



**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
MARCH 28, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ruppert called the meeting of Thursday, March 28, 2019, to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, located at 16705 East Avenue of the Fountains, Fountain Hills, Arizona.

2. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Ron Ruppert, Vice-Chairperson Amy Arnold, Commissioners Don Doty, Daniel Fecteau, Jerry Gorrell, Sharron Grzybowski, Sharon Morgan, and Youth Commissioner Hayden Arnold.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner Varela.

STAFF PRESENT: Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin and Executive Assistant Angela Padgett-Espiritu.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no comments from the citizens present.

4. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE JANUARY 28, 2019 AND THE FEBRUARY 25, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Doty moved to approve the January 28, 2019 and the February 25, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Morgan; passed unanimously by those present (8-0).

5. UPDATE ON GOLDEN EAGLE PARK REHAB

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin stated that rehab is almost complete with the exception of concrete work. She explained that the concrete work was a planned update and trees had been removed in order for proper installation of concrete, however, shade structures will replace where the trees were removed. She noted that the shade structures are an important amenity for shade during sport events in addition to attracting other sport organizations to use the fields.

Ms. Goodwin commented that the park fields are open and accepting schedules. She mentioned that little league started the weekend prior with opening ceremonies.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Arnold, Ms. Goodwin reported that the shade structures have certain requirements such as grade, placement, and withstanding certain wind speeds. She added that the shade structures at the park have been budgeted.

6. UPDATE ON BALLFIELD ACCESS AT GOLDEN EAGLE PARK

Chairman Ruppert reported that he received a couple of letters from residents on dismay of not being able to access the fields at their leisure and having to make a reservation.

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin concurred with Chairman Ruppert's comments and that she is hearing the same comments, as well as comments in favor of the reservation requirement. She emphasized that drop-in use is available at Four Peaks Park. She pointed out that Four Peaks Park is not as well maintained as Golden Eagle Park, due to the flooding at Golden Eagle Park, the improvements scheduled at Four Peaks Park have not occurred but will be maintained, safe, and reliable.

In response to a question from Commissioner Arnold, Ms. Goodwin replied that electronic access to a ball field through staff at the Community Center can be looked into, however, the Community Center is not available seven days a week.

Commissioner Fecteau suggested making access less restrictive such as posting free play on specific day/times.

Ms. Goodwin stated that posting free play and having staff or volunteers present during the timeframe is something to look into and would address the issue of dogs being on fields.

Discussion ensued relative to the access and use to the ball fields.

7. UPDATE ON THE IMPROVEMENTS AT FOUR PEAKS PARK

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin commented that updates to the ballfields to meet minimum standards are occurring over the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Goodwin acknowledged that staff have been working hard on a number of "priority" items needed to be addressed over the last 8-12 weeks and that those items are coming to an end. She added that the goal of installing a 5-12 year old playground has been completed and the 2-5 year old tot lot is currently being installed with completion by next week. She noted that wood fiber will be placed underneath the playgrounds and curbing/sidewalks installed soon.

Ms. Goodwin stated that a rededication for Golden Eagle Park fields and a dedication for Four Peaks Park playground ceremonies will be done in the near future and will keep the Commission updated.

Ms. Goodwin mentioned that electrical work was needed at the park and the lights are currently out of order with possibility through the remainder of the week. She noted that the vendor has been contacted and will work with staff to fix.

Ms. Goodwin explained that the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects for Four Peaks Parks includes unfunded concrete work such as sidewalks and retaining walls, swings, slides, and a zip line. She noted that the CIP is Phase 2 of the playground areas. She added that staff is looking into possible grant opportunities and reaching out to vendors and/or donors to assist in funding the CIP projects.

In response to question posed by Chairman Ruppert, Ms. Goodwin replied that canopies have not been placed over the playgrounds and staff is working with Engineering to determine the type of structures that would work best over the equipment, like a Ramada.

8. UPDATE FROM THE WORK GROUP TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR CONCERN/WELLNESS ISSUES

Chairman Ruppert reported that Commissioner Varela is absent so no update on this item, however, Commissioner Fecteau expressed interest on being a part of the work group. He added that Commissioner Varela will reach out him.

Discussion ensued relative to a link being placed on the Town's website under the Crisis Response Team page regarding resource information.

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin recommended that Commissioner Varela be included to verify all the information is accurate to be placed on the webpage.

9. UPDATE FROM THE WORK GROUP TO RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Commissioner Arnold reported that there are no new grant opportunities, however, a request for funds has been sent to Town Manager Grady Miller for \$150 of administrative funds for a 2-year subscription to “The Chronicle” to assist with grant opportunities.

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin suggested to verify that The Chronicle is a reliable resource for the Town and that she will speak to Mr. Grady prior to the next meeting.

Commissioner Doty displayed a list of grants and highlighted the following (**See Attachment 1**):

- Arizona State Park (first four grants listed) – Applies to trails, development of new trails, maintenance (new and used), accessibility improvements, and signage (Closed as of March, 2019 following for when open again).
- Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority – Quick Program (passing at this time, annual grant), Quick Program for Basketball Courts, Town to apply for the \$250,000 grant (grant occurs every two-years).
- McDowell Mountain and Yavapai Nation – Completed and turned into Town for submission. Grant request is for \$25,000 on 250 feet of sidewalk between the Library and the Community Garden.
- Keep America Beautiful – Applies to widespread devastation from natural and environmental disasters and is looking to see if grant can be applied retro-active for the Golden Eagle Park.

