

MINUTES
TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
May 27, 2009
4:35 p.m.

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Chino Valley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and to the general public that the Advisory Board will hold a meeting open to the public on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at 4:30 p.m., at the Chino Valley Aquatic Center, Conference Room, located at 1615 North Road 1 East, Chino Valley, Arizona 86323.

1. CALL TO ORDER

4:35 by Chair Woods

2. ROLL CALL

*Present: Eric Woods, Vicki Warner, Albert Gonzales, Sue Spahr, Cheryl Romley,
Lori Heiner*

Staff: Jason Kelly

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 1, 2009

Ms. Romley moved to accept; Ms. Heiner 2nd; accepted as written.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Jason Kelly:

Board Applications: *Four Board members' terms expire June 30. Town received three applications in addition to the current Board: Bill Cook (retired US Forest Service with years of Outdoor Recreation Management, trail building experience, currently serving on Parks & Trails Committee); Matt Mintzmeyer (ran for Mayor, wishes to make a difference and become involved in economic development); Helen Ferguson (a lot of experience with fund raising including Phase III of CC Park and interest in volunteerism).*

Budget: *Tentative Budget goes to Town Council May 29 with general overview provided. A new program will be added in the Fall Friday Day Camp. The Head Start building will be vacated this weekend and become part of the Parks and Recreation facilities.*

Springfest: *Saturday, May 30 includes 65 Vendors, Drive-In Movie, Car Show, entertainment and booths.*

5. COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORTS

a. AQUATICS, Lori Heiner:

A prospective schedule was taken to Town Council. Revisions were made and presented again after input from public. The Pool will be open with expanded hours and days from the first proposal. Many citizens were concerned and voiced desire for the pool to remain open. The desk will be manned at all times. An additional Pool Manager has been added, Cheryl Hamm. Pros and cons of wristbands or other

Identification was discussed. Many programs will be running; schedule will be released when finalized, currently plans are for 7 days a week with reduced daily hours. Sign-ups for programs will begin with funds from the Recreational Foundation available for Swim Lessons Scholarships.

b. **RECREATION, Sue Spahr:** No report

c. **PARKS AND TRAILS, Vicki Warner:**

Rules and Signage spreadsheet has been submitted to Staff to forward to Mike Bovee, Compliance. Jason reports that Parks has been requested to post hours at the Parks so the No Camping rule can be enforced.

Peavine Trailhead workday on Perkinsville Road: Signs were relocated; there were immediate comments from the public that they saw increased use of **the Trailhead (TH)**. Committee member, Don Spahr, submitted photo and notes that were printed in the CV Review.

ADA Field Trip: Bill Cook was directly involved with design and building the hard-packed section of trail for ADA Accessibility and User Friendliness at the Williamson Valley TH. Committee then visited Memory Park. At both locations committee members tried navigating the footing, access and pathways with wheelchair, walker and crutches. Discussion of packing, surface material and type of chair and tires was discussed. Chairman Eric reports it is difficult to obtain adequate Special Needs equipment; definitely Town facilities need to be ADA Accessible and user friendly. PRAB Chair strongly encourages this committee to pursue alternative transportation with these concerns. Suggestion was made by PRAB Chair to pursue an urban trail system. Per Eric studies have shown when trails and alternative transportation needs were in place property values and desirability to live there increased.

Bike Lanes/Trails: goal is to add lanes, trails along any new roadways.

Chino Valley Railroad Park: Eric Smith, Chino Valley resident who works as the Parks and Trails Superintendent for City Of Prescott did a presentation at the Historical Society. Handouts are available on the project proposed at the Peavine Trail & Perkinsville Road. Letters of Thanks were sent from the committee and Bob Worthen and to invite Eric to attend committee meetings.

Trails planning for future road crossings: City of Prescott held a meeting May 26 for public input regarding trails and planning for future road crossings; Committee Chair attended. The Peavine Trail was of primary concern, specifically types of road crossings: at grade, tunnels or bridges. Prescott City Council would like input back from Town of Chino Valley re: interest in connectivity to the South. Committee Chair requests a letter of support to be sent to City of Prescott as soon as possible. Jason will draft a letter and present it to Chino Valley Town Manager re: desire of connectivity to the South. Discussion is that PRAB members are in support of the project, previously and presently.

