon chamber mixer benefitted the Friends of the Aquatic Center. The group received \$195!

Commissioner Glassburn offered to put in \$100 from the Clean & Beautiful Committee for a last day free swim. Commissioner Williams will check with Lions club, Commissioner Rodriguez with Rotary and Kiwanis. The fee for the free swim is \$300.

The event calendar is always changing! We did have a few cancellations this year but they were health related or financially related. We are still getting new bookings. Commissioner Patricca asked about plans for PRCA Rodeo in the spring. Director Newbold didn't think plans were proceeding. Commissioner Williams stated that the fee for PRCA has gone up to \$50,000. The Labor Day Rodeo will be an open rodeo like Cowpunchers.

Today is the last day of Summer Rec. Camp Civitan provided fabulous lunches for the kids all summer long.

Cataract Lake Campground has been slow. This shows that the new direction for Cataract Park as a day use park, that is being discussed, should prove to be a good change for the community.

Old Business: Commissioner Williams handed out flyers for the Lions Club Mountain Man Run being planned for Sept. 5th. They are in desperate need of adult volunteers for traffic control and Grand Canyon blvd and at the freeway overpass and water stations.

New Business: Commissioner Glassburn wanted to set the record straight on rumors she has been hearing around town that the Parks & Rec Commission was trying to limit or control the use of Santa Fe & Buckskinner parks. Our job was signage issues only. It is not our job or place to control the parks. It is up to the police dept. or the fire dept. regarding illegal activities or closing for fire danger. All we do is make recommendations to the City.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am

Next meeting set for September 14th with Coconino County Parks & Rec. 2pm tour and 5:30pm meeting.