10. UPDATE ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH TOWN EVENTS

Commissioner Grzybowski stated that volunteers are needed for the Music Fest on April 6, 2019, Eggstravaganza on April 14, 2019, and on July 5, 2019 for clean-up around Fountain Park. She requested volunteers to call the Community Services Department for contacts.

Commissioner Fecteau reported that he attended the Sock Hop which was well organized and well attended, however, residents commented that they were unaware of the event.

Commissioner Morgan concurred with Commissioner Fecteau’s comment on residents being unaware of the event.

Commissioner Grzybowski commented that the event was placed in the Fountain Hills Times and on social media through the Fountain Hills Connection page.

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin requested that the Commission ask the residents they hear from, what is the best way to inform them of upcoming events.

Discussion ensued relating to outreach of upcoming events.

11. UPDATE ON SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin thanked everyone who helped at the St. Patrick’s Day event and noted that the revenues were similar to last year’s event.

Ms. Goodwin mentioned that the upcoming events are the Eggstravaganza, Movie in the Park, and Music Fest.

12. DISCUSSION OF SMALL TOURS OF TOWN'S FACILITIES/ASSETS FOR COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Ruppert suggested that the Commission go on tours of the Town's Facilities/Assets to refresh on what the Town has and/or updated. He added that the tours would be broken up over a couple of months for a couple of hours on a specific date/time.

13. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF YOUTH COMMISSIONER HAYDEN LEADING A SUBCOMMITTEE TO ATTRACT YOUTH TO FOUNTAIN HILLS

Youth Commissioner Hayden commented that he will do research on how to reach out to the youth in Fountain Hills, such as surveys at the High School for feedback on what they would like to do outside of school. He noted that he will further research on the findings of the activities determined from the survey for weekend events. He added that he would include families throughout the valley to partake at Fountain Hills Community Center events.

In response to question posed by Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin, Youth Commissioner Hayden replied that no subcommittee is needed at this time, he will do the research first.

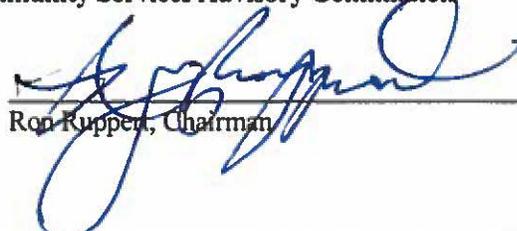
14. CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ruppert made a motion to adjourn, Youth Commissioner Arnold seconded; passed unanimously by those present (8-0).

The Community Services Advisory Commission adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

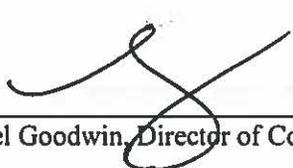
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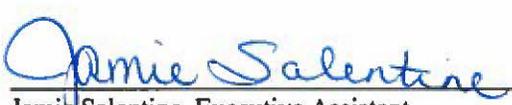
Ron Ruppert, Chairman

Reviewed by:



Rachael Goodwin, Director of Community Services

Prepared by:

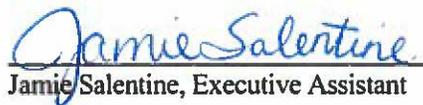


Jamie Salentine, Executive Assistant

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Community Services Advisory Commission Regular Meeting held on March 28, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

By:



Jamie Salentine, Executive Assistant

Grant Opportunities

Project	Funding Agency	Web site	Amount Avail	App Due	Award date	Project Requirements	Consideration factors
1	Four peaks park connecting trails ASPT - - AZ State Parks and Trails	https://azstateparks.com/grants/	< \$30,000 noncompetitive < \$80,000 Competitive	1-Jan-19 1. Mar-19	2020	Trail development	trail development, trail maintenance, pedestrian uses (hiking, running, ADA-accessibility improvements- trails, signs, education),
6	Existing Trail maintenance (not for new trails) Az state parks		\$30,000	1-Mar-19	2019	routine maintenance on existing trails	Shovel ready, complete in less than 1 year
7	Safety & environmental education Az state parks	azstateparks.com/funding-opportunities	Total funds all projects \$2,000,000			trail related educational materials, in print, electronic, video, audio, interactive	
8	Four peaks park connecting trails or Basketball courts Az state parks Land & Water Conservation Funds	azstateparks.com/funding-opportunities	Total funds all projects \$200,000	10-Oct 18 2/1/2019	2019	outdoor recreational facilities, ADA upgrades, acquisition park lands, baseball & soccer fields, bike parks, playground equipment	
2	?? Az Sports & Tourism Authority Youth and Amateur sports - - Quick Program	AZSTA grants	up to \$5,000 -- 2/3 of project	1-Mar-19	2020	Promote Youth & amateur Sports & Recreation	Need -- sustainability --benefit to school & community
3	Basket ball courts Az Sports & Tourism Authority Youth and amateur sports - - Quick Program	AZSTA grants	up to \$250,000 will fund 2/3 of project	Spring 2019	2020	Youth and armature sports service a wide variety of sporting and physical activity experiences	
4	Sidewalk between the library and the Community Garden Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	requesting approx \$25,000	town 3/25/19 FMVNI 4/4/19	11-Jul	education, public safety, health, environment, economic & community development	This Grant application is in progress and will be submitted by Senior Services Inc (SSI)
5	Golden Eagle Park Restoration Keep America Beautiful	kab.org/resources/community/restoration-and-resilience-fund	unk	?	?	widespread devastation	Devastation from natural & environmental disasters