



Minutes Parks and Recreation Board December 5, 2007

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on December 5, 2007 7:00 p.m., Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Frank Granillo, Chair
Chuy Carreon
Buddy Davis
Scott Hamilton
Ed Parker
Ed Roberts

Members Absent:

Angela Thornton, Vice-Chair (excused)
Andrea Esquer (excused)

City Staff Present:

Travis Dray, Deputy Manager – Parks & Recreation
Cynthia Yanez, Executive Assistant – Parks & Recreation
Dave Bucher, Recreation Supervisor – Parks & Recreation
Jerry Judkins, Sr. Recreation Coordinator – Parks & Recreation

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Frank Granillo called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the October 17, 2007 meeting were accepted as written.

Agenda Item 2 – Tempe Historic Preservation Follow-Up

Bob Gasser, Historic Preservation Commission Chair, reviewed the Staff Report outlining the effects of a historic designation of Hayden Butte.

1. The purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission is to recommend properties for historic designation.
2. The commission is advisory, but they can become regulatory when there are plans for new construction or changes to a property that has a historic designation.

3. The commission would like a free exchange between the commission and the Parks & Recreation Board.
4. The commission would like to apply for gaming funds to address the vandalism that has occurred on the butte as the damage has not been repaired.

General Discussion by the Committee:

- The commission could still request gaming funds even without the historic designation.
- The butte would not be fenced off from the public.
- Additional signs may be placed on the butte to inform the public about the significance of the petroglyphs while reminding them not to disturb the site.
- The City could work with the ASU Alumni to ensure that their painting of the "A" does not do any damage to the butte.
- The Parks & Recreation Board would like the Parks & Recreation Department to maintain control of the butte and they would like that to be noted in the staff report.
- The Parks & Recreation Board would also like it the staff report to specify that the designation would not supercede any of the decisions that are made by the Parks & Recreation Department regarding maintenance, special events and maintenance of the trails.
- The Parks and Recreation Board agreed that the historical integrity of the butte should be maintained.
- The Parks Board would like to see a revised staff summary report at their next meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Parks & Recreation – Kiwanis Campus and Aquatics Update

Dave Bucher, Recreation Supervisor, and Jerry Judkins, Sr. Recreation Coordinator, shared a Power Point presentation on the programs, classes and events that are offered by the Kiwanis Recreation Center.

1. The center includes an indoor wavepool, indoor gymnasiums, classroom space, batting cages, a tennis center and classroom/meeting space.
2. The wavepool is used for aquatics programs, Jr. Lifeguard programs and learn to swim classes.
3. The aquatics division also includes three outdoor pools and a splash playground at Tempe Beach Park.
4. The tennis center offers league play as well as private lessons.
5. The tennis center also offers a learn to play program for juniors.
6. The indoor courts are used for volleyball leagues, rentals, special events, sports camps and open ("drop-in") play.
7. The classrooms are used for various special interest classes.
8. In addition to private birthday parties, the center offers the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Fun Day, the Teddy Bear Picnic and the Swim with Santa event.
9. The center is affordable and accessible.
10. There are plans to increase the number of leisure classes, offer exercise facilities and to enhance the outdoor aquatic amenities.

General Discussion by the Committee:

- The facility fees have not been changed since the facility opened.

- The expenses and revenues for the facility are very close.
- An activity based cost formula is used to set the fees for the special interest classes.
- Additional revenue streams are being explored to reinvest in the aging center.

Agenda Item 4 – Chair/Board Member Comments

Buddy Davis invited the Board to attend the 30th Annual Holiday Classic Middle School Basketball Tournament at the Kiwanis Recreation Center. He added that Sport Division, including Richard King and his staff, has done a great job.

Ed Roberts played Ken McDonald with his boss who was in town from Canada and that the course was in excellent condition. His boss was impressed with the course.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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