
Minutes Parks and Recreation Board August 20, 2008

**Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on August 20, 2008 7:00 p.m.,
Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.**

Members Present:

Frank Granillo, Chair
Angela Thornton, Vice-Chair
Chuy Carreon
Buddy Davis
Scott Hamilton
Ed Parker
Ed Roberts
Don Watkins

Members Absent:

Andrea Esquer

City Staff Present:

Travis Dray, Deputy Manager – Parks & Recreation Department
Cynthia Yanez, Executive Assistant – Parks & Recreation Department
Nancy Ryan, Rio Salado Manager – Community Development

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 May 21, 2008 meeting were accepted as written.

Agenda Item 2 – Rio Salado Update

Nancy Ryan, Rio Salado Manager, reviewed information related to the Rio Salado Area.

1. Staff continues to work with the Veterans' Memorial Committee for the development of a veterans' memorial in the Rio Salado Area.
2. The designs for the new restrooms at Tempe Beach Park are near 100% complete.

3. The splash playground has been re-opened after a new UV filter was installed to help eradicate the presence of cryptosporidium.
4. Boat permit sales are at an all time high.
5. SRP has been awarded the naming rights for the Marina.
6. The Board was invited to the upcoming hearings to designate over 40 acres of Public Open Space for uses other than open space to accommodate the Element Art Campus.
7. The Rio Salado offices (trailer) will have to relocate due ADOT's freeway expansion project.
8. The south bank linear path should be open in October.
9. The Rio East linear park design plans are at 90%.

General Discussion by the Committee:

- A limit can be made on the number of boats that are allowed on the lake at any given time.
- At this time, there has not been a problem with too many boats being on the lake at the same time.
- Boats are prohibited from entering the fall out zone during the 4th of July fireworks show.
- Park rangers do monitor lake users.
- Board members were interested in knowing if the City was going to receive any rent or other income from the Elements project.
- The City needs to continue to consider adding both soccer and ball fields into its inventory.

Agenda Item 3 – Esquer Park Grand Opening

Travis Dray, Deputy Manager, asked the Board to plan on attending the grand opening celebration for Esquer Park, that is scheduled for Saturday, October 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 4 – End of Terms

1. Buddy Davis and Andrea Esquer have completed their two (2) terms with the Parks Board.
2. Ed Parker is beginning his last year of his 2nd term.
3. Elections for officers will be held at the next meeting.
4. Frank Granillo, Chair, and Angela Thornton, Vice-Chair, are both eligible for re-election.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair/Board Member Comments

The October meeting may need to be rescheduled or cancelled.

At this time, there are not any plans to form a 16" softball league.

Friends and family of Chuy Carreon, who were in town for his son's wedding, were very complimentary of the Tempe Marketplace and the downtown area.

Angela Thornton asked the board to see her about the upcoming TUHSD bond election.

Travis presented the Parks and Recreation Department's new marketing theme: Play, Learn, Live, Grow. He also invited everyone to attend the City of Tempe Night at ASU Sun Devil Stadium on August 30 for their home opener against the NAU Lumberjacks.

Items for the next meeting include updates on the Clark Park master planning process, park renovations, marketing activities, a downtown development update and, possibly, a presentation from the Parks Division on their levels of service.

Travis also reminded everyone to vote for the upcoming bond elections.

Frank Granillo asked everyone to vote for the bond and to be mindful of the new and returning students when driving near the vicinity of ASU.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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