



MEETING MINUTES
Chino Valley Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
February 25, 2009
4:30 p.m.
Chino Valley Aquatic Center

1. Meeting Call to Order:

4:32 pm by Chair Eric Woods

2. Roll Call:

*Present: Vicki Warner, Eric Woods, Albert Gonzales, Sue Spahr, Vicki Warner
Absent: Lori Heiner, Cheryl Romley
Staff Present: Jason Kelly, Bob Worthen*

3. Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2008

Ms. Warner motioned to accept; Ms. Spahr 2nd; accepted as written.

4. Staff Report

Presented by Jason Kelly, Interim Director

Heritage Grant: Arizona State Parks suspended the 2006 LRSP Heritage Grant in the amount of \$575,000 for the Community Center Park Phase III project due to State budget challenges. All projects with completion between 1-90% were suspended, whereas projects with 0% completion were terminated. The Town submitted to State Parks approximately \$15,000 worth of donations to Phase III, and will be reimbursed approximately \$7600. Staff is determining whether the Town has recourse in collecting monies through the duration of the grant cycle, with possible representation by Arizona League of Cities & Towns.

Budget: Fiscal year is approximately 60% complete. The Department is creatively delivering services to offset a challenging financial climate (reduced irrigation, partnerships). The next fiscal year will be more challenging thus forcing the Department to be more sustainable, especially in recreation. Please submit all budget proposals to staff.

4th of July: Staff will make a presentation to Town Council regarding the Fourth of July Fireworks show including charging for parking/entry and fundraising the remaining balance.

Springfest: Event will be hosted on Saturday, May 30. Certain expenditures have been eliminated but the community will receive a quality and successful event.

5. Committee Progress Reports:

a. Parks and Trails

Presented by Bob Worthen, Parks & Trails Superintendent

Signage & Rules: The Parks & Trails Committee held a study session to discuss applicable signage and rules for community parks and facilities. Staff will continue to liaise with Code Enforcement regarding this matter.

Peavine Trail: Members of the committee identified key areas of trail rehab such as improving trail heads. Donated materials (railroad ties) will provide means to achieve this goal at the Center Street, Road 2 North and Perkinsville trail access points.

Dog Park: a significant portion of recent donations to Phase III have been for the dog park. The project will need a parking lot which is dependent on a chip seal program for road improvements in Chino Valley (a donation has been made for the parking lot). There have been a number of businesses and private donors who have contributed.

Adopt a Park Program: The Board adopted this program in Jan 2009 and is a great resource for community involvement and offsetting budget limitations. The final program awaits risk management's approval with a formal request has already been submitted for a dog park.

b. Recreation

Presented by Sue Spahr, Recreation Chair:

Goals: Committee created preliminary 15-20 year goals. Old Home Manor is an ideal location to expand services due to enlarging community. Included are tournaments (soccer, baseball, football), equine activities, a minor league baseball team, concerts, car shows, theater groups. Emphasis on facilities to house services especially for youth.

c. Aquatics

Presented by Jason Kelly:

Schedule: Staff is creating schedules that will meet budget scenarios. Expected consensus will be to be open pool while school is out of session.

Goals: Mr. Woods highlighted goals of committee for guests, such as creating an Aquatics Express (transportation to pool), swim team and swim league, expand learn to swim, offer additional events/programs, and utilize facility for year-round events.

d. Finance

Presented by Jason Kelly:

Sustainable Funding: Mr. Kelly requested committees submit program/service ideas to Ms. Romley who will assist staff in identifying sustainable funding solutions. Mr. Woods recommended the Advisory Board continue offering ideas; feasibility will follow.

6. **Call to the Public:**

Introduction of guests:

Ron Romley, Councilmember - Chino Valley Town Council

Kay Jones, President - Chino Valley Historical Society

Harvey Jones, Chair - Chino Valley Senior Center Advisory Board

*Charlie Arnold, Operations Manager – Bright Star; Chino Valley Rotary Club,
President Elect – Chamber of Commerce*

Lon Turner, Business Owner, Chair – Chino Valley Recreational Foundation

This organization was formed to serve the public prior to the Town's P&R services. The Recreational Foundation supported the 20 year vision of a community pool. Mr. Turner advocates Chino Valley return to the level of volunteerism which sustained services in the past.

Bill Cook, retired trails coordinator for US Forest Service

7. **Correspondence:**

None

8. **Old Business:**

- a. Discussion and possible recommendation to Council to **discontinue the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Chino Valley and Yavapai County** for operations and maintenance of Quail Ridge Park.

Mr. Kelly communicated the Town entered into an IGA with Yavapai County in 2005 due to Community Center Park renovations. In the four years of general O&M (primarily to serve youth sports organizations) the Town has made facility enhancements (approximately \$9,000) and ensured a safe and desirable facility. Mr. Kelly also communicated the usage has shifted primarily to neighborhood use and water rates have more than doubled. Citing revenue shortfalls and a significant decrease in use of this facility, staff recommended termination of agreement.

The Board requested staff report on the following at the March meeting before making a recommendation to Council:

- *Request the County pay for services (operating) while the Town maintains the facility.*
- *Facilitating a community meeting to maintain park should this facility eventually fall under the jurisdiction of the Town (protecting eventual assets). A Town designee could 'oversee' this type of maintenance.*
- *Approach Quail Ridge Water District about a rate change/reduction*

9. **New Business:**

- a. **Group Vision-eering** session for future leisure services

Chair Woods facilitated a group discussion with Board and Guests regarding the future and vision of leisure services in Chino Valley. The group suggested the following should be planned concurrently to support population growth:

- *Preserving Chino Valley's rural character*
- *Preserving open space through land acquisitions, land & utility easements*
- *Generating facility development guidelines for open space, parks, trails & associated landscaping*
- *Developing a comprehensive Trail System Plan (to be included in future development agreements)*
- *Identifying future park locations & needs*
- *Provide multi-generational services through facility design/location (YMCA)*

- *Including bicycle lanes in road expansions*
- *Enhancing community livability through access to recreation for all generations (“healthy living” programs, initiatives, facilities)*
- *Partnerships with private sector, non-profits, other community services*
- *Sustainable Funding*

10. Future Agenda Items:

Partnerships with other community services

11. Adjournment: 6:35pm

Dated this 20th day of March, 2009.

By: Jason Kelly