

CITY OF WILLIAMS PARKS AND RECREATION (P & R) COMMISSION

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**July 31, 2013
COMMISSION ACTION**

I. PROCEDURES:

- A. Call to Order Chairperson Carol Glassburn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m..
- B. Pledge of Allegiance The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call Chairperson Carol Glassburn, Vice Chairperson Patty Williams, and Commissioners Bobby Patricca, Teresa Rodriguez, and Tad Wygal were present. Commissioner Mike Dulay was absent. Also present were City Manager Brandon Buchanan, Recreation Director Rose Newbold, and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley.
- D. Approval of Minutes: – April 4, 2013 Patty Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2013. The motion was seconded by Teresa Rodriguez and carried 4-0.
- E. Adopt Agenda Teresa Rodriguez made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Patty Williams seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

II. PRESENTATIONS

Mark Booth: Wild Canyon Games 2014

Mark Booth works for Young Life – Lost Canyon, but he was representing the Wild Canyon Games 2014. This event is not for profit and not faith-based.

- Mike Younker of Nike is the driving force behind the games. They have contributed \$1.4 million to children’s charities from five events.
- The new mountain bike team at Williams High School is a recipient of funds from this event.
- Lost Canyon will be the second of what will be five or six camps.
- There were 125 participants last May.
- Corporate sponsors are very committed to the event that will grow to 600 participants. At that point, the overflow will stay in local hotels.
- Mark would like to see the games move into Williams at some point with the goal being to get the games out of the national forests.
- The games are scheduled for the last weekend in April 2014 and the first weekend of May 2015.
- This corporate-sponsored event will bring people from all over the country and, eventually, all over the world.
- They will eliminate the road course for next year. Instead, there will be a 2-person Hiyak Race, using Buckskinner Lake.
- They want permission to use trails on City land rather than in the Forest.
- Mark showed a sample of the trail signs with distances indicated. They would use these and then donate them to the City after the trail maintenance is completed.
- Mark sees unbelievable potential in the City for recreation.
- There would be no cost to the City for this event.

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- The High School mountain bike team will volunteer to work on the trails. They would like to host a State competition someday.
- Carol Glassburn will look for some 1990's plans for connecting the trails created by the City and the Forest Service.
- They will not cut new paths but will clean and maintain existing paths. He views this as Phase I of a whole system.
- Wild Canyon has submitted applications for the 2014 permits.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NONE

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- F. Discussion, decision and recommendation regarding Wild Canyon Games 2014 presentation: Carol Glassburn Carol Glassburn asked for thoughts on this presentation.
- Brandon Buchanan said he has no problem with it.
 - Tad Wygal pointed out that the only issue is crossing Perkinsville Road.
 - Mark Booth replied that they would have total street control with flaggers and signs. Tad Wygal, Teresa Rodriguez, and Patty Williams had no questions. Bobby Patricca believes it to be a phenomenal plan.
 - Carol Glassburn entertained a motion to recommend accepting this proposal to Council.
 - Brandon Buchanan said that it does not need to go before Council.
- Patty Williams made a motion to allow the Wild Canyon Games to maintain the trails and use them for the events. It was seconded by Bobby Patricca, and it carried 4-0.
- G. Discussion of after hours usage of the Youth Recreation Center by adults per a letter received from Ruth Sanzari: Brandon Buchanan and Rose Newbold Patty Williams said there is concern that kids 18-21 are too old for the Rec Center and too young for bars.
- Rose Newbold pointed out that, when the Rec Center was created, it was donated by Roxen Cureton for the youth of the community. Its participants are 5-20 years of age. They have always excluded adults, unless they are bringing children in and out. There are lots of problems when you try to cross-populate these two age groups. The pool table has been there a long time and is not in the best condition. The Recreation Dept. staff spends each day getting the facility ready for the youth of the community. Families are welcome; however, there are other places for young adults to play pool. The Recreation Center is available until 10:00 p.m. during the summer with various closing times during the winter. This accommodates the needs of the community.
 - Carol Glassburn and Commissioners will find out if there's a

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demand from the 18-21 population for a place to play pool.

H. Update of improvements at Monument Park:
Brandon Buchanan

- Brandon Buchanan reported that the statue is almost ready, and they are trying to finish the landscaping, gravel and statue. Carol Glassburn added that Jim Winbourn will be putting in more landscaping next week. Beautiful furniture and trash cans are already there. She will use \$600 from the Arizona Clean & Beautiful grant for two cigarette urns. A doggy bag dispenser is available.

I. Report from Recreation Director:
Rose Newbold

- The Rodeo Grounds has had 8 paying events this year with 6 more on the calendar through September. Including in-kind work, the income is \$12,377.
- The Summer Splash Rec Program had a record number of participants this season, averaging 85 each day.
- The City crew finished its portion of the lead remediation process at the shooting range.

J. Old Business

The Railroad Display Grant released \$87,000 that will be used for ramadas and signs.

- Patty Williams said that the City made a deal with Wild West Junction that their restrooms would be available for the public. They are no longer available. John Moore does not own the part of that facility that has the bathrooms.
- Brandon Buchanan said the City is now taking bids for ramadas with the plan of putting a large hexagonal one in the far back corner and a smaller one up front. Plans for Cureton Park include a new storage building behind the new basketball court, taking down the existing storage building and building a t-ball court, adding some parking by the Cook Shack, and making an agreement with the Baptist Church to use their parking.

K. New Business

- Patty Williams complained that this Commission was ignored in the decision-making process for the zip line. She said it feels like, why have a Commission if it's being ignored? She's so disappointed that the whole parking lot is all fenced off.
- Bobby Patricca added his opinion, saying that they [zip line owners] have gone out of their way to adapt their equipment to Williams.
- Carol Glassburn said this matter will come up again next year and at that time, Commissioners can go to Council as a group.
- Brandon Buchanan added that, because the zip line is a temporary use, not permanent, it did not have to go before Commissioners for a recommendation.

L. Set next meeting date, time, location and assignments

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5th at 10:00 a.m.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Chairperson Carol Glassburn

ATTEST:

City Clerk