

Chino Valley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
July 16, 2008, 4:35 p.m.
Chino Valley Aquatic Center
1615 North Road 1 East, Chino Valley, Arizona 86323

Meeting Called to Order: 4:35

Roll Call: Present: Eric Woods, Albert Gonzales, Cheryl Romley, Sue Spahr, Vicki Warner.
Absent: Grant Turley. Staff: Present: Jason Kelly, Bob Worthen, Dean Smith. Absent: Amy Larsen

Approval of Minutes: for June 18, 2008 – resend copies to members. Approved as corrected. Cheryl Romley moved; Albert Gonzales 2nd.

Interim Director's Report: Jason Kelly:

Clarification of Roles of Committee Members: Work with Staff to advise Town Council on current needs. PRAB is not a governing board, it is an advisory board to work with community and staff.

Committee Chairs are responsible for facilitating those views and Staff will sit in as a resource; not necessarily as a driving force. Will be able to advise on certain policies that are in place or advice in securing funding, to clarify the channels and how it works as a town liaison doing hands-on work in the respective arenas.

Budget: Report copies distributed to members. Overall spending is included. Several cut backs had been done the previous year. Revenue numbers was not included. Parks revenue was not included as not a lot of money is coming back into Parks from revenue. Grant monies are available.

Donations: Bob Worthen is very proactive with in-kind work and partnerships with community organizations and businesses.

Report given on recovery numbers, Personnel is not included in report. Goal is to be self-sufficient. Currently at national average is for recreation operationally; low in Aquatics. Overall pretty good.

Town Council did approve the budget numbers that were distributed last month. Total town budget is around \$24 million dollars. Recreation went down in operational funding, Parks significantly went down to barebones. Aquatics bumped up a little-expected to be about the same as last year. Recreation and Aquatics expect to be OK. The budget does not reflect new hires for upcoming year.

Jason reports it is too early to identify areas that may be short except in Parks. Bob Worthen: Parks overall is tight, and expects to be in the red on water.

Reminder: No CIP's planned for Fiscal Year '08-'09. There are plans for CIP's pending outcome of current economic climate. Phase III Development: Amphitheatre, Ramadas, Walkways, Paths, Dog Park/Training Facility planned for beginning Fiscal Year '09-'10. Specific questions refer to Staff that have an understanding of where the dollars go.

Town Administration asked for an audit/study to be done on how to increase revenues and decrease expenses and submit a report. All divisions have looked at ways to sustain, and will be submitting this on Friday. No copies are available for committee at this time.

Fee structures are outdated: ie. fields, lighting.

Committee Reports:

a. Parks and Trails – Vicki Warner: Notes provided.

Eric Woods will spearhead a 10K, 2K Walk/Run “Turkey/Trot” Sat. after Thanksgiving Nov. 29. Staged out of Old Home Manor. Dogs to be allowed included.

Xeriscape: Committee suggests that the area of Ballfield #5 stop watering outside of the In-Field in order to immediately begin saving water (average approx. \$1500/mo during watering season) as the plan is to build a Xeriscape Garden in this area. Parks Supervisor and Interim Director to discuss; will work on, and have plan to present next meeting.

Paw Park: Bob Worthen: Approximatley 360 tons surface material to be completely delivered by next week. 6 Boulders have been delivered from Boulder Man; expect more to be donated by Atlantis Construction. Boulder Man has even offered to set the Atlantis boulders when returning to set donation boulders if the schedule works.

Vicki Warner: Dog Park Fund is an independent fund-raising group. All donations become public record as projects are completed/submitted for reimbursement for State Grant funds through the Town.

Bob Worthen, Parks, is keeping track of all City time. Re: Dog Park: for submission for Grant reimbursement.

Signage: Committee members to meet and go over the info available at Parks office. There have been some issues with unapproved “campers” at various facilities. Need signage posted so that code enforcement can act.

b. Recreation – Sue Spahr: Committee has met; no written report yet. Two teenagers would like to be on committee. Expects other new members. Brainstorm ideas: High Desert Artists, Mike has a lot of good ideas: Cowboy Golf. Other ideas: Teen Night for Jr. High age. Art Classes discussed for availability for various ages. Need other activities than Soccer and Baseball, a lot of youth cannot participate in these athletic activities. Chorus group & Art Classes were discussed. Jason Kelly: facilities to support, inviting other organizations coming in. This is a diverse group.

c. Aquatics – Jason Kelly: head count is just under 15,000 which is good. Total last year was 26,000. Operationally looks good.

d. Finance – Cheryl Romley: Plans to meet frequently with Interim Director and Committees. Needs to find alternate funding sources to improve operational sustainability.

Call to the Public: None.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

a. Parks & Recreation Master Plan -Jason Kelly: Outline distributed to committee. By next meeting a plan should be provided for development for putting together a survey/questionnaire for 13,000 residents.

b. Sustainability Strategies- Jason Kelly: Outline distributed to committee. Accountability in the Dept. is outstanding. Fee schedule is outdated. Parks staff working hard to maintain what we have: devising plans to use volunteers and other options.

c. CC Park Phase III- Jason Kelly: \$1,000,000 project with \$500,000 compensation through State Parks Grant. Currently a couple of independent groups (CV Dog Park Fund & the

Recreation Foundation) have committed to invest in various components of the project. All have the common interest of completion of Phase III. Work is progressing on-site now with the dog park portion. Next step is the Architectural Rendering.

New Business:

Presentation by Chino Valley Dog Park Fundraising Committee: Power Point Slide Show and Narration by Marianne Wear.

Earlier version of the show is on the town website, was presented to Town Council and a 2 page ad is showing on Ch. 13. As the group proceeds information is updated for the slide show. Numerous community presentations have been made; many more are scheduled. A pre-recorded taped radio broadcast on NPR will air this coming weekend.

The dog park is a Community Park feature. Currently there is a partnership agreement underway with CVCTC local dog training group for ongoing "poop patrol".

Jason Kelly invited fund to participate with Parks & Rec. booth at the special event at the High School on July 30th/31st.

Future Agenda Items- Bob Worthen: Some discussion of Teen Night and inclusion of ages up to the non-driving teens ie: Sophomores.

Adjournment: 5:45 p.m. Sue Spahr moved to adjourn, Cheryl Romley 2nd.

Submitted this 23rd day of July, 2008.

By: *Vicki Warner, Acting Secretary*