Old Home Manor Rodeo Grounds: Comments from the public have been received by Committee Chair regarding the locked gates at the arena. Jason reports that the feedback he has gotten back from Town Management regards concern with the equine risk. The Arizona Equine Statute Law may not have been known or in existence at the time the previous Attorney was researching the concern. The Statute had been written to relieve individuals and municipalities of liability for recreational horse use by posting of signage. Jason will present this to the Attorneys.

c. BUDGET, Cheryl Romley:

Hand outs provided. Parks and Maintenance budget reduction of \$30,000.00. Recreation budget has dropped \$25,721.00 with biggest impact in the programming budget. There are Line Items in each division so sponsor donations may be accepted and spent against specific programs. The largest drop was in Aquatics in Personnel Services (\$72,000.00). Director Kelly reports the Recreation Foundation has available Swim Lesson Scholarships. There was a \$2,000.00 donation specifically for this purpose. There were numerous budget study sessions. The Human Services took big hits. Efforts need to be made to pursue various types of funding. If next year brings more cuts most of the current programs will not survive without other funding. Chair Woods suggested Staff pursue Corporate Sponsorships and fence banners.

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: *None*

Note: Ms. Heiner needed to be excused due to other commitments.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: *None*

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Report from staff regarding grants and application processes to acquire funding from the **American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**.

Staff looking to pursue the Community Facilities Grant if the community qualifies for funding. Funding would be applied toward the CC Park Phase III area.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Review and discuss **Recreation, Education & Open Space Goal RO-1** in the **Town of Chino Valley General Plan**. **Jason Kelly:**

Staff gave presentation 3 weeks ago to the Planning and Zoning Commission about the 40 Policies in the General Plan Chapter 5 of which 25 have been addressed.

Goal RO-1: Enhance the quality of life is a general goal.

Recommendation is change wording to "Residents and Visitors".

Policies:

RO-1.5: Link Open Space and Recreational Resources.

Dir. Kelly recommends this be eliminated because is also Goal R0-4. Brief discussion with no decision made on eliminating as a Policy.

RO-1.1: Provide a variety of recreation and passive open space for Chino Valley residents.

The suggestion is to add: "and visitors". Plus to add a clause: Provide a variety of recreational facilities and programs. No decision.

RO-1.3: Continue to improve existing undeveloped Park properties to complete planned facilities.

Center Street has been started 2-3 years ago. Feedback has been received from the community. Recommendation to remain the same.

RO-1.4:

Recommend to remain the same.

RO-1.6: Identify and recognize Open Space and Cultural Resources to be preserved, protected and enhanced.

Essentially that is what Eric Smith has proposed for the Jerome Junction site. This would provide something unique and be a historical and cultural resource. The desire is for Parks & Rec to work with the Historical Society to enrich local history.

There was brief discussion about priorities of facilities. Ms. Spahr states there are visitors that come regularly to walk the Peavine Trail and this committee should pursue the projects we have going now.

Formal recognition is included in this Policy and has not been completed.

All agreed a special work session needs to be done just on Trails; suggestion was possibly at the next PRAB meeting.

RO-1.7: Public Awareness: Protecting and maintaining natural Open Space areas.

Suggestion is to expand to: Protecting Parks and natural Open Space areas. Ms. Romley states this is covered in the Parks and Rec Master Plan.

RO-1.8: Encourage the donation of natural open space to the Town from private property owners

This has been accomplished. Suggestion is to look at and pursue other areas and connectivity options.

There was some discussion about providing an informational Kiosk at Park locations with a bulletin board that could be used for community members to post event notices and activities. Dir. Kelly identified a possibility of 7 Informational Kiosk locations. Directional Highway signage was discussed. All agree Highway Signage needs, such as: Hospital and Police, facilities, are imperative. DOT may be the entity to contact re: Hwy signs. Mike Bovee may need contacted re: compliance of Hwy. signage.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dir. Kelly will contact Ron Gritman about coming to next month's meeting for a presentation re: roads and signage.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes Submitted:

Acting Secretary: Vicki Warner

Dated this 12th day of June 2009

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